

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

SANSKRIT FOR BEGINNERS - 35529

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HU Credits: 8

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Asian Studies

Academic year: 0

Semester: Yearly

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The course introduces the morphology and syntax of Classical Sanskrit. The reading materials are based on Sanskrit sources and accompanied with writing exercises. Acquaintance with cultural and historical hermeneutics.

Course/Module aims:

The course provides basic knowledge of the grammar of Sanskrit as a research language and trains the students in reading and parsing on the basis of philological and linguistic analysis. In addition, the course acquaints the students with the basics of Classical Indian Culture as expressed in Sanskrit language structure and texts.

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

identify and inflect verbal and nominal morphology
analyse syntactic structures
translate texts from and to Sanskrit
utilize basic philological methodology
acquisition of the basic concepts of Classical Indian thought

Attendance requirements(%):

100%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: class and exercises

Course/Module Content:

the Devanagari script
sandhi
the verb in thematic classes
quotation and negation
case forms for noun stems ending in -a
pronouns and demonstratives
the past passive participle
the copula
particles: conjunction, emphasis, contrast, selection and simile
absolutive
noun stems ending in a consonant

temporal adverbs
indefinite pronouns
demonstrative pronouns
verbal endings - atmanepada
past imperfect
noun stems ending in -an
nominal compound tatpurusha
predicative accusative
simile clause
noun stems ending in -i, -u and -ant
past active participle
nominal compound karmadharaya
causative
present stem of verb classes 2 and 3
passive
imperative
nominal compound dvandva
noun stems ending in -in
relative clause
nominal compound bahuvrihi
present stem of verb classes 5 and 8
infinitive
past perfect
noun stems ending in -r
present participle
locative absolute
genitive absolute
present stem of verb classes 7 and 9
optative
denominative
future
periphrastic future
periphrastic perfect
future passive participle
abstract nouns
desiderative
nominal compound avyayibhava
compound verbs
aorist
intensive
comparative and superlative
cardinals and ordinals
directive endings
irrealis
nominal derivations

Required Reading:

"Sanskrit: Language of the Gods", David Shulman and Priya Hart, Magnes, 1997 [in Hebrew]

Additional Reading Material:

Exercises distributed in class

Reading selections from various Sanskrit sources accompanied with glossaries

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 40 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 20 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 30 %

Other 10 %

Attendance

Additional information:

a minimum grade of 70 is required for students for whom this is a mandatory course in the Department of Asian Studies.