**Intermediate Sanskrit Language Summer Intensive**
Orientation sessions start from June 9, 2021 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 Sanskrit language training. Classes are held Mondays through Fridays.

**Course Structure and Time Schedule:**

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<th>Intermediate Sanskrit, SLAN 220</th>
<th>Minutes per week</th>
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<td>Master Grammar Class</td>
<td>5x90</td>
<td>M-T-W-Th-F 4:45p-6:15p</td>
<td>M-T-W-Th-F 8:30p-10:00p</td>
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<td>Traditional Class</td>
<td>5x30</td>
<td>M-T-W-Th-F 1:45p-2:15p</td>
<td>M-T-W-Th-F 6:00a-6:30a</td>
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<td>Grammar Review Class</td>
<td>3x45</td>
<td>M-W-F 12:30p-1:15p</td>
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Plus: In addition to live classes, prerecorded videos are 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 intensive Sanskrit course is offered for intermediate-level students with two semesters of prior study of Sanskrit. This intensive course is designed to complete students' study of grammar and increase students' reading proficiency in Sanskrit. Students are expected to be familiar with the first fourteen lessons of the Goldmans' *Devavānipraveśikā*. The first part of the course (approximately two weeks) will be spent finishing grammar. For the remaining portion of the course, students will prepare translations of assigned Sanskrit texts for discussion during class time. When necessary, grammar will be refreshed and reinforced. 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. 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.

An additional, more traditional part of this course includes classes that cover native pronunciation, conversational skills in Sanskrit language, and an introduction to and chanting of Sanskrit meters and verses (*śloka*).

**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 "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 dropdown menu where you will find general information and an application form for the course.

**Course Format:**
The choice of texts will include a variety of Sanskrit genres, including Buddhist Sanskrit texts (epic, drama, philosophy, inspirational tale, etc.). Readings will in part also depend upon the interests of the students, and students are encouraged to suggest particular texts they would like to read.

Through meticulous attention to the grammar, genre and diction of the Sanskrit text, students will be taught to justify their translations in class. Class discussions will include a consideration of the historical, linguistic, cultural and religious contexts of the texts being read. Throughout the course, students will use a variety of resources, print and online, to aid their translation of Sanskrit texts, as well as develop familiarity with online resources for the translation of Sanskrit.

**Traditional Sanskrit Classes**
These classes will include reading and pronouncing Devanagari texts, reciting and chanting Sanskrit prose and poetry, and learning spoken Sanskrit. This class will be given by a local scholar who has learned Sanskrit as part of their own tradition.

**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](https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/download-app)

Classes will be delivered through a blend of recorded and live sessions.

**Course Materials:**
- The dictionaries of Apte and MacDonell are available online at the University of Chicago’s Digital Dictionaries of South Asia website, available at [http://dsal.uchicago.edu/dictionaries/](http://dsal.uchicago.edu/dictionaries/) while Monier-Williams’ dictionary is available online at [http://www.sanskrit-lexicon.uni/koeln.de/monier/](http://www.sanskrit-lexicon.uni/koeln.de/monier/)
- A Sanskrit Grammar – Initially, students may rely on Goldman’s as their main grammar (or whichever Sanskrit primer was used in their introductory course, if not Goldman’s.) As the course progresses, students should acquire a more comprehensive reference work such as W. D. Whitney’s Sanskrit Grammar and W. D. Whitney’s The Roots, Verb - Forms, and Primary Derivatives of the Sanskrit Language.

**Required Texts:**
- A Sanskrit-English Dictionary – Monier-Williams’ Sanskrit-English Dictionary is recommended, but students may choose to use another dictionary, such as A. A. MacDonell’s A Practical Sanskrit Dictionary, or V. S. Apte’s The Practical Sanskrit-English Dictionary.