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- ANTH 277: Conversational K’iche’ Maya
- ANTH 278: Advanced K’iche’ Maya
- ANTH 285: Readings in K’iche’ Maya

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