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UH West O'ahu to offer Ilokano course this fall

KAPOLEI --- This fall, the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu will offer a new Ilokano 101 course. This introductory course increases reading comprehension and develops linguistic skills in Ilokano as well as promotes the appreciation and awareness of Filipino culture. Interested students from other University of Hawai'i campuses are welcome to take Ilokano 101 that will be offered at the UH West O'ahu campus.

"We are excited to be able to offer our first Ilokano language class, which will provide many of our students an opportunity to deepen their connections to their family heritage and ethnic homeland," said UH West O'ahu Humanities Division Chair and Associate Professor of History Dr. Alan Rosenfeld. "In addition to UH West O'ahu's current offerings of language classes in Hawaiian and Samoan, this Ilokano class demonstrates our desire to serve the interests of the greater Leeward O'ahu community and create a more welcoming campus environment. *Ad-adu a sao, ad-adu nga ammo* (More languages, more knowledge)."

UH West O'ahu has the highest population of Filipino students of all the four-year UH campuses with more than 20% of the student body identifying as Filipino. UH West O'ahu is one of just three University of Hawai'i campuses that currently offer Ilokano language courses. Ilokano 101 will be taught Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. at UH West O'ahu beginning this fall.

To apply to UH West O'ahu, visit uhwo.hawaii.edu/admissions, call (808) 689-2900 or email uhwo.admissions@hawaii.edu. The fall 2015 application deadline is July 1.

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