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Office Hours: Tuesdays 9:30 – 10:15 / Wednesdays 8:30 - 9:15
but preferably by appointment (and note that I am
available for consultation via e-mail on a regular basis).

Class Meetings: Monday - Wednesday - Friday 9:30 - 11.18, in Enarson 201
(NOTE: since there never seems to be enough time for Sanskrit, my plan
is to utilize the full 2 hours (though with a brief break); if this proves to be
too much or if other circumstances require some adjustment, this schedule
may be altered somewhat, but note we will lose two Mondays to holidays
(New Year's and MLK Day) and I will be out of town a couple of other
class days (though there will be class those days with a substitute)).

Course Goals: 1. To review Sanskrit grammar covered in Sanskrit 621 and solidify
students' grasp of it
2. To cover those aspects of the grammar not treated in Sanskrit 621
3. To develop students' reading fluency in Classical Sanskrit

Class Plan: For the most part, each day will be spent as follows: we will go over the
assigned reading passages; **everyone** is expected to be able to participate
(see #1 below under "Assigned Work"). Typically, you can expect we
will cover at least 15 lines of Sanskrit in a period, probably fewer at the
beginning and more towards the end. In the remaining time, we will work
through additional passages as a group effort, go over new parts of the
grammar, review those already covered, and clear up any grammatically
tricky parts of the reading from previous days

Readings: We will work from Charles Lanman's *Sanskrit Reader*, starting with the
Nala story from the Mahabharata. We will then do some translations from
the *Hitopadesa* and the *Kathasaritsagara*, also in Lanman. Time and
interest permitting, we will finish with some portions from the *Bhagavad
Gita* or some other text (text to be provided--students will be asked for \$3
to cover the cost of this (and other course-related) xeroxing, as needed).

Assigned Work: 1. Weekly Homework assignments, mainly consisting of polished
translations of **TWO** verses (or the equivalent number of lines) from our
current reading, to be turned in each Monday in class, as well as
some grammar-oriented assignments **10% of final grade**
2. Class participation — since one of the main ways we will spend our class

time is translating assigned readings, with each student taking a portion in turn, it is essential that everyone come prepared to translate in class and take part in the class's efforts at translating **30% of final grade**

3. Midterm Exam — an open-book, open-note, take-home exam to be given out on Friday 2/0 (and due in class on Monday 2/3). The focus of the midterm will be on translation and grammar. **30% of final grade**
4. Final Exam — an open-book, open-note, take-home exam to be given out on Friday March 10 (and to be turned in by 3:00PM on Tuesday March 14). The focus of the final will be (as always) on translation and grammar. **30% of final grade**

Academic Misconduct: To state the obvious, academic dishonesty is not allowed. Cheating on tests or on other assignments will be reported to the University Committee on Academic Misconduct. The most common form of misconduct is plagiarism (the representation of someone else's ideas or words as your own, without attribution). It is critical to recognize that any time you use the ideas or the materials of another person or persons, you must acknowledge that you have done so in a citation. This includes material that you have found on the Web. The University provides guidelines for research on the Web at <http://gateway.lib.ohio-state.edu/tutor/>.

Students with Disabilities: Students who need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact the instructor to arrange an appointment as soon as possible to discuss the course format, to anticipate needs, and to explore potential accommodations. The Office of Disability Services will be called in for assistance in verifying the need for accommodations and developing accommodation strategies. Students who have not previously contacted the Office for Disability Services are encouraged to do so (614-292-3307; www.ods.ohio-state.edu).