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Web Syllabus

Course Code	SLAN 501
Course Title	Sanskrit Language Study I– MA Component
Course Topic	Sanskrit Language Study I– MA Component
Credit	6
Semester, Year	Fall, 2027
Course Delivery Mode	Lecture
Schedule: class day & time	One organizational meeting and three seminar meetings during the semester. Dates and times TBD.
Required texts	All the required readings will be distributed in Teams.
Optional Readings	N/A
Prerequisites	

Course Description

This course consists of two components: 1) The language study of Sanskrit, and 2) the academic component

1) The Language Study

The student studies in the beginning, intermediate, or advanced Sanskrit language course, depending on their level of education.

2) The Academic Component

The MA academic component of the Sanskrit language study is paired with the Sanskrit language course and consists in graduate-level research on translation and textual contextualization within the Sanskrit Buddhist tradition.

The course consists of seminar-style meetings. There will be three seminar meetings during the semester. The exact times and dates of these meetings will be decided at the organizational meeting at the start of the semester. Since the purpose of this component is to further train students in academic methods in preparation of their MA thesis, there will be specialized readings assigned for each of the seminar meetings. After each of the three meetings, students will submit a short (~5 pages) paper engaging with the studied material.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the course, students will have an improved ability to read and translate Sanskrit texts, and to navigate and use necessary resources on the methodology, translation, and textual interpretation in the context of the Buddhist Sanskrit tradition.

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Course Requirements	
How do I succeed in the course?	Come to class prepared to participate actively in class discussion; complete all written assignments on time, correctly, and with all components of the assignments intact.

Assessment	
Assignment	Weight
1. SLAN course assignments	50% of the final grade
2. Short papers (3)	40% of final grade
3. In-class discussions	10% of final grade