

Tibetan (TIBETAN)

Courses

TIBETAN 1A Elementary Tibetan 5 Units

A beginning Tibetan class developing basic listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in modern Tibetan (Lhasa dialect). The course also helps students begin to acquire competence in relevant Tibetan cultural issues.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Tibetan/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

TIBETAN 1B Elementary Tibetan 5 Units

A continuation of TIBETAN 1A (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/search/?P=TIBETAN%201A>), TIBETAN 1B (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/search/?P=TIBETAN%201B>) develops further listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in modern Tibetan (Lhasa dialect), with a gradually increasing emphasis on basic cultural readings and developing intercultural competence.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: TIBETAN 1A (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/search/?P=TIBETAN%201A>)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Tibetan/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

TIBETAN 10A Intermediate Tibetan 3 Units

This course, a continuation of 1A-1B (elementary Tibetan), is designed to develop the student's skills in modern standard Tibetan. The emphasis is on communication skills in vernacular Tibetan, as well as grammar, reading, writing, and a familiarity with contemporary Tibetan culture more generally.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: TIBETAN 1B (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/search/?P=TIBETAN%201B>)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Tibetan/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

TIBETAN 10B Intermediate Tibetan 3 Units

This course, a continuation of 10A, is designed to develop further the student's skills in modern standard Tibetan. The emphasis is on communication skills in vernacular Tibetan, as well as grammar, reading, writing, and a familiarity with contemporary Tibetan culture more generally.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: TIBETAN 10A (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/search/?P=TIBETAN%2010A>)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Tibetan/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

TIBETAN 24 Freshman Seminar 1 Unit

The Freshman Seminar Program has been designed to provide new students with the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member in a small seminar setting. Freshman seminars are offered in all campus departments and topics vary from department to department and semester to semester. Enrollment limited to fifteen freshmen.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring:

5 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
 6 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
 8 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week
 10 weeks - 1.5 hours of lecture per week
 15 weeks - 1 hour of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Tibetan/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam not required.

TIBETAN 84 Sophomore Seminar 1 Unit

Sophomore seminars are small interactive courses offered by faculty members in departments all across the campus. Sophomore seminars offer opportunity for close, regular intellectual contact between faculty members and students in the crucial second year. The topics vary from department to department and semester to semester. Enrollment limited to 15 sophomores.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format**Fall and/or spring:**

5 weeks - 3-6 hours of seminar per week
 8 weeks - 2-4 hours of seminar per week
 10 weeks - 1.5-3 hours of seminar per week
 15 weeks - 1-2 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 3-4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Tibetan/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam not required.

TIBETAN 100S Advanced Tibetan Conversation 1 Unit

This course is designed for advanced students of Tibetan language. Its goal is to provide an opportunity for advanced students to develop their colloquial Tibetan conversation skills. More sophisticated linguistic forms are used and reinforced while dealing with various socio-cultural topics, with a particular focus on Buddhist-related subjects toward the end of the term. Primary emphasis will be on the Lhasa dialect of Tibetan, though some variant dialects may also be introduced.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: TIBETAN 10B (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/search/?P=TIBETAN%2010B>) or equivalent, or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Tibetan/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

TIBETAN 110A Intensive Readings in Tibetan 4 Units

This course is an intensive introduction to reading classical Tibetan literature. Following an introduction to basic grammar, the course moves quickly into selected readings from Buddhist texts in Tibetan. It typically builds on basic skills acquired in 1A-1B (elementary Tibetan), though with consent it may be taken independently.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: TIBETAN 1B (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/search/?P=TIBETAN%201B>) or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with consent of instructor. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Tibetan/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

TIBETAN 110B Intensive Readings in Tibetan 4 Units

A continuation of TIBETAN 110A (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/search/?P=TIBETAN%20110A>), this course provides an intensive introduction to a range of classical Tibetan literature. Assuming knowledge of basic classical Tibetan grammar, the course focuses on selected readings from Buddhist texts in Tibetan.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: TIBETAN 110A (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/search/?P=TIBETAN%20110A>), or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Tibetan/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

