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Dear Dr. Cobico,

Greetings with peace!

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am writing to express my sincere intent to apply for a part-time instructor position in the Department of Philosophy and Social Sciences at Visayas State University. As an alumnus of this esteemed institution and a passionate advocate of interdisciplinary learning, I would be honored to serve and contribute to the academic community that once shaped my own personal and professional journey.

In line with the role, my academic foundation began with the Humanities and Social Sciences (HUMSS) strand at Western Leyte College of Ormoc, where I developed a deep appreciation for the interconnectedness of human experience, language, and society. This early exposure to philosophical and social inquiries served as the bedrock of my later academic pursuits, particularly in understanding societal dynamics through the lens of language.

I earned my degree in **AB English Language Studies** from Visayas State University, where I was able to engage deeply with subjects that closely align with the goals of the social sciences. Language, after all, is not only a tool for communication but also a mirror of cultural, psychological, and societal frameworks. Many of my major courses such as **Anthropological Linguistics** (which explores the relationship between language and culture across human societies), **Sociolinguistics** (examining the effects society to language), **Psycholinguistics** (studying the cognitive processes involved in language acquisition and use), **Stylistics** (studying the interface of language and literature), **Syntax** (which studies the rules and conventions of grammar), **Pragmatics**, (study how context affects the language that we use) and **Forensic Linguistics** or (the language of law) have provided me with an interdisciplinary understanding that I believe is highly relevant to the teaching and research focus of the department.

Additionally, I hold a **Master's Degree in Education major in English as a Second Language**, graduated *magna cum laude* at Sandigan Colleges, Inc., with a general weighted average of **1.15**. This achievement, while humbling, affirms my commitment to academic rigor and continuous learning. The nature of this graduate program has further strengthened my competence in addressing both the linguistic and pedagogical dimensions of social science education, especially in today's diverse and multilingual classroom contexts.

I believe that the core values of the Department of Philosophy and Social Sciences – critical thinking, ethical reasoning, and holistic understanding of human behavior – are values I personally uphold and strive to nurture among learners. It is with humility and a sincere desire to contribute to the department's mission that I offer my academic background and teaching experience for your kind consideration.

Thank you very much for the opportunity, and I would be grateful for the chance to discuss how I may be of service to your department. I am willing to comply with any further requirements and am available for an interview at your most convenient time.

With all due respect and appreciation,

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