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Taught by: Obrock
Course usually offered in fall term
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit
Notes: Contact professor to discuss actual class times that work for all students.

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Taught by: Obrock
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisites: Beginning Sanskrit Part I or equivalent ascertained through placement test or permission of instructor.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

This course will lead students to consolidate their knowledge of Sanskrit grammar and increase their familiarity with Sanskrit literature of all kinds, including epic, literary, philosophical, and narrative genres of texts. It will also introduce students to the study and reading of inscriptive materials.

For BA Students: Last Language Course
Two terms. student must enter first term.
Prerequisites: Intermediate Sanskrit II or equivalent ascertained through placement test or permission of instructor.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

This course is for advanced students of Sanskrit. Designed as a seminar, the course aims to take students through the primary and secondary sources of Sanskrit literary and philosophical production. Each semester will focus on a different genre: epic, belles-lettres, lyric poetry, drama, philosophy, shastra, advanced grammar, history, poetics, and epigraphy. We will focus on original sources, secondary scholarship, and theoretical approaches toward the translation and study of Sanskrit texts.

One-term course offered either term
Prerequisites: Advanced Sanskrit or equivalent ascertained through test or permission of instructor.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

Topics vary by semester in Advanced Sanskrit
Course not offered every year
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit