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SANS_V 400 – Intermediate Sanskrit

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Learning Sanskrit opens the door to understanding some of the most diverse intellectual, literary, philosophical, and religious traditions of South Asia, from premodernity to the present day. As an intensive summer course, SANS 400 will give students an opportunity to learn and review the more advanced grammar and vocabulary needed to read Sanskrit texts. Building upon these skills, students will get extensive practice and guidance translating and interpreting selections from Sanskrit works, such as the Sanskrit epics, classical poetry, and commentarial literature.

Mode of Delivery: Online, meets 4 times a week.

Sample Readings

Mahābhārata, including selections from the *Bhagavadgītā*

Kathāsaritsāgara (*Ocean of Story-Rivers*)

Mānava-dharma-śāstra (*The Laws of Manu*)

Assignments

Participation | 20%

Entry Tickets and Waypoints | 20%

Quizzes | 20%

Writing Assignments & Revisions | 20%

Final Translation Project | 20%