



NAVAJO LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Why study Diné Bizaad at UNM?

Diné Bizaad, the Navajo language, has been taught at The University of New Mexico for over 50 years. During that time the Navajo Language Program has advanced the field with the most comprehensive Diné Bizaad program in the world.

Some of the most influential research on Diné Bizaad has been conducted at UNM by our faculty, staff, and students. Dr. Robert W. Young and William Morgan Sr.'s seminal work *The Navajo Language: A Grammar and Colloquial Dictionary* is representative of the cutting-edge documentation and research that UNM contributes to the linguistic world.

There are numerous professional and individual benefits to studying Diné Bizaad. For example, research shows that learning an Indigenous language can improve your wellbeing. Learning Navajo will also prepare you for a variety of career fields and job opportunities.

Be part of our rich history and learn Diné Bizaad with us!

Which path will you take?

General Education Requirements: Learn the basics of Navajo while you satisfy general education requirements.

Minor in Navajo Language and Linguistics: Many majors at UNM require students to complete a minor.

BA in Linguistics with a focus in Navajo: Students interested in the structure of Diné Bizaad may pursue a degree in linguistics with a focus in Navajo.

MA in Linguistics with a Concentration in Native Languages of the Southwest: Candidates for the MA in Linguistics can choose a concentration in Native American Languages of the Southwest and choose from three focus areas including Navajo studies.

Shared Credit BA/MA: Undergraduate students can apply some of their coursework towards both a BA and MA in Linguistics starting their junior year.

PhD in Linguistics with a focus in Navajo: Candidates for the PhD in linguistics can choose to focus on Navajo.

Diné Language Immersion Teacher Certificate: Speakers of Diné Bizaad can prepare to teach Navajo by completing professionally-focused and culturally-centered Diné Language Teacher Institute coursework.



How will you design your schedule?



| | | Fall Semester | Spring Semester |
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| Plan A (fastest) | Year One | NAVA 1110 | NAVA 1120 + NAVA 401/501 |
| | Year Two | NAVA 2110+ NAVA 311/511 | NAVA 2120+ NAVA 312/512 |
| | Year Three | NAVA 315/515 | áłtsxo! (completed!) |
| Plan B | Year One | NAVA 1110 | NAVA 1120 |
| | Year Two | NAVA 2110 | NAVA 2120 |
| | Year Three | NAVA 315/515 | NAVA 401/501 |
| | Year Four | NAVA 311/511 | NAVA 312/512 |

Attention! All courses except NAVA 1110 are only offered once per year.

After taking Navajo 1110 & 1120 you're on your way to completing all of the programs below!

Minor in Navajo Language and Linguistics: Requires 18 credit hours: NAVA 2110, NAVA 2120, NAVA 311, NAVA 312, NAVA 401, Elective (3 credit hours)

BA in Linguistics with a focus in Navajo Linguistics: Requires 30 credit hours of BA degree coursework and 15 credit hours of additional coursework: NAVA 311, NAVA 312, NAVA 401, LING 359, LING 415

MA in Linguistics with a Concentration in Native Languages of the Southwest and focus in Navajo studies: Requires 28 credit hours of MA degree coursework and 15 credit hours of additional coursework: NAVA 501, NAVA 511, NAVA 512, NAVA 515, and one additional course on Field Research or Bilingualism

Attention! Minor, BA focus, and MA focus coursework may require prerequisites.

Diné Language Immersion Teacher Certificate: Requires 30 credit hours. 18 credit hours of coursework must be from the following: NAVA 401/501*, NATV 462*, LLSS 465/565*, NAVA 315/515, NATV 2314, LLSS 425/525, and LLSS 462/562. To meet the 30 credit hours, 12 additional credit hours can be transferred from other educational institutions.

*Indicates required coursework.

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