1. Course Description. This course is an introduction to the languages of Hawai‘i and the Pacific with a look at both historical and contemporary issues. The topics covered include: principles of historical change, the organization of linguistic systems of sound and grammar, the social use of language, language and education, language maintenance and revitalization, language contact and shift, pidgins and creoles, and language endangerment and documentation.

This course satisfies the Hawaiian, Asian, and Pacific Issues focus (H or HAP focus). The hallmarks for H focus are as follows (from the General Education Office http://www.hawaii.edu/gened/focus/h.htm):

**H1.** The content should reflect the intersection of Asian and/or Pacific Island cultures with Native Hawaiian culture.
H2. A course can use any disciplinary or multi-disciplinary approach provided that a component of the course uses assignments or practice that encourage learning that comes from the cultural perspectives, values, and world views rooted in the experience of peoples indigenous to Hawai‘i, the Pacific, and Asia.

H3. A course should include at least one topic that is crucial to an understanding of the histories, or cultures, or beliefs, or the arts, or the societal, or political, or economic, or technological processes of these regions; for example, the relationships of societal structures to the natural environment.

H4. A course should involve an in-depth analysis or understanding of the issues being studied in the hope of fostering multi-cultural respect and understanding.

This course has been designed to meet these hallmarks, and upon successful completion students will have satisfied this General Education requirement.

1.1 Student Learning Outcomes. Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1) understand the amount of linguistic diversity the Pacific has to offer,
2) understand similarities and differences among languages in the Pacific in terms of their structures, demographics, and use,
3) understand what can be learned about culture, history, migration, and politics in the Pacific through the study of language,
4) understand the relationships between different groups in the Pacific through language contact, and,
5) develop critical reading and time management skills, since this is an independent study course offered in the Unit Mastery format.

2. Format. In Unit Mastery, there are no classes or lectures per se. Instead, students are expected to study on their own, and then pass a series of quizzes as well as fulfill other course requirements independently.

Time management skills are necessary in order to succeed in a Unit Mastery course. Although this format does not require class meetings, one should still expect to devote as much time to a Unit Mastery course as they would a traditional course. Aside from the expected time needed for reading and studying, you should set aside at least two hours per week to visit the testing center.

3. Testing Center. The testing center is located in Moore Hall, 103, and is open 9:00 am – 3:20 pm. Please note that the test center must close at 3:20 to allow for other classes to be held in the same room; therefore, we cannot give exams after 3:10.

House Rules:  

- Turn off cell phones,
- No cell phones on desk or in view,
- No headphones or music,
- No talking,
- No eating or drinking,
- Your friends may not accompany you into the testing center (unless, of course, they too are enrolled in the class).

If you fail to follow these rules, you will be asked to leave the testing center. Repeated offenses may result in dismissal from the testing center for the rest of the semester.

The house rules may seem overbearing, but they exist for a reason. I would be upset if another student interfered with your test-taking by violating these rules, and I expect you would feel the same. Likewise, I
would not want you to inadvertently distract others who are testing by doing any of the above.

3.1 In the Testing Center.

Always bring your student ID – you cannot receive an exam without your student ID.

The testing center is divided into three sections. To the right you will find desks turned towards the windows. This section is the study area. You may study or review your notes here (but do so alone, if you need to study in a group, you should go elsewhere). Note: during gates, this area may not be available for studying.

When you are ready to take an exam, approach the instructor or Graduate Assistants (GAs) and request the appropriate exam (labeled chapter 1, Introduction, chapter 7, Counting, etc.). You will be required to leave your student ID at the desk while you take the exam.

In the center of the room there are rows of desks facing the front. This area is reserved for testing. Here you may have nothing on your desk other than a pencil/pen and the exam. When you have finished the exam, return it to the GAs. A GA will grade your exam while you wait. The GAs will mark each question, but do not reveal the correct answers.

After your exam has been graded, a GA will call your name and return your exam. If you wish to review your exam, you may do so in the area next to the windows. However, note the following:

Reviewing area policies:
1. You may review your exam in this area, and compare it with your notes or textbook,
2. You may *not* write or record any of the exam questions,
3. No pens or pencils are allowed in this area,
4. You may not take exams out of testing center.

