Syllabus

LIN840P---COMPARATIVE STUDIES OF

EASTERN AUSTRONESIAN LANGUAGES

First trimester, School year 2006-2007
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is intended to provide an overview of Eastern Austronesian languages, particularly those of the Oceanic group. Topics to be covered include: (i) an overview of Oceanic languages and subgrouping hypotheses; (ii) possessive constructions; (iii) noun incorporation; (iv) transitivity and actancy; (v) serial verb constructions; (vi) reduplication.
Data will be drawn from a number of Oceanic languages representing different subgroups and/or different geographical areas.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Term paper presentation (**August 5**)   40%
Research/Term paper (due **August 19**)   60%

Grades for this course will be based on one presentation (40%) and one research/term paper (60%).

- **Term paper:** All registrants are expected to write a brief report on one of the following morphosyntactic features of one (or more) Oceanic language(s): (i) possessive constructions; (ii) classifier systems (numeral and/or possessive); (iii) noun incorporation; (iv) transitivity and actancy; (v) serial verb constructions. The paper can also be a comparison of a morphosyntactic feature between one (or more) Philippine language(s) and one (or more) Oceanic language(s).
  - Presentation: 15 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for Q-A. Please prepare handouts for all participants in the class.
  - Format: All registrants are expected to write a 7–15 (double-spaced) page paper that conforms to the guidelines of *Language* or *Oceanic Linguistics*.

[Note: Examples should be presented in a (single-spaced) three-line format (Line 1—language data (use IPA Doulos 93 or Doulos SIL for phonetic symbols); Line 2—interlinear gloss; Line 3—free translation).]

- Deadline: The research paper is due at **3:30PM, Saturday, August 19, 2006**.

REQUIRED READINGS:
A collection of articles from journals and books [see Reading List].

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week	Date	Topic/Activity
Week 1	May 27	Orientation
Week 2	June 3	Geography and History (Lynch 1998—Chapter 3; Lynch, Ross, and Crowley 2002—Chapters 1, 5)
Week 3	June 10	POc Phonology and Morphology (Ross 1998a); Grammatical Overview—I (Lynch 1998—Chapter 6)
Week 4	June 17	Grammatical Overview—II (Lynch, Ross, and Crowley 2002--Chapter 3)
Week 5	**June 24**	**Holiday: Araw ng Maynila**
Week 6	July 1	Possessive Constructions (Lichtenberk 1985)
Week 7	July 8	Noun Incorporation (Rosen 1989; Sugita 1973)
Week 8	July 15	Transitivity and Actancy (Gibson and Starosta 1990; Clark 1976; Chung 1978)
Week 9	**July 22**	**Independent Study**
Week 10	July 29	Serial Verb Constructions (Durie 1988)
Week 11	**August 5**	**Term paper presentation**
Week 12	**August 12**	**Independent Study**
Week 13	**August 19**	Reduplication (Harrison 1973) **Term paper due (3:30PM)**
Week 14	**August 26**	**Course card distribution**

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