

Intermediate Classical Tibetan Summer Intensive

June 13 to August 10, 2018

Includes 8 weeks of classes plus 4 days of Orientation

The Centre for Buddhist Studies at Rangjung Yeshe Institute is pleased to offer a summer of intensive Intermediate Classical Tibetan language training. Classes are held Mondays through Fridays, and although the course is quite intensive, weekends are generally left for students to explore the Kathmandu Valley and mingle with the local Tibetan community of Boudhanath. Also, several times throughout the program, the Centre for Buddhist Studies will arrange guided tours of major cultural sites of the Valley.

Instructors at the program are faculty from the Centre for Buddhist Studies.

The Academic Program

This summer intensive is offered for intermediate-level students with two semesters of prior study of Classical Tibetan. The course assumes familiarity with the fundamentals of Tibetan grammar, including the eight cases and their associated particles and common grammatical structures and verb tenses, along with knowledge of Buddhist terms and vocabulary.

The course offers four hours of class work each day, including group translation work. In addition to satisfactory grades, students must maintain an attendance rate of 80% throughout the course in order to pass. The level of intensity of the program is high and students are expected to invest considerable time and effort in order to meet class requirements and academic expectations. That said, any student who successfully completes this course will be well on his or her way towards a high degree of proficiency in the Classical Tibetan language.

Students who complete the course receive academic credit at the Centre for Buddhist Studies for Classical Tibetan I II and Classical Tibetan IV (6 credits total). This course covers two full semesters of material and therefore earns six credits. Students spend four hours each day in class and the expected work time outside of class ranges between two and four hours per day depending on student interest and ability.

Additional Features and Services

- Orientation program with introduction to Nepal
- All classes are held in a traditional monastic setting near the Boudhanath Stupa
- Opportunities to meet and receive teachings from resident Buddhist teachers
- Cultural visits to ancient sites of the Kathmandu Valley

- Efficient medical referral system
- Access to the full facilities of the CBS campus including wireless Internet access at selected campus locations, assistance from our full-time Student Services Coordinator, and on-site library facilities.
- Good links to local trekking, rafting and sight-seeing companies

Price

Price includes tuition, lunch at the Institute's restaurant on school days, and tours.

Admission Criteria

This program has a maximum intake of 15 students and all applications are subject to approval by the Centre for Buddhist Studies.

Application

To apply for the program, fill in the application form found at the registration page of this Website.

Course Description

Students will read and translate Buddhist literature during class, with emphasis placed on consolidating and developing further knowledge of grammatical structures and Buddhist terminology. Grammar will be explained on the basis of the texts as they are read, and complementary handouts will be provided during the course. The course will consist of readings from different genres of texts, including indigenous Tibetan philosophical literature as well as texts translated from Sanskrit. Students will be required to memorize vocabulary, as well as doing written homework assignments, and will be quizzed regularly on the material covered in class. This course is taught by a western instructor.

Daily Practicum

Students work in groups to translate sentences and sections of texts, with instructors available for questions and consultation.

Course Materials

The course materials will be available for purchase at the CBS office.