TIBETAN C114 Tibetan Buddhism 4 Units

This course is a broad introduction to the history, doctrine, and culture of the Buddhism of Tibet. We will begin with the introduction of Buddhism to Tibet in the eighth century and move on to the evolution of the major schools of Tibetan Buddhism, Tibetan Buddhist literature, ritual and monastic practice, the place of Buddhism in Tibetan political history, and the contemporary situation of Tibetan Buddhism both inside and outside of Tibet.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Tibetan/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Also listed as: BUDDSTD C114/S ASIAN C114

TIBETAN 115 Contemporary Tibet 4 Units

This course seeks to develop a critical understanding of contemporary Tibet, characterized as it is by modernity, invasion, Maoism, liberalization, exile, and diaspora. It explores the cultural dynamism of the Tibetans over the last 100 years as expressed in literature, film, music, modern art, and political protest. The core topics include intra-Tibetan arguments regarding the preservation and "modernization" of traditional cultural forms, the development of new aesthetic creations and values, the constraints and opportunities on cultural life under colonialism and in the diaspora, and the religious nationalism of the recent political protests.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Tibetan/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

TIBETAN 116 Traditional Tibet 4 Units

This class will explore Tibetan civilization throughout the pre-modern period with an emphasis on literature, the visual arts, ethnography, and the history of Tibet's important cultural exchanges on the broader Inner Asian and Himalayan stages. The overall lesson plan will cover a wide range of Tibetan cultural forms and regions, and highlights the many international links that so animated Tibet itself and were crucial to the politics of Asia for many centuries. Furthermore, the theme of "early modernities" will be prominent in the readings in the second half of the course.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Tibetan/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

TIBETAN C154 Death, Dreams, and Visions in Tibetan Buddhism 4 Units

Tibetan Buddhists view the moment of death as a rare opportunity for transformation. This course examines how Tibetans have used death and dying in the path to enlightenment. Readings will address how Tibetan funerary rituals work to assist the dying toward this end, and how Buddhist practitioners prepare for this crucial moment through tantric meditation, imaginative rehearsals, and explorations of the dream state.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Tibetan/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Dalton

Also listed as: BUDDSTD C154/S ASIAN C154

TIBETAN C214 Seminar in Tibetan Buddhism 2 or 4 Units

This course provides a place for graduate-level seminars in Tibetan Buddhism that rely primarily on secondary sources and Tibetan texts in translation. Content will vary between semesters but will typically focus on a particular theme. Themes will be chosen according to student interests, with an eye toward introducing students to the breadth of available western scholarship on Tibet, from classics in the field to the latest publications.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Tibetan/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Dalton

Also listed as: BUDDSTD C214/S ASIAN C214

TIBETAN C224 Readings in Tibetan Buddhist Texts 2 or 4 Units

This seminar provides an introduction to a broad range of Tibetan Buddhist texts, including chronicles and histories, biographical literature, doctrinal treatises, canonical texts, ritual manuals, pilgrimage guides, and liturgical texts. It is intended for graduate students interested in premodern Tibet from any perspective. Students are required to do all of the readings in the original classical Tibetan. It will also serve as a tools and methods for the study of Tibetan Buddhist literature, including standard lexical and bibliographic references, digital resources, and secondary literature in modern languages. The content of the course will vary from semester to semester to account for the needs and interests of particular students.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Tibetan/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Dalton

Also listed as: BUDDSTD C224/S ASIAN C224

TIBETAN 298 Directed Study for Graduate Students 1 - 8 Units
Special tutorial or seminar on selected topics not covered by available courses or seminars.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-8 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 2.5-20 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1.5-15 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Tibetan/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

TIBETAN 299 Thesis Preparation and Related Research 1 - 8 Units

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of thesis supervisor and graduate adviser

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-8 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 2.5-20 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1.5-15 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Tibetan/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

TIBETAN 601 Individual Study for Master's Students 1 - 8 Units
Individual study for the comprehensive or language requirements in consultation with the graduate adviser. Units may not be used to meet either unit or residence requirements for a master's degree.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of graduate adviser

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-8 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 2.5-20 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1.5-15 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Tibetan/Graduate examination preparation

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

TIBETAN 602 Individual Study for Doctoral Students 1 - 8 Units
Individual study in consultation with the major field adviser, intended to provide an opportunity for qualified students to prepare for various examinations required of candidates for the Ph.D.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-8 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 2.5-20 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1.5-15 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Tibetan/Graduate examination preparation

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.