

First Year Intensive Modern Aymara Language



•six-semester credit hours •140 contact hours •Professor Miguel Huanca•

**Offered by the OSU Department of Spanish and Portuguese,
Sponsored by the OSU Center for Latin American Studies,
Funded by the US Department of Education Title VI Program.**

This intensive course in Aymara is intended for students with no previous study or experience in the language. Classified as a Less Commonly Taught Language (LCTL) in the U.S., the Aymara language is primarily spoken in the Altiplano region of Bolivia and Peru, and in lesser numbers in Chile and Argentina. This course will promote the development of the four language skills: speaking, listening, reading and writing. A tri-lingual textbook (Spanish, English, Aymara) will be used to develop a good practical command of oral and written skills appropriate for everyday situations, and an understanding of the culture and role of the Aymara-speaking populations in Andean society. A large part of this class will be dedicated to communicational practice in Aymara, based on handouts and audio-visual material.

Miguel Huanca, native to the Altiplano region of Bolivia, has been teaching Aymara since the 1970s, first in his home country, and, for more than two decades, at the University of Chicago. He is author of the only English-Spanish-Aymara textbook in existence, *Aymar Arux Akhamawa*, which was published with significant financial and editorial support for the University of Chicago.

The Ohio State University is pleased to become the second US university, after the University of Chicago, to offer instruction in this Andean language. The teaching of Aymara at both institutions is supported by their respective Centers for Latin American Studies, both US Dept. of Education Title VI National Resource Centers.

The class will be taught in the Smith Lab 1076 from 9am - 1pm, from June 16 - August 1, a seven week summer session. The course number is 24951 and its available for 6 credits.

First Year Intensive Modern Aymara Language meets the US Dept. of Education's FLAS Fellowship requirements for summer intensive language courses. A limited number of FLAS Fellowships will be available to graduate students from any US college or university. Information about the application process and deadlines will be posted to the CLAS website. <http://clas.osu.edu>

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