

# Study **Indigenous Languages of Latin America** at UNM

In addition to Spanish and Portuguese, students at UNM can study indigenous languages of Latin America, including K'iche' Maya, Nahuatl, Quechua, and Quichua. Collectively, these languages are spoken by millions of people living throughout the region and beyond. Studying these languages prepares students to engage with their respective people's cultures, politics, and histories, as well as contribute to language revitalization efforts.

## **K'iche' Maya**

With over 1.5 million speakers, K'iche' is the most widely spoken Mayan language in Guatemala. The preservation and protection of the language is critical, as speakers of the K'iche' language have come under increasing pressure to integrate into the national Guatemalan culture and to use Spanish as their primary language. Students will study the language through classroom exercises with Dr. James Mondloch, the author of the only English-published K'iche' grammar guide (University Press of Colorado).

- K'iche' Maya I: LING 401.002 (59359) | M 7-9:30 pm
- K'iche' Maya III: LING 401.002 (59359) | W 7-9:30 pm
- K'iche' Maya VII: LING 402.005 (60589) | T 7-9:30 pm

## **Nahuatl**

Nahuatl is among the 68 living Indigenous languages officially recognized by the Mexican government and is one of the most widely spoken, with almost 1.4 million speakers. Nahuatl is part of the Uto Azteca language family, one of the largest language families in the Americas spanning the Western United States and Mexico. Nahuatl culture, history and modern life are at the center of course instruction. This course is offered through real time distance learning and taught by instructors from the Institute for Teaching and Research in Ethnology in Zacatecas, Mexico.

- Nahuatl I: LING 401.005 (63321) | TR 1:00 - 3:00 pm
- Nahuatl III: LING 402.003 (63322) | TR 1:00 - 3:00 pm

## **Quechua and Quichua**

The Quechua language and Quichua dialects are spoken by approximately seven million people throughout the Andean region of South America, from southern Colombia to northern Argentina. These courses are offered through real time distance learning with native speakers of the languages.

- Quechua I: LING 401.006 (63559) | MWF 8:00 - 8:50
- Quechua III: LING 402.004 (59360) | MWF 9:00 - 9:50
- Quechua V: LING 402.007 (61342) | MWF 10:00 - 10:50
- Quichua I: LING 401.004 (62117) | MTWR 8:50-9:40 am
- Quichua III: LING 402.006 (61340) | MTWR 9:55 - 10:45 am

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