4. Course Requirements.

4.1 Gates. The semester is divided into three sections which we refer to as “gates”. Each gate is roughly five weeks apart. You must master at least sixteen units throughout the semester, which is one per week. You can receive credit for up to six units per gate (eighteen in total). The extra opportunities are in case you missed a unit in a previous gate. It is possible to master more than six units during one gate; however, you can only carry extra units forward, not backward.

This means that you may work ahead, but it will be difficult to catch up if you fall behind. For example, if you master twelve units before the first gate, you will receive credit for six units for the first gate and six for the second. On the other hand, if you master zero units during the first gate, and then ten in the second, you can only receive credit for six units for the second gate and four for the third, with the option of doing two more, totaling twelve units for the semester.

Again, it is easy to work ahead, but please be cautious of falling behind.

4.2 Quizzes and Quiz format. Each unit quiz consists of ten multiple-choice questions. In order to “master” a unit, you must pass an exam with a grade of 7/10 or higher. If you score below 7 for a particular unit, you may try again twice more, but not on the same day. (Note: it is possible to test for more than one unit per day after you have finished the Introduction unit.) Each time you retake an exam you will receive a different version for the same unit. If you are not able to master a unit within three attempts, you must move on to the next unit. Each mastered unit will count for 4.8% points toward the final grade of a total of 100% points. In order to receive an ‘A+’ in the class, you must master at least
fifteen units (77% of your grade) in addition to the other criteria outlined below (see Assignments, LBC, and Linguistics in the Community below).

4.3 Readings and Units. The Introduction unit (chapter one) is required by all, and must be mastered before attempting others. This is a short unit, and it will allow you to become accustomed to the unit mastery format. Afterwards, you may test in any unit, in any order; however, you must pass at least one unit from each theme listed below. For the remaining quizzes, you may return to test the other unit in any theme, or test in the online quizzes in Laulima.

**Quiz Rubric:**
- Introduction: 1 (required first)
- Themes: 6 (required one from each theme)
- Remaining: 9 more needed (from any combination of themes or online quizzes)
- Total: 16

**Online quizzes:** After the first gate I will post three online quizzes in Laulima which you can take any time remotely. These count as regular quizzes, just like those that you take in the testing center. More information on this will be available in a handout in the Laulima Resources folder.

*It is important that you keep up with your own progress throughout the semester. Otherwise you may accidently skip a unit or even retake a unit twice!*

**Obligatory Unit:**
Chapter 1, Introduction, by John Lynch

You may choose from the following units and test in any order. Remember, you must pass at least one unit from each theme. Afterwards, you may return to any particular theme or take online quizzes.

**Theme – Historical Linguistics**
Chapter 2, Comparative linguistics and Oceanic languages, by Ritsuko Kikusawa
Chapter 3, History of the Austronesian languages, by Robert Blust

**Theme – Typology**
Chapter 4, Sound systems, by Shelly Harrison
Chapter 5, Typology: grammatical structures: Frank Lichtenberk

**Theme – Language and Culture**
Chapter 6, Honorific Speech in Oceanic Languages, by Yuko Otsuka
Chapter 7, Counting, by Piet Lincoln

**Theme – Language Endangerment and Documentation**
Chapter 8, Language endangerment, by Valerie Guerin and Paulina Yourupi
Chapter 9, Language documentation and archiving, by Nick Thieberger
Theme – Language Use and Contact
Chapter 10, Multilingualism: language diversity, by John Lynch
Chapter 11, Melanesian languages, by Joel Bradshaw
Chapter 12, The languages of Micronesia, by Byron Bender
Chapter 13, Pidgins and creoles in the Pacific, by Miriam Meyerhoff

Theme – Hawaiian
Chapter 14, Cognates in Hawaiian and Samoan, by Kenneth William Cook
Chapter 15, Ka palapala: the path to Hawaiian literacy, by Albert J. Schütz
Chapter 16, Hawaiian revitalization, by William “Pila” Wilson

