

FILIPINO FOR NON-FILIPINO SPEAKERS (FNFS) PROGRAM

FAQ's

1. What is the Filipino for Non-Filipino Speakers (FNFS) Program?

The Filipino for Non-Filipino Speakers Program is a track offered by the Kagawaran ng Filipino of the School of Humanities in lieu of the regular Filipino classes taken by all freshmen and sophomore students. It is a three-course program designed to teach Filipino as a second language to students who have no conversational nor academic background in the use of the language.

2. Is it the same as the Filipino for Foreigners Class?

Yes, they are one and the same. It was called Filipino for Foreigners before, but was changed to Filipino for Non-Filipino Speakers in order to be more explicit about the program's intended audience and what they can gain from it. These courses are not intended for foreigners alone, but for all students who have not attended any Filipino subjects in highschool.

3. What are the courses under the FNFS program?

The FNFS program is composed of three courses: Filipino 11.1, 12.1 and 14.1. Each course has a credit of 3 units, to take the place of the required 9-units of Filipino in the core curriculum of the Ateneo. Filipino 11.1 focuses on the acquisition of basic interpersonal communication skills in Filipino as second language, through cultural and linguistic texts. Filipino 12.1 enhances the use of Filipino in narrative and descriptive forms of expression, leading to a more critical use of the language. Filipino 14.1 explores the understanding of literary texts as a more complex register of the Filipino language.

4. Who are eligible to enlist in the FNFS Program?

A student is eligible for the FNFS program if he/she is a:

- Foreign or Filipino student who attended a foreign high school; or*
- Foreign or Filipino student who attended an accredited international school in the Philippines with no Filipino program; or*
- Foreign student (or in special cases, Filipino student) who attended a certified Special Filipino program in a local school.*

Only students who meet any of these requirements can apply for the program. NO SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS WILL BE GIVEN.

5. I have dual citizenship. Am I allowed to take the program?

Citizenship alone can not determine the eligibility to take the FNFS program. Only students who attended a foreign high school or an accredited international school in the Philippines are allowed to enlist in the FNFS program.

6. What if I was not enlisted in the FNFS Program but I feel I am eligible to be in it?

Students not automatically enlisted in the FNFS program but are eligible can submit an appeal to the Kagawaran ng Filipino on the first week of classes. Appeals submitted after this period will not be entertained.

7. What are the requirements for an Appeal to Transfer?

If a student wishes to make an Appeal to Transfer to the FNFS program, the following requirements are to be given to the Kagawaran ng Filipino:

- 1. An accomplished Application for Transfer form which can be obtained from the Filipino Department. Application form must be signed by the student and endorsed by Parents/ Guardian.*
- 2. A Photocopy of Transcript of Record (TOR) from the student's highschool.*
- 3. A sealed certification from the student's highschool validating the existence of a special Filipino program and his/ her completion of it.*

All appeals will pass through a screening process set by the Core Subjects Committee of the Kagawaran ng Filipino.

8. I was enlisted in the FNFS Program, but I attended a foreign / Philippines-based international school that offered a Filipino program. What should I do?

Students who were automatically enlisted in the FNFS program but who took up Filipino subjects in their foreign / Philippines-based international high school, are advised to write a waiver and transfer to the regular Filipino classes, by the first week of classes.

REMINDER:

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE FNFS PROGRAM FOR SY 2015-2016:

14 AUGUST 2015, Friday, 4:00PM.