

RLG263 Introductory Sanskrit II Winter 2023



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Classes: Tuesdays 11-1 and Thursdays 11-1, online
Office hours: Thursday 2-4 and by appointment

Course description:

The course is part 2 of a two-part intensive introduction to Sanskrit for beginners. Part 1 (RLG260) is a prerequisite. We will continue to build your 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 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:

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

- 1 Watch lecture videos online ahead of class time
- 2 Meet for a live webinar class on Tuesday to workshop the lecture material
- 3 Work on homework independently
- 4 Meet for a live webinar class on Thursday to workshop the homework
- 5 Take a weekly test, posted by 9pm Thursday, answer submitted by 11.59pm on Friday (except in week 12).
- 6 Have the option to meet Libbie in office hours to go over individual problems

Week	Tues class	Thurs class	Thurs test
1	Jan 10	Jan 12	Test 1 (G11)
2	Jan 17	Jan 19	Test 2 (G12)
3	Jan 24	Jan 26	Test 3 (G13)
4	Jan 31	Feb 02	Test 4 (G14)
5	Feb 07	Feb 09	Test 5 (G15)
6	Feb 14	Feb 16	Test 6 (G16)
Reading week			
7	Feb 28	Mar 02	Test 7 (G17)
8	Mar 07	Mar 09	Test 8 (G18)
9	Mar 14	Mar 16	Test 9 (G19)
10	Mar 21	Mar 23	Test 10 (G20)
11	Mar 28	Mar 30	Test 11 (cheat sheet)
12	Apr 04	Apr 06	(none)

Materials:

All course documents will be available on Quercus.

The text book is: Goldman, R. P., & Sutherland, G. S. J. (2004). *Devavāṇīpraveśikā: An introduction to the Sanskrit language*. Berkeley: Center for South Asia Studies, University of California. A PDF copy is posted in the resources module.

Lectures:

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

Lectures are downloadable for use on all devices.

Technological requirements:

For live webinars, students will need a computer with a good internet connection, a webcam, a headset and mic, to enable participation in the class via both video and audio.

Classes and Office Hours:

Classes will be used to review the material, make sure that it is clearly understood, and to workshop exercises together.

Optional office hours are available for you to go over individual problems with Libbie.

Both classes and office hours will be held over Zoom.

Class link Tuesday 11-1 and Thursday 11-1: <https://utoronto.zoom.us/j/81351601407>

Office hours link Thursday 2-4: <https://utoronto.zoom.us/j/81449777570>

Attendance, preparation and participation:

To enjoy the course to the full it is essential to prepare for, and take part in, every class. Only by doing that will you find out what you have and have not understood from the lectures.

In a cumulative course like this one, missing even one class is a disaster, but, if you are utterly unable to attend a class, please check in with me in office hours with your questions about the lecture video material, and to discuss any attendance and participation grades lost.

Tests:

There will be a test each week, except for week 12. The test will be posted on Quercus in the weekly folder by 9pm on Thursday evening. Your answer must be submitted on Quercus by 11.59pm on the next day, Friday.

Please clearly title your test file with: last name - first name - test number.

Final assignment:

There will be an online final assignment, in the form of an untimed take-home task, to be completed in the allotted period (TBD).

Assessment:

12 marks for weekly preparation ahead of classes.

24 marks for participation in weekly classes:

A total of 24 weekly classes will be held.

1 mark is assigned for participation in each class.

22 marks for tests:

There will be a total of 11 tests.

Each test is worth 2 marks.

42 marks for the final assignment.