

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Department of Religious Studies

Sanskrit I: Basic Sanskrit (SRK 2100) & Sanskrit Exegesis I (SRK 5001) Spring 2017

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Course Description:

This course is meant to introduce the student to the basic grammar and writing system of the Classical Sanskrit language. Students will learn the phonology, pronunciation, alphabet, syntax, system of euphonic combination (sandhi), and essential grammar 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) Know correct pronunciation and reading of Sanskrit phonemes and simple text.
- (2) Understand the correct meaning of basic Sanskrit words and simple sentences.

(3) Learn the parts of speech of Sanskrit words and their syntactical structure in sentences.

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 in the following links:

http://sanskritdocuments.org/learning_tutorial_wikner/index.html

<ftp://ftp.nac.ac.za/wikner/sktintro.ps600-letter-march97>

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 such other links:

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

Course Policies:

I. Attendance and Class Participation

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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 BOTH disruptive 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 challenge each other. Involvement and dialogue is highly encouraged in this class. Attendance and class participation is vital to a university education and will make up 10% of the course grade.

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. Pop Quizzes

There may be random pop quizzes given with the lessons. Be prepared for every class. Quiz grades will be factored into the attendance and class participation grade, which is 10% of the final grade.

IV. 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%
Exams (2 in total)	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

Syllabus SRK 2100/5001 – Introduction to Sanskrit

Day	Topics
Week 1	Explanation of Syllabus and Introduction – What is Sanskrit? Sanskrit Phonetics – vowels (svara) (Lesson 1.A; pp. 1-5) Sanskrit Phonetics – consonants (vyañjana), anusvara [(a)ṃ], and visarga [(a)ḥ] Reading Exercise: Hearing and Pronouncing Sanskrit Lessons 1.A, 2.A, 3.A; pp. 6, 13-15, 21-23

Week 2 Devanāgarī Script – simple vowels (a, ā, i, ī, u, ū)

Lessons 1.A.8; pp. 6-7

Exercises 1.B.3 (a) and (b) only – make flash cards (pp. 11-12)

Devanāgarī Script – vowels cont'd., anusvara (a)ṁ, visarga (a)ḥ Lesson 2.A.4; p. 16

Exercises 2.B.2 (a) and (b) only – make flash cards (pp. 19-20)

Week 3 Devanāgarī Script – consonants (guttural [ka-ṅa] and palatal [ca-ña])

Lesson 3.A.6; p. 24 – make flash cards (pp. 29-30)

Exercises 3.B.3 (a) and (b) only; p. 27 – make flash cards (pp. 29-30)

Quiz : Sanskrit Alphabet in Roman transliteration (Review: 3.A.5)

Week 4 Devanāgarī Script – consonants (cerebral [ṭa-ṇa] and dental [ta-na])

Lesson 4.A.1; p. 31

Exercises 4.B.3 (a) and (c) only – make flash cards (pp. 35-36)

Devanāgarī Script – consonants (labial [pa-ma],

semi-vowels, sibilants)

Lesson 5.A; p. 37

Exercises 5.B.2 (a) and (c) only – make flash cards (pp. 41-44)

Week 5

Vowels after Consonant & History of Vowel Embellishment

Lesson 6.A; pp. 45-46 Exercises 6.B.4 (a) only

Halanta/Virāma and Consonant Conjuncts

Lesson 7.A; pp. 53-59

Exercises 7.B.2 (a)-(c), (e)

Quiz: Devanagari Alphabet (full characters only)

Week 6

Consonant Conjuncts continued

Lesson 7.A; pp. 53-59 Exercises 7.B.2 (a)-(c), (e)

Special Symbols, Savarna, Anusvara & Numbers

Lesson 8.A; pp. 63-64 (See 9.A.2; pp. 71-72 for alternate forms) Exercises 8.B.5 (a)-(c) – make flashcards (pp. 69-70)

Concept of Dhātu and Introduction to Present-System Verbs Lesson 1.B; pp. 8-9

Week 7 Exercises 1.B.3 (d) and (e) only
Quiz: Devanāgarī Alphabet – conjunct and special characters, numbers

Week 8 Present-System Verbs continued

Lesson 1.B.2, 2.B; pp. 8-9, 17

Parasmaipada and Ātmanepada Verb Conjugations
Lesson 2.B & 3.B.1; pp. 17, 25
Exercises 2.B.2 (c) and (d) – see verb conjugation paradigm on pp. 25, 32

Verbal Prefixes and Syntax (Word Order)

Lesson 7.B, ; pp. 60-61
Homework: Make flashcards of the verbal prefixes (listed on p. 61)

Week 9 Noun Cases: Nominative and Accusative (a-stem masculine)

Lesson 3.B.2; p. 26

Noun Cases: Nominative and Accusative (a-stem masculine), cont'd Exercises 3.B.3 (c) and (d)
Assignment Due

Noun Cases: Instrumental, Dative, Ablative (a-stem masc.) Lesson 4.B.2; p. 33
Exercises 4.B.3 (b), (d), and (e)

Quiz : Present Tense P and Ā Conjugations of

√nī (Review pp. 25, 32)

Week 10 Noun Cases: Genitive, Locative, and Vocative (a-stem masc.) Lesson 5.B; p. 38-39

Noun Cases: Genitive, Locative, and Vocative (a-stem masc.), cont'd Exercises 5.B.2 (b), (d), and (e) – see table, p. 51 (6.B.3)

Noun Gender: Neuter a-stem Declensions Lesson 6.B.2-3; pp. 50-51

Quiz : Noun Declension of bāla (a-stem masculine)

Week 11 Noun Gender: Feminine ā-stem Declensions Lesson 6.B.2-3; pp. 50-51

Noun Gender Exercises

Exercises 6.B.4 (b)-(d)

More Noun Declensions: Masculine i- and u-stems; Feminine ī-stem

Lesson 8.B.1 and table; pp. 65-66
Homework: Memorize noun declension table p. 66 and vocabulary list p. 67

Quiz: Neuter (phala) and Feminine (bālā) Noun Declensions (See p. 50)

Week 12 Adjectives & Adverbs

Lesson 8.B.2-3

Noun, Adverb, and Adjective Exercises

Exercises 8.B.5 (d)-(f)

Pronunciation and Parts of Speech, Use of iti
Lesson 9.A.1, 9.B; pp. 71, 75

Quiz: Masculine i- and u-stem Noun Declensions
(See p. 66)

Week 13 Exercises for Pronunciation and Parts of Speech,
Use of iti Exercises 9.B.3 (c)-(f)

Exercises for Pronunciation and Parts of Speech,
Use of iti, cont'd. Exercises 9.B.3 (c)-(f)

Introduction to Sandhi: Guṇa and Vṛddhi Lesson
10.A.1-2; pp. 77-8

Quiz : Feminine ī-stem Noun Declension (See p.
66)

Week 14 Sandhi Continued: Vowel Sandhi

Lesson 10.A.3-5; pp. 78-81

Vowel Sandhi, continued

Lesson 10.A.3-5; pp. 78-81

Exercises for Vowel Sandhi

Exercises 10.B.3 (c)

Quiz: Translate and Compose Sentences (Review Chapter 9)

Week 15 Exercises for Vowel Sandhi, continued
Exercises 10.B.3 (c)
Final -s (visarga) Sandhi Lesson 11.A.1; p. 85-86
Consonant Sandhi, Internal Sandhi
Lesson 11.A.2-3; pp. 86-7
Quiz: Vowel Sandhi (Review Chapter 10.A)

Week 16 Sandhi Review
04-28-2017 Final Exam (9.45-11.45 AM, DM 323)
