Beginning Nepali Language Summer Intensive
Orientation sessions start from June 9, and classes run from June 14 to August 5 (eight weeks)

The Centre for Buddhist Studies at Rangjung Yeshe Institute is pleased to offer a summer of intensive Nepali language training for international students. Instructors in the program are native Nepali speakers and international faculty from CBS, and classes are held Mondays through Fridays.

Course Structure and Time Schedule:

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<th>Beginning Nepali, NLAN 120</th>
<th>Hours per week</th>
<th>Section 1 (Nepal Time)</th>
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<td>Live Master Class</td>
<td>5 one-hour classes per week</td>
<td>M-T-W-Th-F 7:15a - 8:15a</td>
<td>M-T-W-Th-F 6:45p - 7:45p</td>
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<td>Assistant Language Instructor (ALI) One-on-one classes</td>
<td>10 one-hour classes per week (2 per day)</td>
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Plus: In addition to live classes, prerecorded videos are also available for study and review prior to the live classes at a time of your own choosing.

Plus: Virtual office hours to provide 1-to-1 support

NOTE: Nepali Alphabet Classes during Orientation:
Please note that during Orientation, Nepali Alphabet Classes will take place on Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th, and Friday 11th at the same time as the Live Master classes listed in the table above. If you select Section 1, you should attend Orientation classes at the time shown for that section and, similarly, if you select Section 2 you should attend Orientation classes at the time shown for Section 2 classes.

Course Description:
This summer intensive is offered for beginning students of Nepali, with no prior formal Nepali study. The program focuses on the basic grammar and structure of spoken Nepali, and on gradually developing the students' vocabulary so they can quickly begin to speak and understand simple sentences. Over the course of the summer, more complex grammatical structures and a variety of situational vocabulary will be introduced. The course also teaches the Nepali alphabet (Devanagari), and students will begin to read and write simple Nepali sentences. The course includes Nepali grammar classes and classes of conversation training with native speakers.

The level of intensity of the program is high and the students are expected to invest considerable time and effort in order to meet class requirements and academic expectations. That said, any student who successfully completes this course will arrive at a comfortable facility with basic spoken Nepali. Students who complete the course receive academic credit at the Centre for Buddhist Studies for Nepali I and Nepali II (6 credits total). This course covers two full semesters of material and therefore earns six credits. Students spend around three hours each day in class, and the expected work time outside of class ranges between two and four hours per day depending on student interest and ability.

Admission Criteria:
All applications are subject to approval by the Centre for Buddhist Studies. For more information, please refer to the Eligibility Requirements and Admissions Process for the summer program.

**Application:**
To apply for the course please click on the RYI website’s Admissions tab, then click on the “Apply to RYI” link. Scroll down to click on the “Apply Now!” button. Then choose the course that you wish to study from the dropdown menu, where you will find general information and an application form for the course.

**Course Structure:**

**Nepali Grammar Classes**
These classes introduce students to basic sentence structures and a breadth of Nepali situational vocabulary. The instructor will teach grammar and vocabulary that will be internalized through practice in the conversation classes with assistant language instructors. Students will be required to memorize vocabulary and sentence structures, as well as doing written homework assignments, and will be quizzed regularly on the material covered in class. This class is taught by a Nepalese instructor. Students will learn basic structures, basic day-to-day vocabulary and verb conjugations in several tenses, including, for example, the use of bhayo, parcha, lagcha, huncha, -era, -epacchi, dakeri, and so on. Students will also learn how to use the various postpositions such as le, lai, ma, sang, and so on. Students will learn the Devanagari alphabet and will begin simple reading and writing.

**Assistant Language Instructors**
Through working one-on-one with Nepali assistant language instructors, students make practical use of the Nepali language. The specific vocabulary and grammatical structures introduced in the Nepali Grammar Class will be emphasized in these conversations so that students gain more familiarity and practice with what they learn in that class, as well as becoming more comfortable speaking with a variety of Nepali speakers.

**Studying Online**
To take part in the course you will need to have access to a PC, Mac or Linux computer that is capable of running Microsoft Teams, which you can download free of charge here: https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/download-app

The Nepali Grammar classes will be delivered through a blend of recorded and live sessions, while the Assistant Language Instructor classes will be live sessions.

**Course Materials**
Course materials include Ramaailo Nepali by Pavitra Paudyal and Andy Krakower, and various handouts.