

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN—MADISON

SOUTH ASIAN SUMMER LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

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Elementary Sanskrit Summer 2011 M-F 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will provide students with a firm grasp of Sanskrit grammar, basic vocabulary, and exposure to reading epic texts. By the end of this course, students will be able to read epic-level materials with the assistance of a dictionary and prepared to enter Intermediate Sanskrit.

We will spend the first seven weeks working through Goldman's Sanskrit primer, *Devavāṇīpraveśikā*, supplemented with MacDonell's *Grammar* and additional handouts. During the final week, we will read selections from the *Mahābhārata* (supplied by instructor).

REQUIREMENTS

Attendance and Participation. Students are expected to attend all classes. Particularly since this is a condensed, fast-paced course, all absences must be cleared with the instructor in advance. Any unexcused absences may significantly lower a student's grade.

Homework. Students are expected to prepare all homework assignments in a timely manner, which may include translations, written compositions, exercises, and memorization.

Quizzes and Exams. Students should expect daily quizzes at the start of class and biweekly exams. Pop quizzes on paradigms and grammatical points are fair game.

GRADING

Attendance/Participation 40%

Homework 20%

Quizzes and Exams 40%

REQUIRED TEXTS

Goldman's *Devavāṇīpraveśikā*.

MacDonell's *A Practical Sanskrit Dictionary*.

MacDonell's *A Sanskrit Grammar for Students*.

SCHEDULE

Week 1 (June 13-17): Goldman, Chapters 1-3

Week 2 (June 20-24): Goldman, Chapters 4-6

Week 3 (June 27-July 1): Goldman, Chapters 7-9

*Monday, July 4 no class

Week 4 (July 5-8): Goldman, Chapters 10-12

Week 5 (July 11-15): Goldman, Chapters 13-15
Week 6 (July 18-22): Goldman, Chapters 16-18
Week 7 (July 25-29): Goldman, Chapters 19-21
Week 8 (August 1-5): *Mahābhārata* selections

ACADEMIC HONESTY

Academic honesty requires that the course work (drafts, reports, examinations, papers) a student presents to an instructor honestly and accurately indicates the student's own academic efforts. Any deviation from this expectation may result in a failing grade and disciplinary action. For further information on academic misconduct and its repercussions, see <http://students.wisc.edu/saja/misconduct/UWS14.html>.