KATHMANDU UNIVERSITY
CENTRE FOR BUDDHIST STUDIES AT
RANGJUNG YESHE INSTITUTE

Web Syllabus

Course Code	SLAN 201 OC
Course Title	Sanskrit Language III
Semester, Year	Fall, 2027
Course Delivery Mode	On-campus
Course Components	2 90-minute lectures per week 1 60-minute traditional class per week 1 60-minute review class per week
Schedule: class day & time	Please consult F27 course schedule
Required Text(s)	*Dharmabhāṣādeśanā*, available in digital form on Teams. The instructors will distribute all necessary materials electronically, including video lessons, grammar resources, assessments, and readings.
Optional Readings	none
Course Prerequisite	Students enrolling in SLAN 201 must have completed two semesters (SLAN 101 and 102 or SLAN 120) at RYI or equivalent courses at another institution. Students who are not able to provide documentation of prior study may be asked to take a placement exam.

Course Description

Sanskrit Language III completes the students' formal study of Sanskrit grammar and continues their study of traditional approaches. In Sanskrit Language III, students will begin to translate Sanskrit texts. They will be introduced to various resources, print and electronic, to aid their understanding and translation of Sanskrit texts. There will also be some discussion of the historical, cultural, linguistic and religious contexts of the language. These aspects of the course will not be part of the assessments.

SLAN 201 has three components:

Grammar Class—led by a teacher who focuses on analytic approaches to the study of Sanskrit grammar. This section completes the students' study of Sanskrit grammar. The grammar section also introduces students to various resources, print and electronic, to aid their understanding and translation of Sanskrit texts. In this section, students will begin to translate Sanskrit texts.

Traditional Class—The traditional section is led by a traditionally-trained pandit who focuses on oral and indigenous approaches to studying Sanskrit. The traditional component of the course

will focus on various components, including grammar, meter, and conversation. These topics will be rotated through the traditional class periods.

Review Class—Students will also have review class with a review class teacher who leads exercises with the students to consolidate their learning.

Learning Outcomes

- Students will be able to recognize and understand all of the common grammatical features of the Sanskrit language.
- Students will be familiar with the variety of resources to aid their translation of Sanskrit texts, in both print and electronic formats.
- Students will begin translating Sanskrit texts.
- Students will learn the basics of Sanskrit melody and conversation skills.

Course Requirements	
How do I succeed in the course?	The course will use a combination of prerecorded grammar lessons and live sessions to teach the course material. A typical week will be structured as follows: o *Prerecorded Material*: students will watch grammar videos ahead of the live meetings o *Grammar Class*: there will be two live sessions per week to discuss current material (90 minutes each) o *Traditional Class*: there will be a live session each week with the traditional teacher (60 minutes) o *Review Class*: there will be a live tutorial each week with the teaching assistant to discuss current material (60 minutes) In order to succeed in Sanskrit Language I, students will be expected to watch all of the prerecorded grammar videos, regularly attend live classes, and are expected to regularly participate and contribute. Although every student might not speak in each class, they should still be participating in some other capacity (group work, etc.).
Assessments	Weight
Assignments and Quizzes for Grammar class—Students will submit homework assignments and write memorization quizzes.	30% total

Midterm Exam—Students will write a midterm exam designed to test their knowledge at the midpoint of the course.	10%
Assignments for Traditional class—Students will assignments during the term. Details of these assignments will be discussed in class.	10%
Final Exam—During the exam week, students will sit an exam designed to test their knowledge at the end of the course.	50% (40% from Grammar class, 10% from Traditional class)

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