

Intermediate Classical Tibetan 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 summer of intensive Intermediate Classical Tibetan language training. Classes are held Mondays through Fridays.

Course Structure and Time Schedule:

Intermediate Classical Tibetan, TLAN 215	Hours per week	Section 1 (Nepal Time)	Section 2 (Nepal Time)
Master Class	Five 1.5 hour classes per week	M-T-W-Th-F 12:15p-1:45p	M-T-W-Th-F 5:45a-7:15a
Review Class	Four 1-hour classes per week	M-T-W-Th 2:45p – 3:45p	M-T-W-Th 8:00 – 9:00 pm

Plus: Virtual office hours to provide 1-to-1 support.

Course Description:

This summer intensive is offered for intermediate-level students with two semesters of prior study of Classical Tibetan. The course assumes familiarity with the fundamentals of Tibetan grammar, including the eight cases and their associated particles and common grammatical structures and verb tenses, along with knowledge of Buddhist terms and vocabulary.

Students spend three in class each day. The level of intensity of the program is high and students are expected to invest considerable time and effort in order to meet class requirements and academic expectations. That said, any student who successfully completes this course will be well on his or her way towards a high degree of proficiency in the Classical Tibetan language.

Students who complete the course receive academic credit at the Centre for Buddhist Studies for Classical Tibetan III and Classical Tibetan IV (6 credits total). This course covers two full semesters of material and therefore earns six credits. Students spend four 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:

All applications are subject to approval by the Centre for Buddhist Studies. For more information, please refer to the [Eligibility Requirements](#) and [Admissions Process](#) for the summer program.

Application:

To apply for the course please click on the RYI website's Admissions tab and then click on "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.

Course Format:

Master Class

Students will read and translate Buddhist literature during class, with emphasis placed on consolidating and developing further knowledge of grammatical structures and Buddhist terminology. Grammar will be explained as the texts are read, and complementary handouts will be provided during the course. The course will consist of readings from different genres of texts, including indigenous Tibetan philosophical literature as well as texts translated from Sanskrit. Students will be required to memorize vocabulary, as well as doing written homework assignments, and will be quizzed regularly on the material covered in class. This course is taught by a western instructor.

Daily Practicum

Students work in groups to translate sentences and sections of texts, with the instructor available for questions and consultation.

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>
Classes will be delivered through a blend of recorded and live sessions.

Course Materials

Required study texts will be provided in electronic form.