

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY —FACULTY OF ARTS
Department of Religious Studies

Tibetan I

Religious Studies 314 L01 Course Outline - Fall 2013, TR 2:00-3:15 p.m., SS 006
(University of Calgary Policy about course outlines may be found on page 42 of the *University Calendar*.)

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Required Texts:

Hodge, Stephen. (2003) *An Introduction to Classical Tibetan*. Revised Edition. Bangkok, Thailand: Orchid Press.

Course Description:

Religious Studies 314 is an introduction to classical literary Tibetan (ཡིག་སྐད་ *yig skad* or ཡིག་ཚོམ་བོད་ཡིག་ *yig rtsom bod yig*). Classical literary Tibetan is the basis of Tibetan written culture that is common to educated people of all regions of Tibet, as well as the countries where Vajrayana Buddhism is established. Classical literary Tibetan developed during the time period from the 12th to the 19th century.

This course introduces the student to the fundamentals of the classical literary Tibetan for reading and translation purposes. The course is designed for students with no previous knowledge of Tibetan. The aim of this course is to acquaint the student with the Tibetan script; with a common method of transliteration into Roman script; with the most common vocabulary and important grammatical features of the classical language as a preparation for reading. Emphasis will be placed on understanding written texts (reading) rather than on oral understanding (hearing), and on passive use (understanding) more than on active use (composing sentences).

Course Website: **Blackboard**

Our course web site will list important announcements, electronic readings, and downloadable documents.

Course Requirements and Weighting:

The course will follow the basic outline of the textbook at a steady pace. The instructor reserves the right to adjust the pace and schedule of the course according to the needs of the class. Assignments will be given in every class, which will be reviewed in the following class. There will be **three exams in-class** that cover material studied during the previous class sessions. There will be a **final exam** at the end of the course.

Given the nature of Tibetan language study, any more than four absences will make success in this class very difficult for students. Four or more absences will initiate consultation with the instructor

and/or liability for a grade of F. **A student who misses any exam or quiz will receive the grade F for it** unless a valid documentable excuse is presented (see below Missed Exams)

1. Regular attendance, preparation of homework assignments, and regular, wakeful participation in class, 10 point (10%).
2. Three exams worth 20 points each (60% of course).
3. Final examination, 30 points (30%).

*** There will be a Registrar scheduled final examination in this course.**

Schedule of Exams and Essays	Evaluation
1. Exam One, Thursday, September 26	Exam One (20%)
2. Exam Two, Thursday, October 17	Exam Two (20%)
3. Exam Three, Thursday, November 14	Exam Three (20%)
4. Comprehensive Final Exam TBA	Final (30%)
5. Attendance and Active Participation in Class	Attendance/Participation (10%)

Missed Exams: If you cannot write a test on the scheduled date due to a sudden illness or emergency, you must contact me or the Department front desk as soon as possible. To be allowed a rewrite of a test, you must provide proof of illness/emergency. Transfer of weight from a missed exam to another course requirement will not be allowed in this course. Without acceptable documentation (i.e. medical certificate, police report, bereavement notice, confirmation of religious observance, or court order) or without PRIOR arrangement with the instructor, missed assessments will receive an 'F'. This policy is intended to encourage diligence and integrity among students as well as to uphold principles of fairness and equality with respect to other students in the class. Excuses other than those listed above will receive little attention.

To ensure academic honesty. No student is allowed to leave the examination room until they have handed in their exam. No additional materials or technical aids are permitted at your desk during an exam.

Grading

A numerical mark will be given for each course requirement. A letter grade will be assigned on the following number and letter grade scheme (standardized within the Department of Religious Studies):

A+	100-96	A	95-90	A-	89-85
B+	84-80	B	79-75	B-	74-70
C+	69-65	C	64-60	C-	59-55
D+	54-53	D	52-50	F	Under 50

Recording of lectures is not permitted, except by special permission (see Tape Recording of Lectures, *University of Calgary Calendar*).

E-mail policy: E-mails will be responded to within 24 hours during weekdays. I do not reply to email messages that are poorly written, unclear or disrespectful.

Academic Honesty

Plagiarism is not tolerated at the University of Calgary and has serious consequences. Your essays/presentations must be your own work and inadequate referencing may be seen as plagiarism. Please see the relevant sections on Academic Misconduct in the current University Calendar. If you have questions about correct referencing, please consult your instructor.

