

Class 7-American Indian Language & Cultural Specialist Certification

Division Chair

The Class 7 American Indian Language & Cultural Specialist curriculum is designed to promote language proficiency in accordance with Piikani Language standards, which are equivalent to national standards for language acquisition. Students will have an opportunity to learn the basic fundamentals of the Piikani communication process by taking beginning, intermediate and advanced Piikani Language courses. Knowledge gained from the classes in this program will enable the student to converse in the Piikani Language and understand the philosophy that controls its usage. Students that complete this program of study will meet tribal standards for competency and fluency as a requisite for teaching Piikani language and culture as required by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The Learning Outcomes are as follows:

- Demonstrate a basic knowledge of Piikani culture, traditions, technologies, and language.
- Demonstrate cultural teaching models and methodologies of Language.
- Relate to the Piikani human condition in the aspects of social, cultural and personal contexts.

Students that are focusing on the Class 7 certification, will be required to take these classes. Once they complete these courses they can be eligible and will be encouraged to take the Class 7 license through the Montana Office of Public Instruction

Course #	Course Title	Credits
NASX 140	Foundations of Piikani Language	3
NASX/PKNI 141	Beginning Piikani Language I	3
NASX/PKNI 142	Beginning Piikani Language II	3
NASX/PKNI 147	Piikani Sign Language	3
NASX/LING 185	Methodologies in Teaching Nat. Amer. Languages	3
NASX/PKNI 245	Intermediate Piikani Language	6
NASX/LING 270	Introduction to Linguistics	3
NASX 279	Research Methods	3
PKNI 280	Advanced Piikani Language Research & Development	3
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