

# Undergraduate Certificate in Dena'ina Language Instruction

The Certificate in Dena'ina Language Instruction prepares students for applying knowledge, resources, and skills appropriate for a variety of entry-level jobs that use Dena'ina Dene language and for teaching beginning Dena'ina Language. Students who earn this certificate will be able to demonstrate a level of low intermediate speech ability and demonstrate proficiency in beginning Dena'ina language instruction. The style of Dena'ina taught in this program is Upper and Inland.

## Admission Requirements

- Complete the Admission Requirements for Undergraduate Certificates (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/admissions/undergraduate/>).

## Special Considerations

- For students who will complete a field study placement, they will have to be prepared to complete a background check if their site requires one.

## Graduation Requirements

- Complete the General University Requirements for Undergraduate Certificates (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/certificaterequirements/>).
- Complete the following major requirements with a minimum grade of C:

| Code         | Title  | Credits   |
|--------------|--|-----------|
| AKNS A101F   | Elementary Dena'ina Language I                                       | 4         |
| AKNS A102F   | Elementary Dena'ina Language II                                      | 4         |
| AKNS A114F   | Dena'ina Reading and Writing   | 4         |
| AKNS A240F   | Alaska Native Cultural Orientation: Dena'ina                         | 3         |
| AKNS A292B   | Alaska Native Language Conversational Fluency Intensive <sup>1</sup> | 1         |
| AKNS A301    | Introduction to Indigenous Language Revitalization                   | 1         |
| AKNS A395    | Native Language Instructor Practicum                                 | 3         |
| AKNS A421    | Indigenous Language Curriculum Design & Instruction                  | 3         |
| AKNS A495A   | Indigenous Language Instructor Internship                            | 3         |
| <b>Total</b> |  | <b>26</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Must be in Dena'ina Language

A minimum of 30 credits is required for the certificate.

## Program Student Learning Outcomes

Students graduating with an Undergraduate Certificate in Dena'ina Language Instruction will be able to:

- Demonstrate low intermediate speaking proficiency, with conversational speaking skills as described in the ACTFL Guidelines standards.
- Read and comprehend basic Dena'ina, including words and sentences pertaining to everyday topics, at a level comparable to their speaking proficiency on ACTFL standards.
- Locate and assess Dena'ina Dene language resources and reference materials for diverse situations and proficiency levels.
- Demonstrate knowledge of Dena'ina history, culture, arts, and issues in the Dena'ina region.
- Examine cross-cultural communication, cultural values, and working with Elders.
- Write beginner lessons in Dena'ina language
- Deliver beginner lessons in Dena'ina language in classroom settings.