

Beginning Sanskrit

AS 383.111 – 01

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 05:00- 06:15pm in Krieger 302

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This course has been designed for students with no knowledge of the Sanskrit language. The course will emphasize on the basic listening, reading, and writing of the language. The reading and writing system will be introduced in a very systematic manner, there by, students will not have to learn all the vowels and the consonants at once before getting to read the words.

Basic sentences will be drawn from the Sanskrit Literature. Simple Vedic Mantras from the Vedas and Ishopanishad, verses from the Bhagavad Gita, and sootras from the Yoga Sootras will be read. It will be an ambitious task to complete these goals but we will try. In 35 hours, we will not become the masters of the language that requires a life- time effort. However, we will surely be able to appreciate the beauty of its letters, sentence structure, grammar; the richness of the vocabulary, and the depth of the ideas.

Required Text: First Year Sanskrit Text, Part one by Uma A. Saini

For further introduction to Sanskrit visit <http://www.americansanskrit.com> and http://sanskritdocuments.org/doc_1_title.html

Attendance Policy: Regular attendance in class is essential in learning Sanskrit language and is expected of all students. More than three unexcused absence will influence the final grade.

Homework: When learning a new language, each successive step depends entirely on your mastery of the previous material. It is, therefore, essential to keep current with homework assignments. Work that is more than one class period late will not be graded for credit.

Grade Determination: Final grade for the course will be based on:

* Attendance and Class Participation	20%
* Homework and Written Assignments	20%
* Midterm & Final Exam	40%
*Quizzes	20%

The following schedule is subject to change at any given time.

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H.W. on pages:

Thursday, September 3	Introduction to Sanskrit language & literature Chapter 1: Sanskrit Vowels: pages 3-7 Consonant क	6
Tuesday, September 8	Review vowels and consonant क -writing practice of ख, ग, घ Chapter 2	15, 16
Thursday, September 10	Dictation Chapter 3	20, 21
Tuesday, September 15	Chapter 4 ट, -ढ, त-न	29-31
Thursday, September 17	Chapter 5 प, फ, ब, भ, म	36, 37
Tuesday, September 22	Continue with chapter 5 (pages: 38-42)	Review chapter 5
Thursday, September 24	Chapter 6 Guna Sandhi Semivowels and sibilants	46, 50
Tuesday, September 29	Chapter Review 51-56	53, 56
Thursday, October 1	Chapter 7 -Conjunct consonants -Vedic phrases	65, 66
Tuesday, October 6	Quiz	67, 68, 69
Thursday October 8	Chapter 8	Decline words given on 69, 70, 71

Tuesday, October 13	Continue with chapter 8	page: 77
Thursday, October 15	Review	
Tuesday, October 20	MID-TERM	
Thursday, October 22	Chapter 9	page: 81,
Tuesday, October 27	continue with chapter 9	pages: 87, 88
Thursday, October 29	Dictation Chapter 10 (89-93)	Learn declension of त्वम् and अहम्
Tuesday, November 3	Continue with chapter 10	Chapter Review two (96 – 99)
Thursday, November 5	Quiz on Chapter 10 Chapter 11 with Shlokas & a dialogue (100-103)	104
Tuesday, November 10	Chapter 12 (105-108)	107, 108
Thursday, November 12	Continue with Chapter 12 Vedic Mantras (109-114)	Take home review 125-125
Tuesday, November 17	Chapter 13 126-131	132-135
Thursday, November 19	Complete chapter 13 Chapter 14: Shlokas	141
Tuesday, November 24	Chapter 14	
Thursday, November 26	No class	
Tuesday, December 1	Review	
Thursday, December 3	Final	

