

## Advanced Classical Tibetan Reading Summer Intensive

Orientation sessions start from June 9, and classes run from June 14 to August 5 (eight weeks)

The Centre for Buddhist Studies at Rangjung Yeshe Institute is pleased to offer a graduate-level intensive Classical Tibetan Reading Seminar for advanced Tibetan students. Classes are held Mondays through Fridays and students are expected to devote considerable time and effort to this intensive course.

### Course Structure and Time Schedule:

<b>Advanced Classical Tibetan, TLAN 315/RTIB 501</b>	<b>Hours per week</b>	<b>Section 1 (Nepal Time)</b>	<b>Section 2 (Nepal Time)</b>
Master Reading Class	Five two-hour classes per week	M-T-W-Th-F 2:15p-4:15p	M-T-W-Th-F 7:45p-9:45p
Review Class	Four one-hour classes per week	T-W-Th-F 6:45a - 7:45a	T-W-Th-F 6:45p - 7:45 p
Plus: Virtual office hours to provide 1-to-1 support.			

### Course Description:

This summer intensive is offered for advanced-level students with a minimum of two years of prior study of Classical Tibetan. The course also assumes familiarity with the basic outline of Buddhist history and the general principles and debates of Buddhist philosophy. This course is designed primarily for those already enrolled in graduate degree programs, although BA students with the requisite background will be considered. Students read texts with a scholar who is an expert in the topic at hand, to advance their knowledge of both the language and the philosophical, doctrinal, or historical issues under study.

The course focuses on reading Tibetan literature in the professor's area of expertise or current research in order to improve students' reading and research skills. Students will read and discuss Tibetan Buddhist literature and familiarize themselves with related secondary literature. This class is expected to help students further develop both their language proficiency and the research skills needed to conduct research at the MA or PhD level.

This course covers two full semesters of material and MA students who complete the course receive academic credit at the Centre for Buddhist Studies for RTIB 501: *Advanced Readings I – Tibetan* (6 credits). BA students who complete the course receive credit for *TLAN 315 Advanced Classical Tibetan* (equivalent to TLAN 301 and TLAN 302 and 6 credits total). Students spend around three hours each day in class, and the expected work time outside of class ranges between two and four hours per day depending on student interest and ability.

**Admission Criteria:**

Students must show documentation of successful completion of at least four semesters of Classical Tibetan, with good grades earned. All applications are subject to approval by the Centre for Buddhist Studies.

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**Application:**

To apply for the course please select the Admission tab, then click on the “Apply to RYI” link. Scroll down to click on the “Apply Now!” button. Then choose the course that you wish to study from the dropdown menu, where you will find general information and an application form for the course.

**Studying Online:**

To take part in the course you will need to have access to a PC, Mac or Linux computer capable of running Microsoft Teams, which you can download free of charge here: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/download-app> .