

# UVIC Language Program Options

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## 1. Certificate in Aboriginal Language Revitalization (CALR)

Length: One year full-time

Goals: To gain beginner Bakw̱m̱k'ala / Kwak'wala language skills and learn more about how to revive your language  
To provide professional development for language teachers & community leaders

Resulting credential: UVIC Certificate in Aboriginal Language Revitalization

Laddering Options: This program can ladder into the Diploma, Developmental Standard Term Certificate or Bachelor's degree options listed below.

Pros & Cons: Accessible, short and a good opportunity to learn about HOW to revitalize language & professional development for language teachers, BUT, it does not provide a teaching credential.

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## 2. Indigenous Language Instructor Diploma (ILID) (under development)

Length: Two years full-time

Goals: To gain conversational Bakw̱m̱k'ala /Kwak'wala language skills and gain skills to become a community language teacher

Resulting credentials:

1. UVIC Certificate in Aboriginal Language Revitalization (CALR)
2. UVIC Indigenous Language Instructor Diploma (ILID)
3. If proficient enough, students may apply to their language authorities and BCCT for their First Nations Language Certificate (FNLC) to teach language in schools

Laddering Options: This program builds on the certificate above and can ladder into the DSTC, or the Bachelors degree options listed below

Pros & Cons: Accessible, a good opportunity to increase language proficiency and understand some principles of language revitalization and teaching. If students are awarded a FNLC, then it also provides certification for language teaching only.

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## 3. Developmental Standard Term Certificate (DSTC)

Length: Three years full-time

Goals: To gain intermediate Bakw̱m̱k'ala /Kwak'wala language skills and a temporary certificate to teach language & culture in BC schools (must complete the final year of the Bachelor's degree within 4 years in order to keep teaching license)

Resulting credentials:

1. UVIC Certificate in Aboriginal Language Revitalization (CALR)
2. UVIC Indigenous Language Instructor Diploma (ILID)
3. Possible First Nations Language Certificate (FNLC) –see above
4. Developmental Standard Term Certificate in FN Language & Culture (temporary for 4-8 years)

Laddering Options: This program builds on the certificate & diploma above and can ladder into the degree options listed below.

Pros & Cons: Opportunity to increase language proficiency & language teaching skills, and earn a temporary language & culture teaching certification (DSTC), BUT, students need to complete final year of Bachelor of Education to earn a permanent certificate.

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#### **4. Bachelor of Education in Indigenous Language Revitalization** (under development)

Length: Four years full-time

Goals: To gain advanced Bakwamk'ala /Kwak'wala language skills and a permanent Professional teaching certificate (BC College of Teachers – K-12 certification)

Resulting credentials:

1. UVIC Certificate in Aboriginal Language Revitalization (CALR)
2. UVIC Indigenous Language Instructor Diploma (ILID)
3. Professional K-12 teaching certificate (BCCT) & a UVIC Bachelor of Education degree

Laddering Options: This program builds on the CALR, ILID & DSTC options above.

Pros & Cons: Great opportunity to gain a permanent full degree and teaching certification relevant to your language and community. Takes four years full-time. With this you would be qualified to teach all subjects in elementary public and band schools, and you are in a good position to teach in an immersion school.

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#### **5. Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous language revitalization** (in development)

Length: Four years full-time

Goals: More of a focus on becoming a fluent speaker of Bakwamk'ala /Kwak'wala language, NOT teacher certification

Resulting credentials:

1. UVIC Certificate in Aboriginal Language Revitalization (CALR)
2. UVIC Indigenous Language Instructor Diploma (ILID)
3. Possible FNLC (see above)
4. A UVIC Bachelor of Arts degree

Laddering Options: This program builds on the CALR, ILID options above.

Pros & Cons: Good opportunity to build language proficiency through coursework and would provide a stronger foundation in language & linguistics. On completion of this four-year degree, students could apply for a 16 month Post-degree Professional Program for teacher certification at UVIC, OR apply for graduate school. Does NOT provide teacher certification.