

University of Calgary Faculty of Humanities  
Department of Religious Studies

**Intermediate Sanskrit (Sanskrit III)**  
**Religious Studies 391 L10 Spring 2005**



Time: May 12<sup>th</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup> M, T, W, R 9:00-11:45  
(Final Exam – June 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
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### **Course Description**

This is a continuation of Sanskrit I and II.

### **Competency Acquired through this Course**

Sanskrit I, II and III together are designed to give students the essential tools they would need in order to independently approach a Sanskrit text and read it with the aid of a dictionary. Naturally, fully independent application of these tools would be successful with relatively easy texts. To read more complex Sanskrit texts, such as the early Vedic texts, Darśana (Philosophical texts), Kāvya (court poetry) or Buddhist Sanskrit texts, students would need to supplement their grammatical basis and to learn the particular vocabulary and stylistic peculiarities of these genres. As in Sanskrit I and II, the emphasis will be more on understanding written texts (reading) than on oral understanding (hearing), and on passive use (understanding) more than on active use (composing sentences).

### **Required Texts**

1. Grammar: We will continue to use Goldman, Robert P. and Sally J. Sutherland Goldman (1980). *DevavāṢ.praveśikā: An Introduction to the Sanskrit Language*. Berkeley: University of California Center for South Asia Studies.
2. Dictionary: Apte, V. S., *The Practical Sanskrit English Dictionary*, Revised and Enlarged Edition.
3. Selected readings from Sanskrit literature.

### **Course Organization and Requirements**

The course will continue to follow the basic outline of the textbook. Every day part of the time will be devoted to completing students' overview of Sanskrit Grammar, as well as to reviewing the Grammar already learned. By the end of the course will have gone through all of *DevavāṢ.praveśikā*. Another part of the day will be devoted to acquiring the skill of reading a Sanskrit text using a full Sanskrit dictionary such as Apte's. We will begin reading unedited selections from actual Sanskrit literature, starting with short narratives selected from the Mahābhārata and the RāmāyaṢa for their simplicity. We will gradually build speed and go from simpler to more complex texts, varying the subject matter.

Given the intensity of the course, these goals will only be achieved by students who attend all classes and devote all their time, including the weekends, to Sanskrit. There will be no time at all to make up missed material. Assignments will be given daily, and we will go over some examples on the following day. Students will be required to hand in some of the assignments, which will be graded. There will be seven short quizzes (20 minutes) a midterm (one hour) and a final, registrar-scheduled exam (2 hours).

**Grading**

The course requirements will be weighted as follows:

Each of the best 6 quizzes (out of 7)	5% (total 30%)
Midterm	10%
Final Examination (Registrar–scheduled, June 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	30%
Each of six homework assignments	5% (total 30%)

A numerical mark will be given for each course requirement. A final letter grade will be assigned on the following number and letter grade scheme:

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

**Plagiarism**

Please note the definition and regulations governing plagiarism in the 2004/5 University Calendar. You should be aware that plagiarism occurs not only when direct quotations are taken from a source without specific acknowledgement but also when original ideas or data from sources are not acknowledged. A bibliography is insufficient to establish which portions of the student's work are taken from external sources; footnotes or other recognized forms of citation must be used for this purpose.

**Withdrawing from Courses**

Please note the information regarding withdrawals and fee refunds in the Academic Schedule of the 2004/05 University Calendar.

**Academic Accommodation**

It is a student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. If you are a student with a disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation

**Office Hours**

My office is located in the Social Sciences building, room 1328. Feel free to approach me any day after class. If you can not stay after class, make an appointment. You are also welcome to contact me via email or telephone.

**Tentative Schedule**

Day	Quiz/test	Chapter in Grammar	Additional Reading
May 12	No	17	Passages in Goldman
May 16	Quiz	17	Nala
May 17	Quiz	18	Nala
May 19	Quiz	18	Nala
May 19	No	18	Manu and the Fish
May 24	Midterm		
May 25	No	19	Manu and the Fish
May 26	Quiz	19	Sukanya
May 30	Quiz	20	
May 31	Quiz	20	Sukanya
June 1	Quiz	21	Gita
June 2	No	22	Gita
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Final		

