KATHMANDU UNIVERSITY
CENTRE FOR BUDDHIST STUDIES AT
RANGJUNG YESHE INSTITUTE

Web Syllabus

Course Code	TLAN 303 OC
Course Title	Colloquial Tibetan V
Semester, Year	Fall, 2027
Course Delivery Mode	On campus
Course Components	3 60-minute master classes per week 2 60-minute ALI classes per week
Schedule: class day & time	Please consult F27 course schedule
Required Text(s)	Course Reader, available in the office
Optional Readings	Lectures on Tibetan Religious Culture
Course Prerequisite	Students enrolling in TLAN 303 must have completed four semesters (up to TLAN 203 and 204 or TLAN 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

This course teaches advanced Tibetan language. This course consists of a main class and one-on-one conversation classes. The main class intends to develop various linguistic skills of the students—reading comprehension, listening comprehension, speaking,writing and debating.

The course will feature different topics so that the students become familiar with advanced terminology in various fields of knowledge. Topics include "Good Manners and Morality" (ཡ་རབས་བཟང་སྤྱོད།), "Tibetan Grammar from the manual entitled Sum Chu Pa" (སུམ་ཅུ་པ།), "Festivals" (དུས་ཆེན།), "Wheel of Samsara" (སྲིད་པ་འཁོར་ལོ།), and "Tibetan Cursive Writing" (འཇྲུག་ཡིག).
Each topic is divided into five categories including grammar, dialogue and debate, reading, listening, and student presentations.

Each category is taught over two days, on Monday and Wednesday. Then, on Friday, there are exercised including vocabulary dictation, vocabulary translation into English and Tibetan, and Tibetan cursive writing practice. **Important!** At the end of each complete lesson, there will be a quiz in order to ensure the students' engagement with the week's materials. During the listening part, students need to discuss what students heard based on the teacher's instructions.

During the conversation classes with the ALIs and in homework assignments the students will have further opportunity to engage with the material of the day. Guidance and prompts will be provided to encourage discussions with the ALIs in the topic of the day.

Learning Outcomes

- Students will be able to converse fluently in Tibetan about various topics
- Students will receive a solid understanding of Tibetan grammar based on the grammar manual "Sum-chu-pa"
- Students will develop their reading and listening comprehension

Course Requirements	
How do I succeed in the course?	• By attending all classes prepared • By submitting all assignments • By using all opportunities to train your Tibetan language
Assessments	Weight
1. Class participation	10%
2. Weekly quizzes	15%
3. Midterm exam	25%
4. Final assessment—Consisting of a two-hour written exam (25%) and a fifteen-minutes individual oral exam (25%)	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