BSTC 2020 Sanskrit Language II (6 Credits)
(The course is open to students from all faculties as a free elective)

Course Description: Sanskrit, being one of the most ancient languages known to humankind, is considered to be a key to understanding human civilization, in particular, the rich cultural, philosophical and religious heritage of India whose influence on our world continues to be felt. Students of history, history of science, comparative literature, general and historical linguistics, philosophy and religions will discover that a basic knowledge of the language greatly enriches their studies. It is one of the three languages in which Early Buddhist teachings are preserved. Indian Buddhist schools such as Sarvāstivāda, Yogācāra, Mādhyamikā composed most of their texts in Sanskrit. Many Mahāyāna texts such as the Prajñāpāramitā literature, Śraddharmapoñḍarikā-sūtra and many more treatises were composed in Sanskrit. Therefore, for students who intend to specialize in different aspects of Buddhism, a reading knowledge of Sanskrit is essential. This course is intended for those who have successfully completed BSTC 2008: Sanskrit Language I. This course will cover structure, and grammar of the language, covering topics such as possessive nouns, numerals, relatives, and future passive participle, present participle, passive voice, imperative mood, and optative mood, different forms of past tense, declensions and conjugations.

Prerequisite: BSTC2008 Sanskrit Language I

Objectives:
(1) To enable students to read and comprehend Sanskrit texts.
(2) To enable understand the structure, and grammar of the Sanskrit language.
(3) To help students to understand Sanskrit Buddhist Literature.

Course Content: The course begins with Sanskrit grammar along with exercises selected from Buddhist texts. As the students learn and attempt the graded passages, all the grammars involved will be analyzed and doctrines explained to them in a gradual build-up manner. This includes the following: possessive nouns, numerals, relatives, and future passive participle, present participle, passive voice, imperative mood, and optative mood, different forms of past tense, declensions and conjugations.

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

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Assessment:

- **50%** - Coursework
  - 15 %-Attendance
  - 20 %- Quiz
  - 15 % - Home work
- **50%** - Final examination at the end of the semester.

General expectations of student performance at the various grades:


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**Lecture Schedule**

Lesson 1 (20th Jan 2020).
- The passive voice.
- Declension of interrogative pronouns.
- The integrative particles.
- Vocabularies and Exercises.

Lesson 2 (3rd Feb 2020).
- Possessive suffix –*in*.
- Future Passive Participles.
- Vocabularies and Exercises.

Lesson 3 (10th Feb 2020).
- Relatives and correlatives.
- Numerals: Cardinal.
- Vocabularies and Exercises.

Lesson 4 (17th Feb 2020).
- Declension of *bhagavant*.
- Possessive suffixes ‘-*mant*’ and ‘-*vant*.’
- The Future Tense.
- Vocabularies and Exercises.

Lesson 5 (24th Feb 2020).
- Compounds —*dvandva* and *tatpurusa*.
- Infinitive.
- Vocabularies and Exercises.
Lesson 6 (2nd Mar 2020).
- Declension of the demonstrative.
- Declension of noun ending in –an.
- The Class II verbs.
- The Passive Voice.

Lesson 7 (23rd Mar 2020).
- Present participles.
- Compounds — Karmadhāraya-samāsa.
- Mid-term quiz 1.

Lesson 8 (30th Mar 2020).
- Compounds — Avyayībhāva-samāsa.
- Declension of Consonant Ending Nouns.
- Vocabulary Exercises.

Lesson 9 (6th Apr 2020).
- Class IX verbs.
- The Imperative Mood.
- Ordinal numbers.
- Declension of Agent Nouns.
- Vocabulary Exercises.

Lesson 10 (20th Apr 2020)
- Periphrastic Future.
- Conjugation of Class V verbs.
- Conjugation of Class VIII verbs.
- The Optative Mood.

Lesson 11 (27th Apr 2020).
- Compounds — Bahuvrīhi.
- The Past Participle Active.
- Conjugation of Class III verbs.
- The Imperfect Tense.
- Vocabulary Exercises.

Note: This schedule is both approximate and flexible. We may deviate from it depending on the pace of students’ comprehension.

Textbook:

Note: we will not follow the textbook exactly. Handouts will be given to students in every class.

Reference books:

Online basic Sanskrit Grammar: http://www.learnsanskrit.org/grammar
Online Sanskrit-English Dictionary http://www.sanskrit-lexicon.uni-koeln.de/monier/
Writing Devanāgarī Script http://enjoylearningsanskrit.com/sanskrit-alphabet-tuto

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