

# **Advanced Classical Tibetan Reading Seminar**

June 10 to August 6, 2020

Includes 8 weeks of classes plus 4 days of Orientation

The Centre for Buddhist Studies at Rangjung Yeshe Institute is pleased to offer a graduate- and undergraduate-level intensive Classical Tibetan Reading Seminar for international students. Classes are held Mondays through Fridays, and although the course is quite intensive, weekends are generally left for students to explore the Kathmandu Valley and mingle with the local Tibetan community of Boudhanath. Also, several times throughout the program, the Centre for Buddhist Studies will arrange guided tours of major cultural sites of the Valley.

Instructors for the program are visiting PhD faculty from universities around the world.

## **The Academic Program**

This summer reading seminar is offered for advanced-level students with at least two years of prior study of Classical Tibetan. The course also assumes familiarity with the basic outline of Buddhist history and the general principles and debates of Buddhist philosophy.

The course is divided into two four-week seminars, with two different professors. There are three hours of seminar work each day, including some study and discussion of academic works in English.

In addition to satisfactory grades, students must maintain an attendance rate of 80% for the main part of the course in order to pass. The level of intensity of the program is high and students are expected to invest considerable time and effort in order to meet class requirements and academic expectations. Students who complete the course and the graduate-level assessments receive academic credit at the Centre for Buddhist Studies for RTIB 501 (6 credits) and those who complete the course and the BA-level assessments receive academic credit for TLAN 315 Advanced Classical Tibetan (6 credits).

## **Additional Features and Services**

- Orientation program with introduction to Nepal
- All classes are held in a traditional monastic setting near the Boudhanath Stupa

- Opportunities to meet and receive teachings from resident Buddhist teachers
- Cultural visits to ancient sites of the Kathmandu Valley
- Efficient medical referral system
- Access to the full facilities of the CBS campus including wireless Internet access at selected campus locations, assistance from our full-time Student Services Coordinator, and on-site library facilities.
- Good links to local trekking, rafting and sight-seeing companies

### **Price**

Price includes tuition and tours.

### **Admission Criteria**

This program has a maximum intake of 12 students and all applications are subject to approval by the Centre for Buddhist Studies. To receive graduate-level credit (RTIB 501), students must have at least a BA or BS degree and 2 years of prior study of Classical Tibetan. To receive undergraduate-level credit (TLAN 315), students must have 2 years of prior study of Classical Tibetan.

### **Application**

To apply for the course please click on the "Apply to RYI" link on the website's Admissions tab. Scroll down to click on the "Apply Now!" button. Then choose the course that you wish to study from the drop down menu, where you will find general information and an application form for the course.

- Undergraduate students should apply for **Advanced Classical Tibetan (TLAN 315)**.
- Graduate students should apply for **Advanced Readings I – Tibetan (SP) (RTIB 501)**.

### **Course Description**

This course focuses on reading Tibetan literature in the professor's area of expertise or current research in order to improve students' reading and research skills. Students will read and discuss Buddhist literature in Tibetan, and also familiarize themselves with related secondary literature. This class is expected to help students further develop both their language proficiency and the research skills needed to conduct research at the MA or PhD level.

### **Course Readings and Assessments**

Course readings and assessments vary from year to year, depending on the area of interest of the visiting professor.

### **Course Materials**

The course materials will be available for purchase at the CBS office.