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Diné College Immersion Courses Help Students Learn Navajo

TSAILE, Ariz. — Close to 20 students attended last month's Navajo language immersion courses offered again by Diné College, comprehensive sessions whereby course credit was earned.

The courses included intensive classroom instruction, on-campus immersion and the student favorite: An off-site immersion camp at a beautiful mountain location not far from Tsaile.

“We had a productive and inspiring set of classes this year. Its amazing to see how much the students accomplished,” James McKenzie, the Navajo Language Development Coordinator at Diné College and one of the main organizers of the courses, said.

"Our courses offer students culturally relevant and positively reinforced immersion into the Navajo language. We create safe spaces to enable students to build their own abilities to speak the language, and to learn at an accelerated rate."

The immersion courses started June 5 and ended June 24. Students took part in collaborative projects and homework and built key communication skills in Navajo through interactive, hands on activities, McKenzie noted. “We have been offering immersion opportunities for students for 6 years now, and we are expanding them in the near future.”