

TIBETAN (TIBET)

TIBET 1111 - Elementary Modern Tibetan I (4 Credits)

This is an introductory course and no previous knowledge is required. It focuses on developing basic abilities to speak as well as to read and write in modern Tibetan, Lhasa dialect. Students are also introduced to modern Tibetan studies through selected readings and guest lectures.

Exploratory Studies: (SAAREA)

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

Schedule of Classes

TIBET 1112 - Elementary Modern Tibetan II (4 Credits)

This is an introductory course. It focuses on developing basic abilities to speak as well as to read and write in modern Tibetan, Lhasa dialect. Students are also introduced to modern Tibetan studies through selected readings and guest lectures.

Prerequisites: TIBET 1111 or equivalent.

Exploratory Studies: (SAAREA)

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022

Schedule of Classes

TIBET 1121 - Elementary Classical Tibetan I (4 Credits)

Introduces students to the grammar of Classical Literary Tibetan as found in Indian treatises translated from Sanskrit into Tibetan, as well as indigenous Tibetan philosophical works. The course progresses through a sequence of the basic rudiments of the language, including an introduction to the script and its romanization, pronunciation (central Lhasan dialect), normative dictionary order, and the basic categories of grammar. Following these preliminaries, students proceed to guided readings in Tibetan literature designed to introduce them to the formal approach of Tibetan lexical semantics with an emphasis on the role of verbs in determining argument realization options. Over the duration of the course, students encounter new vocabulary (and associated Buddhist concept hierarchies) and increasingly complex sentence structures. This course thus provides a solid foundation for the later exploration of other genres of literature and styles of composition.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG)

Exploratory Studies: (EALANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

Schedule of Classes

TIBET 1122 - Elementary Classical Tibetan II (4 Credits)

Introduces students to the grammar of Classical Literary Tibetan as found in Indian treatises translated from Sanskrit into Tibetan, as well as indigenous Tibetan philosophical works. The course progresses through a sequence of the basic rudiments of the language, including an introduction to the script and its romanization, pronunciation (central Lhasan dialect), normative dictionary order, and the basic categories of grammar. Following these preliminaries, students proceed to guided readings in Tibetan literature designed to introduce them to the formal approach of Tibetan lexical semantics with an emphasis on the role of verbs in determining argument realization options. Over the duration of the course, students encounter new vocabulary (and associated Buddhist concept hierarchies) and increasingly complex sentence structures. This course thus provides a solid foundation for the later exploration of other genres of literature and styles of composition.

Prerequisites: TIBET 1121 or equivalent.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG)

Exploratory Studies: (EALANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022

Schedule of Classes

TIBET 2201 - Intermediate Classical Tibetan I (4 Credits)

This two-semester class is designed to assist students who already have the equivalent of at least one year of Tibetan language study. The course is intended to build on this foundation so that students gain greater proficiency in reading a variety of classical Tibetan writing styles and genres, including (especially in the second semester) texts relevant to their research. The syllabus is largely structured around readings in A Classical Tibetan Reader, supported by relevant instruction and exercises on key grammatical points using selections from the Clear Mirror. Students will learn to identify commonly found vocabulary, grammatical constructions and other conventions appearing in Classical Tibetan texts, including religious, historical and literary genres. At the end of the semester, students will also be introduced to texts in the dbu-med script and the abbreviated words (skung yig) often employed in these.

Prerequisites: TIBET 1122 or equivalent.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (FLOPI-AS)

Exploratory Studies: (SAAREA)

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2021

Schedule of Classes

TIBET 2202 - Intermediate Classical Tibetan II (4 Credits)

This two-semester class is designed to assist students who already have the equivalent of at least one year of Tibetan language study. The course is intended to build on this foundation so that students gain greater proficiency in reading a variety of classical Tibetan writing styles and genres, including (especially in the second semester) texts relevant to their research. In this second semester, these skills will be applied in more extensive readings in literary, religious and historical sources. We will explore various genres: poetry (snyan ngag), biographies (rnam thar), avadanas (rtogs brjod), religious histories (chos 'byung), administrative documents (gzhung yig), epistolary writings (e.g. chab-shog), canonical texts (sutras), religious songs (mgur), etc.; as well as calligraphic-styles, manuscripts, scrolls etc. Students will also gain facility in the use of Tibetan-Tibetan dictionaries essential for reading classical texts, in particular for the use of the kavya-derived ornamental vocabulary and rhetorical devices.

Prerequisites: TIBET 2201 or equivalent.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (FLOPI-AS)

Exploratory Studies: (SAAREA)

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022

Schedule of Classes

TIBET 2211 - Intermediate Modern Tibetan I (3 Credits)

For those whose knowledge is equivalent to a student who has completed the first-year course. The course focuses on the further development of their skills in using the language to engage with practical topics and situations, such as seeing a doctor, reading news, writing letters, and listening to music.

Prerequisites: TIBET 1112 or equivalent.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (FLOPI-AS)

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

Schedule of Classes

TIBET 2212 - Intermediate Modern Tibetan II (3 Credits)

For those whose knowledge is equivalent to a student who has completed the first-year course. The course focuses on the further development of their skills in using the language to engage with practical topics and situations, such as seeing a doctor, reading news, writing letters, and listening to music.

Prerequisites: TIBET 2211 or equivalent.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (FLOPI-AS)

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022

Schedule of Classes

TIBET 3301 - Advanced Classical Tibetan I (4 Credits)

This class is designed to assist students who already have the equivalent of at least two years of Classical Tibetan language study. The course is intended to build on this foundation so that students gain greater proficiency in reading a variety of classical Tibetan writing styles and genres, including texts relevant to their research.

Prerequisites: TIBET 2202 or equivalent.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (FLOPI-AS)

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2021

Schedule of Classes

TIBET 3302 - Advanced Classical Tibetan II (4 Credits)

This class is designed to assist students who already have the equivalent of at least two years of Classical Tibetan language study. The course is intended to build on this foundation so that students gain greater proficiency in reading a variety of classical Tibetan writing styles and genres, including texts relevant to their research.

Prerequisites: TIBET 3301 or equivalent.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (FLOPI-AS)

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022

Schedule of Classes

TIBET 3311 - Advanced Modern Tibetan I (3 Credits)

For those whose knowledge is equivalent to a student who has completed the second-year course. The course develops students' reading comprehension skills through reading selected modern Tibetan literature. Tibetan is used as the medium of instruction and interaction to develop oral fluency and proficiency.

Prerequisites: TIBET 2212 or equivalent.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (FLOPI-AS)

Exploratory Studies: (SAAREA)

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2021

Schedule of Classes

TIBET 3312 - Advanced Modern Tibetan II (3 Credits)

For those whose knowledge is equivalent to a student who has completed the second-year course. The course develops students' reading comprehension skills through reading selected modern Tibetan literature. Tibetan is used as the medium of instruction and interaction to develop oral fluency and proficiency.

Prerequisites: TIBET 3311 or equivalent.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (FLOPI-AS)

Exploratory Studies: (SAAREA)

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022

Schedule of Classes

TIBET 5509 - Graduate Studies in Tibetan (3-4 Credits)

Topics vary by semester in relation to student needs.

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Schedule of Classes

TIBET 5510 - Graduate Studies in Tibetan (3-4 Credits)

Topics vary by semester in relation to student needs.

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024

Schedule of Classes