

Sanskrit (SANSKR)

Courses

SANSKR 100A Elementary Sanskrit 5 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

Elements of Sanskrit grammar and practice in reading Sanskrit texts.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Sanskrit/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: S. Goldman

SANSKR 100B Elementary Sanskrit 5 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

Elements of Sanskrit grammar and practice in reading Sanskrit texts.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Completion of SANSKR 100A or equivalent

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Sanskrit/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: S. Goldman

SANSKR 101A Intermediate Sanskrit: Epic and Puranic Sanskrit 5 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

Introduces students to the itihasa/puranic traditions and related commentarial style of Sanskrit. An extended passage from Valmiki's Ramayana, Vyasa's Mahabharata, or one of the Mahapuranas is normally read with commentary, if available. The development of strong reading skills is the focus of the class. Additionally, students are introduced to the use of hard copy and web-based resources. Grammar is reviewed and explained as needed. Students are also introduced to the current scholarship on epic literature. Students are expected to memorize at least one verse per class for recitation. Emphasis is placed on correct prosody and pronunciation. Submission of an annotated translation project, assigned in class, is required.

Objectives & Outcomes

Course Objectives: Course content changes every semester and may be repeated for credit. Reading of texts in the original language. Students are expected to prepare readings for translation in class. Mastering of grammar and genre-specific style is emphasized. Additionally students skills in writing, listening, and speaking of Sanskrit are further developed.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 100B. 101B may be taken before 101A with consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4.5 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Sanskrit/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: S. Goldman

SANSKR 101B Intermediate Sanskrit: Sastraic (Scientific) Sanskrit 5 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

Introduces students to Sanskrit sastra and related commentary. Reading selections are generally taken from either the grammatical (vyakaraada), literary critical (alakarasatra) or the philosophical (darsana) tradition, including such works as Mahabhaya, Tarkasagraha, Kavyadarsa, etc. Reading skills and familiarity with resources - hard copy and web-based - as well as current trends and scholarship in the relevant areas are emphasized. Grammar is reviewed and explained as needed. Students are expected to memorize at least one verse per class. Emphasis is placed on correct prosody and pronunciation. Submission of an annotated translation or similar project, assigned in class, is required.

Objectives & Outcomes

Course Objectives: Course content changes every semester and may be repeated for credit. Intensive language instruction - reading of texts in the original language. Students are expected to prepare readings for translation in class. Mastering of grammar and genre-specific style is emphasized. Additionally students' skills in writing, listening, and speaking of Sanskrit are further developed.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 100B. 101B may be taken before 101A with consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4.5 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Sanskrit/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: S. Goldman

SANSKR 101C Intermediate Sanskrit: Sahitya (Literary Sanskrit) 5 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Fall 2020, Spring 2019

Introduces students to classical literary Sanskrit (sahitya) and commentary, where available. An extended passage of a kavya and/or an entire plat (naaka) is read. Works of Kalidasa, Bhasa, and the like are normally read. Developing strong reading skills is the focus of the class. Students develop skills to use hard copy and web-based resources. Grammar is reviewed and explained as needed. Students are also introduced to current scholarship and trends in literary analysis. Students are expected to memorize at least one verse per class. Emphasis is placed on correct prosody and pronunciation. Submission of an annotated translation project, assigned in class, is required. Course content changes every semester and may be repeated for credit.

Objectives & Outcomes

Course Objectives: Intensive language instruction - reading of texts in the original language. Students are expected to prepare readings for translation in class. Mastering of grammar and genre-specific style is emphasized. Additionally students' skills in writing, listening, and speaking of Sanskrit are further developed.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Prerequisite: Sanskrit 100AB or equivalent

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4.5 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Sanskrit/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: S. Goldman

SANSKR 200A Sanskrit Literature 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2021

Advanced readings in Sanskrit literature, including Sanskrit ornate poetry with emphasis on the canons of poetic analysis of the Indian aesthetic tradition.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 101B or equivalent

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Sanskrit/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: R.P. Goldman

SANSKR 200B Sanskrit Literature 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2022, Spring 2021

Advanced readings in Sanskrit literature, including Sanskrit ornate poetry with emphasis on the canons of poetic analysis of the Indian aesthetic tradition.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 101B or equivalent

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Sanskrit/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: R.P. Goldman

SANSKR 203 Vedic Sanskrit 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2009, Fall 2000, Spring 1999

Readings from the and other Vedic texts, including and . Knowledge of German and/or French is recommended.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 101B or equivalent

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Sanskrit/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

SANSKR 206 Middle Indic 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2012, Fall 2011, Spring 2008

Introduction to Middle Indic. An intensive study of texts in one or more of the Prakrit dialects, Pali, or Apabhramsa.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 101B or equivalent

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Sanskrit/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

SANSKR 207 Sanskrit Philosophical Texts 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2012, Spring 2011, Fall 2009

Reading of a Sanskrit philosophical, logical, or grammatical text, with attention to philosophical, logical, or grammatical features. Text to be chosen in consultation with students.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Two years of Sanskrit or equivalent

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Sanskrit/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.