University of Wisconsin—Madison  
South Asian Summer Language Institute  
June 13-August 5, 2011

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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, *Devavānīpraveśikā*, 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 *Devavānīpraveśikā*.  
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.