

# Filipino

## *Filipino...*

- is the national language of the Philippines, and one of the six major languages of the Philippines.
- is also known as Tagalog.
- is spoken in Metro Manila, the capital of the Philippines, and the outlying provinces of central and southern Luzon region.
- uses a Roman script.
- is the cultural thread that keeps Filipinos all over the world in touch with their roots and promote cross-cultural understanding and mutual appreciation for those in the Philippines and abroad.
- Filipino is the second most commonly spoken Asian language in the United States, and the sixth non-English language spoken in America.

## *Why study Filipino?*

- Filipino is the *lingua franca* of Filipinos in the Philippines and anywhere in the world.
- Most Southeast Asian scholars use Filipino as the tool for research in the Philippines.
- Major works in literature, films, and songs are in Filipino.
- It is also the language widely used in the media.
- Being the designated national language of the Philippines, this language is taught from K-12 and is the medium of instruction in most schools of the country.
- Of the 88 million Filipinos, about 85 percent are speakers of Filipino at varying levels of fluency.
- Because many Southeast-Asian languages such as Filipino are tied to the culture and the people who speak them, learning these languages is a continuous adventure of discovery and rediscovery.
- Filipino-American is one of the fastest emerging groups in the United States. Coming with their growth is the demand for historical, cultural and linguistic knowledge of their heritage and discovery of their identity and their own empowerment.

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## *Why study Filipino at UW-Madison?*

- The UW-Madison is one of the top institutions that have a strong emphasis on Southeast Asian Studies particularly in subject matters relating to Philippine history, culture, and society.
- There are two levels of Filipino that are regularly offered, and an occasional third level, at UW-Madison with an opportunity to study abroad after finishing four semesters of language training.
- There is a weekly Filipino Table for students to meet and practice conversation.

## *Courses*

### *Fall Semester*

305 First Semester Filipino  
405 Third Semester Filipino

### *Spring Semester*

306 Second Semester Filipino  
406 Fourth Semester Filipino

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