Description and Goals:

For this course, the student enrolls in the Sanskrit language course appropriate to the student’s current skill level [either SLAN 101, 201, or 301; see BA syllabus for details], but engages in graduate-level research on the text(s) studied during the course or on a related topic. The student will work individually with the course supervisor to create and execute a suitable project that combines research with individual language study and translation. The goals of this course are to (a) foster language acquisition and (b) hone students’ research skills related specifically to their chosen language.

Assessments:

- BA coursework as per the instructor’s syllabus: 50%
- Annotated bibliography: 15%
- Term paper proposal: 5%
- Term paper/project: 30%

Annotated Bibliography: Each student will meet individually with the supervisor to confirm a plan for research, beginning with an annotated bibliography. Students should curate a short bibliography of approximately 5-7 sources, writing a short (1.5-3 page) description of the material along with a summary of how it informs the larger research project.

Term Paper: An essay of approximately 5,000 words (or 20 pages, double-spaced) on a topic related to the text under study or another relevant topic. It is recommended—but not required—that this paper includes original translation from the target language. Projects that involve significant translation may have different lengths, at the supervisor’s discretion. Students should check with the course supervisor for additional deadlines for paper topic proposals, drafts, etc.