KATHMANDU UNIVERSITY
CENTRE FOR BUDDHIST STUDIES AT
RANGJUNG YESHE INSTITUTE

Web Syllabus

Course Code	ELAN 102 OC
Course Title	Reading and Writing about Buddhist Primary Sources
Semester, Year	Fall, 2027
Course Delivery Mode	On campus
Course Components	3 60-minute lectures per week
Schedule: class day & time	Please consult F27 course schedule
Required Text(s)	Course Reader, available in digital form on Teams or in hardcopy in the office
Optional Readings	none
Course Prerequisite	none

Course Description

ELAN (English Language) courses at RYI are designed to teach essential academic skills while introducing students to a variety of sources for the study of Buddhism. Students in ELAN 102 read Buddhist primary sources on the life of the Buddha from different Buddhist traditions. In doing so, they learn how the Buddha biography developed historically. The readings are accompanied by a series of assignments designed to develop the basic skills necessary for success at the university level. In ELAN 102, these assignments focus on finding information, paraphrasing, summarizing, quoting, and formatting citations and bibliographies. Each week there is a class specifically focused on grammar and writing. ELAN 102 also places great emphasis on developing critical thinking—the careful analysis and contextualization of sources, and the careful expression of that critical thinking in clear, consise writing.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, students will

- develop an understanding of how the Buddha biography developed historically
- become acquainted with basic academic skills such as finding information, paraphrasing, summarizing, quoting, formatting citations and bibliographies
- develop their critical thinking
- be better prepared for the more intensive study of Buddhism at the bachelor's degree level

Course Requirements	
How do I succeed in the course?	Demonstrated improvement in the use of academic English
Assessments	Weight

1. Midterm Exam	10%
2. Homework Assignments	40%
3. Final Exam (25% final assignment, 25% written exam)	50%

Important Dates

Aug. 30	Fall semester classes begin
Sept. 14–16	End of Yarney—no TSTD classes (to be confirmed)
Oct. 4–8	Reading week—no classes
Oct. 10	Dashain Vijaya Dashami—no classes, offices closed
Oct. 31	Tihar Bhai Tika—no classes, offices closed
Nov. 19–29	Annual Fall Seminar—no classes (to be confirmed)
Dec. 10	Fall semester classes end
Dec. 13–17	Exam week

Class Schedule

TBD