

About the Technology for Alaska Native Languages Class:

- Held at the Dena'ina Language Institute (see below) in the computer lab at KPC.
- Class met for a total of 12 class hours, plus approximately 12 hours of open lab time (with an instructor present).
- Class was designed to be flexible for all levels of computer skill. Lessons started from “how to turn the computer on”. Lessons in basic PC skills such as how to make a folder, were integrated throughout the course.
- Student body: both native and non-native students. ages approximately 18- 65. college students (UAF and KPC), pre-college students, language teachers for Head Start, Kenaitze Indian Tribe and the DLI, Kenaitze tribe employees, village residents interested in digital documentation.
- See syllabus for assignments/topics covered
- Goals:
 - to teach html and audio editing for use in creating language teaching products
 - to use nonproprietary software whenever possible (we used Nvu html editor and Audacity audio editor)
 - to show the importance of a careful and quiet recording environment (the audio assignments returned a variety of results, from very clear recordings done in a controlled environment, to poor recordings done in a busy classroom during a 10 minute break)
 - to brainstorm about the possibilities of using their new knowledge in the Dena'ina language effort.
 - to get students familiar and comfortable with using various hardware used in class – “demystify the computer”

About the DLI

- 3 week summer language program. May 30-June 16
- Approx. 50 attendants. (One of the better attended Athabaskan language institutes in Alaska. – ask Gary for more details)
- Held at the Kenai Peninsula College. Housing at Alaska Christian College
- The Institute is supported by a US Department of Education Title VII grant
- Co-sponsored by the Alaska Native Language Center, Kenai Peninsula College, and the Interior Athabaskan Tribal College.
- Courses offered apply to UAF degree programs in Native Language Education or Alaska Native Studies.
- Attended by (see student demographic above). Also had a language course for children.
- Lower level language courses taught by 2nd language learners
- Higher level conversational courses taught by elders from 3 different regions (Tyonek, Lime Village and Nondalton)
- Elder participation in all classes.
- Variety of out-of class events held (basket making, singing, trips to historic Dena'ina sites) both on weekends and at night at the Alaska Christian College.
- Co-occurrence with Dena'ina Festival