Chamorro 101

Instructor: Faye Untalan, Ph.D.  Class Credits: 4 credits
Office: Biomedical Bldg., C-105B  Class Meeting Times: T-Th 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Office Hours: By appointment only  Lab Times: To be announced
Telephone: 956-5754  Classroom: Moore Hall Rm. 228

Course Description:
Elementary Chamorro is a course to introduce and expose non-Chamorro speakers to the
Chamorro language. The course aims to provide basic Chamorro language sentence structures
and extensive vocabulary terms in a variety of in-class and extracurricular activities in order for
students to comprehend and use Chamorro as a language tool.

Class Schedule and Activities:
Class will meet for five hours weekly: four hours will be used for instruction, discussion, and
practice on listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills, and one hour will be used for
individual practice with tapes, drills, exercises and oral conversation in laboratory sessions.
(Lessons 1-4 of Spoken Chamorro (Topping), and Chamorro: A Complete Course of Study
(Aguon) will be covered during the semester).

Required Texts:
Aguon, Katherine Bordallo, Chamorro: A Complete Course of Study
Topping, Donald M., Chamorro Reference Grammar
Topping, Donald M., Chamorro Dictionary
Topping, Donald M., Spoken Chamorro

Grading:
Participation ----------------------------------------------------------- (oral presentiations, exercises and conversational speaking in class) 40%
Pop Quizzes ----------------------------------------------------------------- 15%
Midterm --------------------------------------------------------------------- 20%
Final Exam ------------------------------------------------------------- 25%

Make-up Credit: Available by instructor approval only for students with extenuating circumstances.

Attendance:
Every 3 missed class sessions will result in an automatic reduction of one grade level from the
final grade. Also 5 tardies will result in a grade reduction of one level from the final grade.
(Example: an “A” would result in a “B”)

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