Ling launches Hiligaynon course so Ilonggos at home and abroad can learn the language of Iloilo and Negros

The new course joins Tagalog, Cebuano and Ilocano in the Ling app. It launches alongside Igbo, a language spoken by more than 30 million people.



Chiang Mai, Thailand Nov 27, 2026 (Issuewire.com) - Language-learning app Ling has launched a full course in Hiligaynon, also called Ilonggo. About 9 million people speak it in Iloilo, Guimaras, Capiz, Negros Occidental and Ilonggo communities in Mindanao. The course is for beginner and intermediate learners. That includes Filipinos abroad who grew up hearing Ilonggo at home but never learned to speak it, and anyone who has moved to Iloilo or Bacolod for work, study or family.

Hiligaynon is known for its soft, *malambing* sound, but there have been few structured ways to learn it outside the family. The new course went live on November 17, 2026. It teaches vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation and everyday conversation through short interactive lessons, dialogues and quizzes. Native-speaker audio helps learners get the pronunciation right, and culture lessons cover local customs, traditions and common expressions.

"We wanted learning Hiligaynon to feel like picking it up from family, not from a textbook," said Lisa Ockinga, Chief Product and Learning Officer at Ling. "Short lessons and native-speaker audio get learners speaking early, and the culture lessons explain why people say things the way they do. For a language that is tied to home, that matters as much as the grammar."

Hiligaynon is Ling's fourth Philippine language, after Tagalog, Cebuano and Ilocano. It is part of Ling's wider push to support languages that most apps leave out. Ling launched it at the same time as a new Igbo course, for one of Nigeria's main languages, which has large communities in the UK and the US.

The Hiligaynon course is available now in the Ling app on iOS and Android.

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