Academic Accommodation

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with Student Accessibility Services, please contact their office at 403-220-8237. Students who have not registered with Student Accessibility Services are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than **fourteen (14) days** after the start of the course.

Blackboard Help

Go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/computersupport/onlineservices/blackboard> for Student Help and FAQ's about Blackboard. Troubleshooting tips and a tutorial are available at <http://elearn.ucalgary.ca/blackboard/students>. Instructions for using the Digital Drop Box are available here: http://library.blackboard.com/docs/r6/6_1/student/bbls_r6_1_student/digital_drop_box.htm.

Gnosis

Gnosis is the Religious Studies Student Club. For membership or more information please email: gnosis@ucalgary.ca or visit <http://www.ucalgary.ca/~gnosis>.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS110, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre at (403) 220-5881 or visit them on the 3rd floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.

Student Ombudsperson and Students' Union Representative

The Student Ombuds Office provides independent, impartial and confidential support for students who require assistance and advice in addressing issues and concerns related to their academic careers. See www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds for more information.

The Students' Union Faculty of Arts representative can be reached at arts1@ucalgary.ca.

Emergency Evacuation Assembly Point

In case of an emergency evacuation during class, students must gather at the designated assembly point nearest to the classroom. The list of assembly points is found at www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints. Please check this website and not the nearest assembly point for this course.

Safewalk

The Safewalk program provides volunteers to walk students safely to their destination anywhere on campus (including McMahon Stadium, Health Sciences, Student Family Housing, the Alberta Children's Hospital and the University LRT station). This service is free and available to students, staff and campus visitors 24 hrs/day, 365 days a year. Call 403-220-5333 or use one of the Help phones located throughout campus to request a walk.

Tentative Schedule:

This outline is subject to change. It may be modified if it appears to the instructor that the material is not being adequately covered in the allotted time. The amount of time devoted to particular topics is contingent on the instructor's sense of what deserves greater emphasis as the course progresses.

Remember, to be aware of changes occurring in the schedule and to receive any crucial information regarding the course, regular attendance in class is necessary. The instructor is not responsible for accommodating those with inexcusable absences. If you must miss class, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed and to ask a fellow student to lend you their notes. In addition, important materials are regularly handed out during class. The instructor is not responsible for providing handouts at a later date for those with an inexcusable absence from class. Keep in mind that all lectures in class constitute material that may appear on the final examination.

Tentative Schedule

Sept. 10-12	Week 1 Introduction Script, Letters, Syllables	Tues: Introduction, course overview, Tibetan syllabary Thursday: Thirty Consonants, Four vowels
Sept. 17- 19	Week 2 Script, Letters, Syllables	Tues: Tibetan Syllable Structure, three superscribed letters Thursday: Four Subscribed letters, combinations of letters
Sept. 24-26	Week 3 Script, Letters, Syllables ***Test 1***	Tues: Five prefix letters, Ten suffix letters, Two second suffix letters, Find the main letter, dictionary order Thursday: Test 1
Oct. 1-3	Week 4 Words and Affixes	Tues: Words and suffixes, Nominal suffix and Possession suffix, Hodge, Lesson II Thursday: Hodge, Lesson II continued
Oct. 8-10	Week 5 Words and Affixes	Tues: Adjectives, Pronouns, Hodge, Lesson III Thursday: Final markers, Questions, Commands
Oct. 15-17	Week 6 Introduction to Case Markers Absolutive suffix ***Test 2***	Tues: Handouts, (Hodge, Lesson IV) Thursday: Test 2
Oct. 22-24	Week 7 Genitive suffix	Tues: Hodge, Lesson IV Thursday:
Oct. 29-31	Week 8	Tues: Hodge, Lesson V

	Instrumental suffix	Thursday:
Nov. 5-7	Week 9 Allative suffix Locative suffix	Tues: Hodge, Lesson VI Thursday: Hodge, Lesson VIII
Nov. 12-14	Week 10 ***Test 3***	Tues: Reading Day, No Class Thursday: Test 3
Nov. 19-21	Week 11 Ablative and Elative suffix	Tues: Hodge, Lesson IX Thursday:
Nov. 26-28	Week 12 Purposive suffix	Tues: Hodge, Lesson X Thursday:
Dec. 3-5	Week 13 Review	Tues: Thursday:
TBA	Registrar Scheduled Final Exam	