Beginning Colloquial Tibetan 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 colloquial Tibetan language training. Instructors at the program are native Tibetan speakers and international faculty from the Centre for Buddhist Studies. Classes are held Mondays through Fridays.

Course Structure and Time Schedule:

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<td>Master Class Review</td>
<td>Five 1.25 hour classes per week</td>
<td>T-W-Th-F 6:15a-7:30a</td>
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<td>Assistant Language Instructor (ALI)</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.

Course Description:
This summer intensive is offered for beginning students with no prior study of colloquial Tibetan. The program is designed to facilitate the rapid acquisition and development of facility with basic colloquial vocabulary and grammar. Beginning with the alphabet, pronunciation, basic words, and sentence structure, the eight-week program will ground students in the workings of the colloquial Tibetan language, providing them with a basic command of spoken Tibetan and the necessary foundation for further language studies. The course includes a grammar class, review class, and 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 Tibetan.

Students who complete the course receive academic credit at the Centre for Buddhist Studies for Colloquial Tibetan I and Colloquial Tibetan 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 and 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 Format:**

**Introduction to Colloquial Tibetan Master Class and Review**
Week 1: Tibetan alphabet and letter pronunciation review, word construction and pronunciation, basic colloquial sentence structure, and basic vocabulary.
Week 2–8: The instructors will gradually present the basic grammatical structures and vocabulary of colloquial Tibetan. Emphasis will be placed on the new vocabulary and sentence structures, which then will be practiced and mastered in the review and conversation classes. The 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 jointly taught by a Western instructor and a native Tibetan instructor. Instructors will also review the vocabulary and sentence structures that students have learned in the Master Class. The instructors will review difficult points of grammar and answer students’ questions. Interactive activities, games and group assignments will provide the students with varied opportunities to speak.

**Assistant Language Instructors**
Students make practical use of the Tibetan language spending the class in dialogue with native speakers, one-on-one. In these conversations the specific vocabulary and grammatical structures introduced in the Master Class will be emphasized so that students gain more familiarity and practice with what they have learned in class, as well as becoming used to speaking with native Tibetan speakers.

**Studying Online:**
To take part in the course you will need to have access to a PC, Mac or Linux computer 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 Master Classes will be delivered through a blend of recorded and live sessions, while the Assistant Language Instructor classes will be live sessions.

**Course Materials:**
- Franziska Oertle (2014), Tibetan Textbook bod skad slob deb Vols.2