Course Description: This is an introductory course on learning how to read Tibetan Buddhist texts and does not require prior knowledge of literary Tibetan. It is run for one full academic year that is divided in two consecutive semesters. In the first semester students learn to read and write Tibetan, while acquiring a practical understanding of grammar and the ability to translate sentences and short passages mainly from Tibetan to English, but also from English to Tibetan.

Course Learning Outcomes: At the end of this course, the students are expected to understand Tibetan grammatical functions, and to gain the ability to read and write simple sentences and passages in Tibetan.

Teaching and Learning Method: Lectures, class discussions and tutorials.

Semester: First Semester
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Classroom: MB141

Course Assessment: Quiz, attendance and completion of assignments (50%), Final exam (50%). (Weekly lectures and lesson plans will be made available on moodle)

General expectations of student performance at the various grades:


About Plagiarism:

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## Course Outline (tentative)

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Romanization (the Wylie system)  
Pronunciation (following central Tibetan dialect)  
Punctuation markers |
| Lesson 2 | 3 superfixed letters  
10 Suffixes  
5 Prefixes |
| Lesson 3 | 4 Subfixed letters  
2 Post suffixes  
Identification of root letter |
| Lesson 4 | Forming nouns  
Forming adjectives  
Gender marker  
Forming adverbial constructions  
Forming verbal infinitives and verbal nouns |
| Lesson 5 | Plural particles  
Demonstrative pronouns  
Possession particles  
Declarative particles  
Negation particles  
Linking verbs |
| Lesson 6 | Cardinal/ Ordinal number  
Conjunctive particles  
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Forming compounds  
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Possessing expression (have and has) |
| Lesson 8 | Genitive particle between two nouns  
Genitive particle between noun and adjective  
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**Lesson 12**
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**Textbook:**


**Reference Sources :**

**I. Dictionaries / Glossaries**

II. Grammars


III. Other


*(Last updated: July 23, 2019)*