BONUS UNIT – This unit may be taken at any time during the semester, and it is not linked to any gate. Thus, you can use it as a make-up unit if you did not pass five units in a previous gate.
Chapter 17, The History of the Department of Linguistics at UH Mānoa, by George Grace

4.4 Homework Assignments. One homework assignment is due by the end of each gate. These constitute 18% of the final grade (6% each), and are graded on a credit/non-credit basis. The homework assignments vary in nature; for example, you may choose to review a film focusing on the Pacific (native voice films; see approved list), research an endangered language of the Pacific, write a short essay on concept of “Native Voice”, take an online quiz on Pidgin and write a response, and so on. More information about the assignments can be found in Laulima under the Resources folder.

4.5 Linguistics in the Community (LiC). There will be at least three opportunities throughout the semester to earn supplementary credit towards your final grade. These opportunities come in the form of social outings called “Linguistics in the Community” (LiC), where you can choose to attend a preapproved play, concert, seminar or festival which is related to the reading materials. To receive credit for an outing, you must submit a one-page response or summary of the event. You may use these outings to supplement or make up for up to three quizzes, three homework assignments, or a combination of both.

Additional information on LiC social outings, including updates of approved events, will be available on the Laulima website under the Resources folder.

4.6 Linguistics Beyond the Classroom (LBC). The Department of Linguistics has a special program called Linguistics Beyond the Classroom. Here, students enrolled in linguistics courses have the opportunity to participate in linguistic experiments conducted by faculty and graduate students at UH. Participation in this program will count towards 5% of your final grade. Each experiment takes about 40 minutes. The LBC website can be found here: http://www.ling.hawaii.edu/lbc/ and a link to a list of open experiments and researcher’s contact information will be posted under the resources folder in Laulima. (Note that in Unit Mastery the LBC media option is not allowed).

It is not mandatory that you participate in an experiment, but we feel that this will help you better understand how research on language is carried out. If you choose not to participate in the LBC, you may master an extra unit (17 in total) to make up for this portion of the course requirements.

5. Progress and Grading. It is important for you to keep track of your own progress throughout the semester. Beginning in the second week of the semester, I will post a progress report to you via Laulima’s Post ‘Em tool. Please cross-reference this record with your own. Below is the grading rubric.

Grading rubric.

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Homework Assignments

(3 x 6%) = 18% points

Total 100%

90 – 92 : A- 
88 – 89 : B+ 
83 – 87 : B 
80 – 82 : B- 
78 – 79 : C+ 
68 – 69 : D+ 
63 – 67 : D 
60 – 62 : D- 
59 – below : F

*Three social outings for LiC may be used to replace up to three quizzes, three hmwk assignments, or a combination of the two.*

Note: an Incomplete (I) is not an option for Unit Mastery courses

IMPORTANT DATES:

January 13th, first day of classes, testing begins,
January 21st, last day to drop without a “W”,
January 22nd, last day to add a course, last day to change grading option,
March 14th, last day to drop with a “W”,
May 7th, last day of testing.

GATES:

February 14th, first gate closes. It is recommended that you pass at least six units by the end of this date; any additional units will be carried forward. Submit the first homework assignment by midnight.

March 21st, second gate closes. You may earn credit for up to six units during this period; any additional units will be carried forward. Submit the second homework assignment by midnight.

May 7th, third gate closes, last day of testing. You may earn credit for up to six units during this period. Any additional units cannot be carried forward or backward. Submit the third homework assignment by midnight. This is the last day to submit the LBC credit form.

Academic dishonesty includes plagiarism and cheating. Students who violate the University rules on scholastic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary penalties, including the possibility of failure in the course and/or dismissal from the University. Policies on scholastic dishonesty will be strictly enforced.

Note: If you have disability-related needs or concerns, please contact the Kokua program (phone: 956-7511).

Calendar

Please use this calendar to keep track of which units you have passed and on which dates.

* Recommended number of units that you should pass by this date assuming that you will not participate in LBC or LiC opportunities.
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Gate 3 closes; Last day of testing; submit final HMWK by midnight via Laulima.