

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
Department of Religious Studies
Sanskrit III: Intermediate Sanskrit (SRK 3202)
& Sanskrit Exegesis II (SRK 5002)
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Course Description:

This course is the continuation of an introduction to the basic grammar and writing system of the Classical Sanskrit language. Students will learn syntax, system of euphonic combination (*sandhi*), several more noun declension and verb conjugation paradigms, relative-correlative constructions, the word root (*dhātu*) system, and other grammatical features of the language, focusing on gaining reading and writing competency. Students will learn how to trace words back to their root forms and gain competency with reading aids such as dictionaries and root lists.

Course Objectives:

By the end of the semester, students should be able to:

- (1) Understand the system of euphonic combination of phonemes and words (*sandhi*).
- (2) Conjugate verbs in the present and imperfect tenses; know gerund formation.
- (3) Have command of Sanskrit pronouns.
- (4) Master relative-correlative sentence constructions.
- (5) Know the system of compounding words and the analysis of compounds.
- (6) Understand the system of word roots (*dhātus*)
- (7) Begin reading simple passages from Sanskrit texts (*Bhagavad-Gītā*).

Textbooks:

Required Reading

- Wikner, Charles. *A Practical Sanskrit Introductory*. The .pdf file is available on the course Blackboard page. It can also be found online at the following link: http://sanskritdocuments.org/learning_tutorial_wikner/index.html
- Egenes, Thomas. *Introduction to Sanskrit*. Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass. (Also available free online if you hunt for it.)

Recommended Books

- Lanman, Charles Rockwell. *A Sanskrit Reader: Text and Vocabulary and Notes*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 1884.
- Muller, F. Max. *A Sanskrit Grammar for Beginners: In Devanagari and Roman Letters Throughout*. London: Longmans, Green, and Co. Second Edition, Revised and Accentuated, 1870.

- NOTE: Both books are in public domain and can thus be acquired free online (using Google Books, etc.).

For learning and practicing correct pronunciation, see the following and other such links:

<http://www.selfdiscoveryportal.com/cmSanskritPron.htm>

Course Policies:

I. Attendance and Class Participation

It is a key for students to attend class in order to be successful in this course. If a student arrives late or leaves early it is disruptive BOTH to the lecturer and students alike. To alleviate this from happening I will count ONE absence for every TWO late arrivals or early departures. Class participation is also important so that students can work together. Involvement and dialogue is highly encouraged in this class.

II. Plagiarism

Plagiarism is defined as “theft of another person’s work or ideas,” and will NOT be tolerated.

Plagiarism, in forms some students may not be aware of may include:

- (1) A written work that is entirely stolen from another source
- (2) Using quotations from sources without proper citation
- (3) Paraphrasing from a source without proper citation

Students are expected to understand the definition of plagiarism. To view the University Code of Academic Integrity please visit <http://www.fiu.edu/~oabp/misconductweb/2codeofacainteg.htm> When all else fails, ask the instructor for help. If you are found guilty you could receive a failing grade for the course which in some cases leads to dismissal from the course and in severe cases from the university.

III. Quizzes

There are six scheduled quizzes in the course. Additionally, there may be random pop quizzes given with the lessons. Be prepared for every class. Quiz grades comprise 30% of the final grade.

IV. Assignment

There will be text books assigned in the class. each student will pick one. The assignment is to write 10-15 sentences in Sanskrit about the book, transliterate the specified chapter from the books and find 15 Sandhi words from the given chapter.

V. Late Assignments

Late assignments will lose half a letter grade per day and will not be accepted after five days beyond the due date.

Course Grade Distribution and Grading Scale:

Attendance and Class Participation	25%
Exam	20%
Test	30%
Assignments	25%

Grading scale:

93-100 A	90-92 A-	
87-89 B+	83-86 B	80-82 B-
77-79 C+	73-76 C	70-72 C-
67-69 D+	63-66 D	60-62 D- 0 - 59 F

Day	Class schedule
Week 1 Aug 24 - 28	Sandhi Practice (Dirgh, Guna, Vriddhi, Visarga Consonant, Internal Sandhi) Noun tables - Yushmad, Ashmad, Sarva, Tat, Yat, Etat, Kim,
Week 2 Aug 31 - Sep 4	Practice of verbs in Atmanepadi and Parasmaipadi (Three Tenses) As, Kri The Gerund Test (Friday)
Week 3 Sep 7 - 11	Good manners (material) Some simple sentences -2&3(material)
Week 4 Sep 14 - 18	Sanskrit counting from 1-100 Test (Friday)
Week 5 Sep 21 -25	Practice of simple day to day words (material)
Week 6 Sep 28- Oct 02	Formation of Dhçtu (from material - ISRK -II, pg.)
Week 7 Oct 05 - 09	Introduction to Compound words
Week 8 Oct 12 - 16	Cont'd Compound Words Test (Friday)
Oct 19 - Dec 04	Readings of Bhagvad Gita Sanskrit Quotations Passage writings & More Practice Assignment

Week 16 Dec 07 - 11	Review Final Exam