

LEARN YUCATEC MAYA AT UNM

YUCATEC MAYA I: INTRODUCTION TO THE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

MW 3:30-4:45pm | LING 401.010 | CRN 77094 | Fall 24

YUCATEC MAYA III: INTERMEDIATE YUCATEC MAYA

MW 11:00-1:00pm | LING 401 | CRN 76371 | Fall 24

YUCATEC MAYA V: INTERMEDIATE YUCATEC MAYA

TR 3:30-4:45pm | LING 402 | CRN 76371 | Fall 24



Yucatec Maya, known simply as *maaya* ('Maya') by its speakers, is spoken by around 800,000 people across the three states on the Yucatan peninsula (Campeche, Yucatan, and Quintana Roo) in Mexico. It is also spoken in Northern Belize, and in the U.S., primarily in the San Francisco Bay area. The National Institute of Indigenous Languages recognizes Yucatec Maya as the most widely spoken Indigenous language in Mexico. Maya is useful today for a range of professions in the U.S. and Mexico, including court and medical interpreting, language instruction, anthropological and linguistic research, K-12 and university instruction, culinary arts, music production, and literary studies.

The courses are taught by native speakers who also conduct active research on the language and its use. The instructors will offer the courses in person or via real-time, synchronous video conferencing, depending upon the semester and level. The courses involve reading, writing, basic grammar, listening, and speaking. The goal of the courses is to develop participants' abilities to use everyday expressions in Maya to accomplish necessary tasks, like greetings, exchanging information, purchasing goods, and navigating daily life. The courses use a communicative approach to language learning and, thus, all course materials were developed with contemporary speakers and focus on real contemporary situations and contexts of use. In addition to the instructors based in Yucatan, Mexico, the Yucatec Maya language program is supported by two in-person Maya speakers at UNM. During the summer, UNM partners with the Open School for Advanced Ethnography and Community Institute for Transcultural Exchange (OSEA-CITE) to offer an immersive Yucatec Maya language program in Pisté, Yucatan, Mexico. UNM offers Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships for study of the Yucatec Maya language during the summer and academic year.

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