



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Reading Sanskrit Katha - 35120

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: asian studies

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

In this course we will read from India's classical narratives and tales. More specifically, we will read the amazing tale of Sānudāsa (a kind of South Asian Sinbad), from Buddhasvāmin's famous "The Abridged Version of the Great Story."

Course/Module aims:

The course has two main goals. First, to impart the students with a quick and smooth technique of reading Sanskrit. Second, to familiarize the students with Sanskrit narrative and the kathā genre and some of its typical characters, including merchants, sailors, amazingly beautiful women, and gigantic sea monsters (partial list).

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

To read smoothly and quickly a Sanskrit text of medium difficulty, to become familiar with fables and tales as a major component of Sanskrit literature.

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Reading, rereading, and reading again and again. This requires preparation at home on a daily basis and active participating in class.

Course/Module Content:

A full list of the reading materials is found on the Moodle site.

Required Reading:

For a detailed description of the required passages in Sanskrit and suggested secondary readings, please see the Moodle site.

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 70 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 10 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 20 %
Other 0 %

Additional information: