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Course No. HUC 5003 BASIC SANSKRIT 3 Credits
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Catalogue Description of the Course – Philosophy of Sanskrit language, order of alphabets, devanagari character design, Siva sutras, Shiksha-Shastra, voicing and scripting devanagari Sanskrit, linguistically and culturally elegant reading, writing and apprehending of devanagari Sanskrit script in transliteration and digital media.

Course Objectives:

1. Configure your WindowsXP or Windows Vista computer to type the Sanskrit Devanagari alphabet. The Devanagari fonts are already in Microsoft Word 2003 and 2007.
2. Using a phonetically-mapped keyboard learn to type the Devanagari alphabet.
3. Using Judith Tyberg’s textbook, *First Lessons in Sanskrit Grammar and Reading*, this course requires the completion of the first sixteen chapters followed by a final examination.
4. Mastery of the eight cases of Sanskrit nouns.
5. Mastery of some of the verb tenses found in the Gita and Upanishads.
6. Ability to pass a reading exam based upon the course content listed below.

Textbook:

First Lessons in Sanskrit Grammar and Reading by Judith Tyberg. Please purchase this text from www.amazon.com or another vendor or your choice.

Course Contents:

1. Devanagari alphabet, conjunct consonants and four practice writing/typing lessons using words derived from Yoga and Hindu philosophy studies (e.g. asana, guru, dharma, karma etc.).
2. Sanskrit nouns, gender and root or dictionary forms.
3. Sanskrit verb roots, mastering the ‘guna’ concept for verb roots. Sanskrit numerals from one to fifteen. A Sanskrit numeral handout sheet is provided for reference.
4. First sandhi rules and simple noun/verb sentences. Numerals 16-85.
5. Sandhi rules continued. More practice with simple sentences.
6. Future tense of verbs. Numerals 86 and beyond.
7. Vocative and accusative cases. Translation practice.
8. Irregular verbs, negative particle ‘na’ and interrogatives. Sandhi rules continued.

9. Nominative and vocative plurals; word order. Samdhi rules continued.
10. Accusative plural. Samdhi rules continued.
11. Instrumental case. Samdhi rules continued.
12. Past passive participle. Translation practice.
13. The perfect tense. Translation practice.
14. Conjunctive participle (gerund).
15. Indeclinable words. Dative and ablative cases. Samdhi rules continued.
16. The genitive and locative (last two cases of Sanskrit). Translation practice
17. Final examination. This is a reading selection or a series of sentences based entirely on prior grammar and vocabulary.

Evaluation Scheme:

Written assignments – 50%

Final examination – 50%

Grading Scheme (letter grade for this course)

A = 95-100%

B = 85-94 %

C = 75-84%

D = 64-74%

F = 63 or below

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