

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF HUMANITIES
DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Religious Studies 211 L01 – Sanskrit I – MWF 9.00-9.50
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Course Overview:

This course is an introduction to the Sanskrit language. We will cover the Devanagari script, noun and pronoun declensions, verb conjugations, sandhi, etc. The course is designed as the first half of a year long course. As is the custom in North American universities, the first year of Sanskrit covers enough Sanskrit grammar to prepare students to begin reading primary Sanskrit materials in the second year.

Word of Warning:

The time expectation for this course is between 10 and 20 hours per week. (10 hours to get by, around 20 hours to do well enough to get an A.) This is the only way to learn Sanskrit adequately in the early stages. There will be quizzes every Friday, including the first Friday of the semester that cannot be missed. This course requires a lot of memorization. It takes practice, but you will improve quickly. If, however, you are one of these people who tell themselves they cannot memorize things, and you plan to continue telling yourself this, spare yourself and do not take this course!

Required Readings:

Madhav M. Deshpande, *Sanskrtasubodhini: A Sanskrit Primer* (Ann Arbor, MI: Centers for South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of Michigan, 2003).

*** In order to avoid falling behind, this book must be brought to the first class of the semester.**

Suggested Materials:

Many, many packets of blank notecards (for flashcards)
Recording device (for recording and listening to paradigms, verb conjugations, vocabulary, etc.)

Evaluation:

Students will take a quiz every Friday covering the week's material. There will also be a final writing assignment – a translation – due during finals weeks. Participation and homework will also count heavily toward the final grade.

Grades will be calculated as follows:

Participation and Homework:

20%

10 Quizzes (6 points each) 60%
Final Writing Assignment (due **Friday, Dec. 16th, 9 am**) 20%

There will be no Registrar’s Office scheduled final exam.

A letter grade will be assigned on the following number and letter grade scheme:

A+	100 - 96	A	95 - 90	A-	89 - 85
B+	84 - 80	B	79 - 75	B-	74 - 70
C+	69 - 65	C	64 - 60	C-	59 - 55
D+	54 - 53	D	52-50	F	Under 50

Policies:

I expect students to attend every class and arrive on time. If there is some reason for an absence, you should let me know by email or phone. Quizzes must be taken on the day they are given. I will not allow make up exams, but I will allow students to drop their lowest quiz grade at the end of the semester.

Recording of Lectures:

Recording any part of any lecture in any form must first be approved by me in writing. Any recordings are for individual private study only. See current calendar, Tape Recording of Lectures.

Academic Honesty:

Students should be familiar with University regulations regarding academic integrity. See relevant pages in the current University Calendar. I will investigate and prosecute any suspected case of plagiarizing in this course to the fullest extent.

Academic Accommodation:

If you are a student with a disability who requires academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, contact their office at 220-8237. Once registered, discuss arrangements for exams as soon as possible, well before the examination dates.

Gnosis:

Gnosis is the Religious Studies Student Club. For membership or more information please email: gnosis@ucalgary.ca or visit <http://www.ucalgary.ca/~gnosis>.

Course Schedule:

Week One – Sept. 11 - 15

Lesson One

Friday: Quiz over Lesson One, HW exercises for Lesson One due

Week Two – Sept. 18 - 22

Lesson Two

Friday: Quiz over Lesson Two, HW exercises for Lesson Two due

Week Three – Sept. 25 - 29

Lesson Three

Friday: Quiz over Lesson Three, HW exercises for Lesson Three due

Week Four – Oct. 2 – 6

Lesson Four

Friday: Quiz over Lesson Four, HW exercises for Lesson Four due

Week Five – Oct. 9 - 13

M Oct. 9 – Thanksgiving Day – No Class

Lesson Five

Friday: Quiz over Lesson Five, HW exercises for Lesson Five due

Week Six – Oct. 16 - 20

Lesson Six

Friday: Quiz over Lesson Six, HW exercises for Lesson Six due

Week Seven – Oct. 23 - 27

Lesson Seven

Friday: Quiz over Lesson Seven, HW exercises for Lesson Seven due

Week Eight – Oct. 30 - Nov. 3

Lesson Eight

Friday: Quiz over Lesson Eight, HW exercises for Lesson Eight due

Week Nine – Nov. 6 - 10

Lesson Nine

Friday: Quiz over Lesson Nine, HW exercises for Lesson Nine due

Week Ten – Nov. 13 - 17

Monday, Nov. 13 – Reading Day – No Class

Lesson Ten

Friday: Quiz over Lesson Ten, HW exercises for Lesson Ten due

Week Eleven – Nov. 20 - 24

Lesson Eleven

Friday: Quiz over Lesson Eleven, HW exercises for Lesson Eleven due

Week Twelve – Nov. 27 - Dec. 1

Lesson Twelve

Friday: Quiz over Lesson Twelve, HW exercises for Lesson Twelve due

Week Thirteen – Dec. 4 – 8

Lesson Thirteen

Friday: Quiz over Lesson Thirteen, HW exercises for Lesson Thirteen due

Weeks Fourteen and Fifteen – Dec. 12 - 23

Finals Weeks. No Classes

F Dec. 16 Final Translations due 9 a.m. in my office