

Erasmus Academy Summer Language Program 2019

Sanskrit Online **May 20 – July 11, 2019**

Purpose

This intensive course is designed for college and graduate students desiring to learn the Sanskrit language for their proficiency exam for masters and PhD programs, for other university students or motivated high school student desiring to read in the language, or for others with a personal interest in Sanskrit and its literature for devotional or other purposes. It provides a thorough presentation of classical Sanskrit grammar and introduces the student to Sanskrit prose, with an emphasis on reading and translation. No previous knowledge of the language is required. The objective of the course, approximating a year of university instruction, is to bring the student to an intermediate reading level, preparing him or her to enter a second year college Sanskrit course.

Course Structure

As a distance learning course, students may take this class from any location, including the convenience of their home. They will need to have access to the Internet and to a telephone line. The course meets in “real time” and participants are expected to attend all the scheduled sessions. Each student has the opportunity to participate fully in every class by listening, speaking, translating, and posing questions. Assignments may be emailed to the Instructor. The 8-week course meets two times a week (Mondays & Thursdays), 6:15pm-9:15pm EST; it comprises 48 hours of instruction. Each 3-hour session includes grammar, strategies for analyzing Sanskrit sentences, vocabulary & verb review, sight-reading, and quizzes. Presuming 4 hours of outside preparation for each hour in class, 30 hours (6 + 24) a week should be available for study.

Textbook

Devavāṇīpraveśikā: An Introduction to the Sanskrit Language by Robert P. Goldman and Sally J. Sutherland Goldman. Third Edition. Center for South Asia Studies, University of California, Berkeley.

Recommended reference work: *A Sanskrit Grammar for Students* by Arthur A. MacDonell. Third Edition. London: Oxford University Press.

Instructor

Dr. B.J. Chiarucci earned MA and PhD degrees from the University of California Berkeley in the Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies. She spent the summer of 2004 at Heidelberg University in Germany, practicing spoken Sanskrit, and she spent several summers in India where she took further language courses in Sanskrit, Prakrit, and Tamil. At UC Berkeley, she taught in the Dept. of South and Southeast Asian Studies and in the Department of History of Art between 2005-2011. Her interests include Sanskrit literature, the history of yoga, and manuscript studies. Dr. Chiarucci currently lives in Kyoto, Japan from where she will be teaching the Erasmus Academy Sanskrit summer course according to the schedule as indicated above.

Registration, Course Fee and Refund Policy

The fee for Summer Sanskrit Online is \$1050, payable in full to the Erasmus Academy no later than May 1, 2019. To reserve a place in the course, an enrollment form and a non-refundable deposit of \$75 must be submitted to the Admissions Office of the Erasmus Academy NY anytime between Nov. 1, 2018 and May 1, '19. Early application is recommended due to space availability.

The maximum number of students in this online course is 20. There are “Early Bird” registration options: if full payment is made by February 15, 2019, the fee for the course is \$850. If full payment is made by March 15, '19, the course fee is \$900; and by April 15, '19, the course fee is \$950. Students may make payments and register online, at the website below. To complete the Enrollment Form, please download it, fill out, scan and return it by email attachment.

If, after the first two weeks of classes, a student wishes to discontinue the Sanskrit course, a letter to this effect must be received by the Erasmus Academy Office by 4:00pm on Friday, May 31, 2019. Thereupon, a refund of the entire course fee paid, less \$75, will be returned to the student. There are no refunds after May 31, 2019.

Registration Deadline: May 1, 2019
Course Fee: \$1050

*If you would like to contact the Instructor directly,
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