



# Blackfeet Language Studies

## Associate of Arts (AA) Degree Program

Division of Blackfeet Language & Culture

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The Blackfeet Language Studies curriculum is designed to promote language fluency in accordance with Blackfeet Language standards, which are equivalent to national standards for language acquisition. Students will have an opportunity to learn the basic fundamentals of the Blackfeet communication process by taking beginning, intermediate and advanced Blackfeet Language courses. Knowledge gained from the classes in this program will enable the student to converse in the Blackfeet Language and understand the philosophy that controls its usage. Students that complete this program of study will be encouraged to apply for the Montana Office of Public Instruction Class 7 License or transfer to a Baccalaureate plan of study in Native American Studies.

The Learning Outcomes from the Blackfeet Language Studies degree program are as follows:

- 🏠 Explain the cultural/linguistic models and other methodologies used to study American Indian history and culture.
- 🏠 Discuss the American Indian responses to European influences and new technologies.
- 🏠 Demonstrate a basic knowledge of Blackfeet cultures, traditions, technologies, and language.
- 🏠 Recognize or experience basic elements of traditional Blackfeet tribal life through language.
- 🏠 Understand key words, phrases, commands and colloquial speech.
- 🏠 Recognize prayer and conversation.

Students majoring in Blackfeet Language Studies are required to take the General Core Requirements 1 – 6 for an Associate of Arts (AA) Degree program on page 11-2 as well as the following major core courses:

<b>CORE 7 – Blackfeet Language Studies</b>				<b>24 Credits Required</b>	
Course #	Name of Course	Offered	Credits	Semester Taken	Grade
BLS 145*	Beginning Intensive Blackfeet Language I	Fall	6		
BLS 147	Blackfeet Sign Language	Spring	3		
BLS 231	Blackfeet Philosophy	Fall	3		
BLS 240	Blackfeet Language Teaching Methods	Fall	3		
BLS 241	Intermediate Blackfeet Language I	Fall	3		
BLS 242	Intermediate Blackfeet Language II	Spring	3		
BLS 245*	Intermediate Intensive Blackfeet Language II	Spring	6		
BLS 250	Advanced Blackfeet Language	Fall	3		
BLS 280	Advanced Blackfeet Language Research & Practicum	Spring	3		
NASX 142	Beginning Blackfeet Language II	Spring	3		
*Note: Students may choose to take BLS 145 in place of BLS 141 & NASX 142; and BLS 245 in place of BLS 241 & BLS 242					
<b>CORE 8 – Electives</b>				<b>6 Credits Required</b>	
BLS	Electives		3		
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<b>Total Core 7 &amp; 8 Credits To Be Completed By Student</b>			<b>30</b>		