KATHMANDU UNIVERSITY
CENTRE FOR BUDDHIST STUDIES AT
RANGJUNG YESHE INSTITUTE

Web Syllabus

Course Code	SLAN 301 OL
Course Title	Sanskrit Language V
Semester, Year	Fall, 2027
Course Delivery Mode	Online synchronous
Course Components	2 90-minute lectures per week 1 90-minute traditional class per week
Schedule: class day & time	Please consult F27 course schedule
Required Text(s)	The instructor will distribute all necessary materials electronically, including video lessons, grammar resources, assessments, and readings.
Optional Readings	none
Course Prerequisite	Students enrolling in SLAN 301 must have completed four semesters (up to SLAN 201 and 202 or SLAN 220) 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 V develops students' ability to read Sanskrit texts independently. The course focuses on the translation of Buddhist Sanskrit texts. To that end, students will be expected to prepare and discuss a Buddhist Sanskrit text during weekly meetings. Students will use various resources, print and electronic, to aid their understanding and translation of Sanskrit texts. In addition to translation, students will also learn more advanced Sanskrit grammar. There will also be discussion of the historical, cultural, linguistic and religious contexts of the language. Students will translate Sanskrit texts, focussing on a complete understanding of grammar, a detailed understanding of the text's context and history, and a thorough consideration of translation methods.

Learning Outcomes

- Students will be able to explain all of the common grammatical features of the Sanskrit language.
- Students will be able to translate Sanskrit texts with the aid of a grammar and dictionary.
- Students will begin to understand the particular features of what is called Buddhist Hybrid Sanskrit.
- Students will work easily with resources to aid their translation of Sanskrit texts.

- Students will develop a sophisticated understanding of the South Asian context that produced the texts they read.

Course Requirements	
How do I succeed in the course?	In order to succeed in Sanskrit Language VI, students will be expected to regularly attend live classes, and are expected to regularly participate and contribute each week. Students will need to come to class prepared to translate the relevant material, as well as be able to discuss grammatical forms and concepts.
Assessments:	Weight:
Preparation and Participation in Reading class—Students are expected to prepare for and participate in every class.	10%
Homework Assignments—Students will complete four homework assignments (5% each)	20%
Midterm Exam—Written before the midterm break	10%
Assignments for Traditional class—Students will assignments during the term. Details of these assignments will be discussed in class.	10%
Final Exam—At the end of the course, students will sit an exam designed to demonstrate their mastery of the skills taught in 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