Elementary Sanskrit: An Intensive Course

Objective:
This course is designed to cover in eight weeks the amount of material usually treated in two semesters of a university-level elementary Sanskrit course. The first seven weeks will be spent working through the twenty-one chapters of Goldman’s Sanskrit primer, Devavāṇīpraveśikā, along with a useful variety of handouts that will be provided by the instructor. Students will be also encouraged to use Arthur A. MacDonell’s A Sanskrit Grammar for Students as a reference book. The final week will be entirely focused on reading comprehension using passages from the Sanskrit epic Mahābhārata.

The aim of the course is to provide students with a broad familiarity with Sanskrit grammar, basic compositional skills, and the ability to read epic Sanskrit with the aid of a dictionary, so that they will be prepared to enter a university-level intermediate Sanskrit course in the Fall.

Required Texts:
- Readings from the Mahābhārata will be provided by the Instructor.

[Highly] Recommended Texts:

Grading:
Since the summer term is divided into two four-week sessions, students will receive two reported letter grades - one for each session. They will be determined based on:

Attendance and class participation: 40%
Performance on daily quizzes and weekly tests: 40%
Final examination: 20%

P.S. I hope that everybody is aware that this is an extremely fast-paced course. It is essential that you do not miss class - one day of this course is roughly equivalent to a week of regular
classes and missing a single class usually means missing an entire unit of Sanskrit grammar. Therefore, each absence will influence your final grade (four unexcused absences within four-week session will reduce a grade by a single letter i.e. student with A would receive B, and so forth).

Course Schedule:

**Week 1 (June 15-19):** Goldman, Chapters 1-3  
**Week 2 (June 22-26):** Goldman, Chapters 4-6  
**Week 3 (June 29 - July 3):** Goldman, Chapters 7-9  
**Week 4 (July 6-10):** Goldman, Chapters 10-12  
**Week 5 (July 13-17):** Goldman, Chapters 13-15  
**Week 6 (July 20-24):** Goldman, Chapters 16-18  
**Week 7 (July 27-31):** Goldman, Chapters 19-21  
**Week 8 (August 3-7):** reading from *Mahābhārata* (*Nalopākhyāna*; Lanman, Part I)

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Contact information for the McBurney Disability Resource Center:  
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• forges or falsifies academic documents or records;
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