KATHMANDU UNIVERSITY
CENTRE FOR BUDDHIST STUDIES AT
RANGJUNG YESHE INSTITUTE

Web Syllabus

Course Code	TLAN 501
Course Title	Classical Tibetan Language Study
Course Topic	Classical Tibetan Language Study I with Academic Component
Credits	6
Semester, Year	Fall, 2027
Course Delivery Mode	Lecture
Schedule: class day & time	TLAN course according to schedule One organizational meeting and three seminar meetings during the semester. Dates and times TBD.
Required text(s)	All the required readings will be distributed in Teams
Optional text (s)	TBD
Prerequisites	

Course Description

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

1) **The Language Study**

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

2) **The Academic Component**

The MA academic component of the Classical Tibetan language study is paired with the Classical Tibetan language course and consists in graduate-level research on textual and historical contextualization within the Tibetan 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 Tibetan texts, and to navigate and use necessary resources on the methodology, translation, and textual interpretation in the context of the Tibetan Buddhist tradition.

Assessments

Assignment	Weight
1. TLAN course assessments	50% of final grade
1. Short papers (3)	40% of final grade
2. In-class discussions	10% of final grade

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.