

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
Department of Religious Studies
Sanskrit II: Basic Sanskrit (SRK 2101)
& 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%
Quizzes	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	SUBJECT AND STUDY MATERIAL
Mon Jan 12	Explanation of syllabus and review of Skt-1, articulation of alphabets and numbers
Wed Jan 14	Practice of Vowels, Consonants, Conjunct Consonants and Embellishment
Fri Jan 16	Practice of Noun Tables https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eyDUj1ezUQg (nidhi story)
Mon Jan 19	Martin Luther King Day
Wed Jan 21	Introduction to Sandhi: <i>Guṇa</i> and <i>Vṛddhi</i> Lesson 10.A.1-2; pp. 77-8 Rules of Vowel Sandhi, Saṁprasāraṇa ISRK pg. 94 Ex. 1, 2, 3
Fri Jan 23	Quiz -1
Mon Jan 26	Final -s (<i>visarga</i>) Sandhi Lesson 11.A.1; p. 85-86 ISRK. pg 114 Ex - 1, 2, 3
Wed Jan 28	Consonant Sandhi, Internal Sandhi, Lesson 11.A.2-3; pp. 86-7 ISRK pg. 132 Vocabulary
Fri Jan 30	Sandhi Exercises, "sarva " noun table
Mon Feb 2	Pronoun case of 'mad - asmad' & 'tvad - yuṣmad ' (ISRK pg.128, 129) ISRK pg. 133 Ex - 1 & 2
Wed Feb 4	Pronoun case of 'tad', 'etad', 'yad' (ISRKpg.146, 177)
Fri Feb 6	Quiz -2
Mon Feb 9	Root 'as', & few verbs of ātmanepada and parasmaipada, some indeclinable ISRK pg. 136 - 137
Wed Feb 11	The Gerund , ISRK pg. 161 - 162
Fri Feb 13	ISRK pg. 164 Ex. 1 & 2 Noun table for 'bhavat' (You)
Mon Feb 16	Relative - Correlative Clauses ISRK pg. 172 - 177
Wed Feb 18	Vocabulary & Ex. ISRK pg. 178 - 180 , Root 'kr'
Fri Feb 20	Assignment due
Fri Feb 20	Quiz 3
Mon Feb 23	Imperfect Tense (laṅ lakāra) ISRK pg. 188 - 194
Wed Feb 25	Practice Cont'd ISRK pg. 199, 210 Assignment Submission
Fri Feb 27	Translate the Passage (Call of Dawn 1st chapter by Acharya Mahapragya)
Mon Mar 2	Introduction to Compound Words (<i>samāsas</i>) Lesson 10.B, ISRK pg. 210 - 213

Wed Mar 4	<i>samāśas</i> Lesson 11.B.1-2; pg. 82-3, 88-9
Fri Mar 6	Quiz - 4
Mon Mar 9	Spring break
Wed Mar 11	Spring break
Fri Mar 13	Spring break
Mon Mar 16	Compounds Cont'd: Bahuvrīhi Compounds Lesson 11.B.3 - 4 pg.89 ,
Wed Mar 18	Compounds Cont'd, ISRK pg. 233 - 237
Fri Mar 20	<i>samāśas</i> cont'd Ex. pg. 90
Mon Mar 23	Words beginning with 'sa' Lesson 13 -1, pg 97
Wed Mar 25	Lṛṭ Lakāra: Future Tense & Exercise (verb material)
Fri Mar 27	Quiz -5
Mon Mar 30	Vidhiliṅ lakār & Exercise (Verb material)
Wed Apr 1	loṭ lakār & Exercise (Verb material)
Fri Apr 3	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p2cg9NzD9Fs
Mon Apr 6	Formation of Dhātu (from material - ISRK -II, pg.)
Wed Apr 8	Cont'd Formation of Dhātu (from material)
Fri Apr 10	Quiz - 6
Mon Apr 13	Cont'd Formation of Dhātu (from material)
Wed Apr 15	Passage reading Bhagwad Gita
Fri Apr 17	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KnIBwHJPWuA
Mon Apr 20	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zWnEBKDnZ3k (kalabhi story)
Wed Apr 22	Review
Fri Apr 24	Review
Mon Apr 27	Final Exam