

RLG260H1F Introductory Sanskrit I Fall 2016

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Course description:

The course is part 1 of a two-part intensive introduction to Sanskrit for beginners. No prior knowledge of the language is required. We will work on building knowledge of Sanskrit grammar and vocabulary. The class will work as a friendly and informal workshop, interested in both the written and the spoken language. While the material we will treat is, at times, necessarily rather dry, I hope you will find that the exploration of the language's superb structure is exciting. Our aim is to approach a stage where you will be able to read Sanskrit literature with the aid of a dictionary.

Course structure:

There will be two sections of the course

- one will meet on campus
- the other will meet online

The course is 12 weeks long. Each week all students will:

- 1 watch lecture videos online ahead of class time
- 2 meet the instructor for a mandatory Tuesday class to workshop the lecture material
- 3 work on homework independently
- 4 meet a teaching assistant for a mandatory Thursday tutorial to workshop the homework
- 5 take a weekly test after the Thursday tutorial
- 6 have the option to meet the instructor in office hours to go over individual problems

The online section (section 101) will meet in a live webinar on Blackboard for:

- A mandatory class 6-8 on Tuesdays
- A mandatory tutorial 7-8 on Thursdays
- Optional office hours 10-12 on Tuesdays

The on-campus section (section 201) will meet on the St. George campus for:

- A mandatory class 3-5 (room TBD) on Tuesdays
- A mandatory tutorial 12-1 (room TBD) on Thursdays
- Optional office hours 12-2 in JHB 335 on Tuesdays

Lectures:

Lectures will be posted on Blackboard a week ahead, for you to watch and work with in advance of class meetings. Past lectures will remain on Blackboard for the entire length of the course, so that they will be available for review as you go along.

Lectures are downloadable for use on all devices.

Mandatory classes and tutorials will be used to review the material, make sure that it is clearly understood, workshop exercises together, and test you.

Classes and tutorials will be recorded for review.

Office hours are available for you to go over individual problems with the instructor.

Final exam:

All students will take a final exam on the St. George campus, or in another authorized exam centre.

Materials:

- Text book needed immediately: Goldman, R. P., & Sutherland, G. S. J.

(2004). *Devavāṇīpraveśikā: An introduction to the Sanskrit language*. Berkeley: Center for South Asia Studies, University of California.

- All other course documents will be available on Blackboard. Please make sure that the email you have listed on ROSI ends in utoronto.ca, so that group mailings through Blackboard will reach you. Blackboard does not forward emails in any other form. If any of you have not used Blackboard before, begin at <http://www.portalinfo.utoronto.ca>.

Login with your UTORID. Let the instructor know if you have any difficulties.

- Students taking the course online will need a simple headset with microphone attachment.

Participation:

To enjoy the course to the full it is essential to take part in every class and every tutorial. Your participation grade will reflect attendance as well as engagement.

In a cumulative course like this one, missing even one class is a disaster, but, if you are absolutely unable to attend a class or tutorial live, you may, with permission from the instructor or teaching assistant, watch the recorded version.

Assessment:

24 marks for weekly instructor-led webinars:

A total of 12 weekly instructor-led webinars will be held in weeks 1-12.

2 marks are assigned for participation in each instructor-led webinar (attendance, effort, collegiality).

24 marks for weekly teaching assistant webinars:

A total of 12 weekly teaching-assistant-led webinars will be held in weeks 1-12.

2 marks are assigned for participation in each teaching-assistant-led webinar (attendance, effort, collegiality).

22 marks for tests:

A total of 11 tests will be held in weeks 1-12.

Each test is worth 2 marks.

The tests will review lessons from Goldman (G) as recorded in the table below.

Week 1	Thurs Sept 15	G1-2 test, part 1	2 marks
Week 2	Thurs Sept 22	G1-2 test, part 2	2 marks
Week 3	Thurs Sept 29	G3 test	2 marks
Week 4	Thurs Oct 06	G4 test, part 1	2 marks
Week 5	Thurs Oct 13	G4 test, part 2	2 marks
Week 6	Thurs Oct 20	G5 test	2 marks
Week 7	Thurs Oct 27	G6 test	2 marks
Week 8	Thurs Nov 03	G7 test	2 marks
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Week 9	Thurs Nov 17	G8 test	2 marks
Week 10	Thurs Nov 24	G9 test	2 marks
Week 11	Thurs Dec 01	G10 test	2 marks

30 marks for the final exam:

There will be a final exam worth 30 marks.

This exam must be taken on campus, rather than online, time and place TBD.

Materials permitted: Supplied vocabulary, sandhi charts, and your notes reduced to both sides of a single 8.5 by 11 inch page.