

## Languages of India I (A003050)

**Course size** *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

**Credits 5.0**

**Study time 150 h**

**Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2024-2025**

A (semester 1)

French

Gent

seminar

independent work

**Lecturers in academic year 2024-2025**

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LW21

staff member

Kulikov, Leonid

LW06

lecturer-in-charge

**Offered in the following programmes in 2024-2025**

[Bachelor of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures\(main subject India\)](#)

**crdts**

**offering**

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[Exchange Programme Oriental Languages and Cultures](#)

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**Teaching languages**

French

**Keywords**

**Position of the course**

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**Contents**

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**Initial competences**

To have successfully completed the courses Sanskrit III and IV or to have acquired the necessary skills by other means.

**Final competences**

- 1 Being able to identify, translate, analyse and interpret a Sanskrit text independently
- 2 To be able to consult Sanskrit dictionaries and linguistic works independently for translating or the study of Sanskrit texts
- 3 To be able to critically address grammatical questions

**Conditions for credit contract**

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

**Conditions for exam contract**

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

**Teaching methods**

Seminar, Independent work

### Extra information on the teaching methods

- Seminar: accompanied translating of Sanskrit texts in class.
- Guided self-reliant study + Independent work: the individual reading, analysing and translating of a Sanskrit text.

### Study material

Type: Handbook

Name: A. A. Macdonell, A Vedic Grammar for students, Oxford, 1916.

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Oldest Usable Edition : 1916

Online Available : Yes

Type: Slides

Name: slides

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Available on Ufora : Yes

Type: Reader

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### References

- L. Renou, Grammaire sanscrite, Paris, 1961(2). - W.D. Whitney, Sanskrit Grammar, Delhi, 1995. - V. Sh. Apte, The Practical Sanskrit-English Dictionary, Delhi, 19652. - O. Böhtlingk, & R. Roth, Sanskrit-Wörterbuch, St-Petersbourg, 1855-1875. - M. Monier-Williams, A Sanskrit-English Dictionary, Oxford, 1899. - A. A. Macdonell, A Vedic Grammar for students, Oxford, 1916. - A. A. Macdonell, A Vedic Reader for students, Oxford, 1917.

### Course content-related study coaching

#### Assessment moments

end-of-term and continuous assessment

#### Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Oral assessment, Written assessment, Assignment

#### Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Oral assessment, Written assessment, Assignment

#### Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Participation

#### Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

#### Extra information on the examination methods

paper: independent translation

participation: presence and preparation/active participation in the classes

written exam: unseen text

#### Calculation of the examination mark

60 % paper

30 % participation

10 % written exam

Students who do not take part in the assessment of one or more parts of the course evaluation or obtain a mark of less than 10/20 for one of its parts cannot pass the course evaluation. Should the average mark be higher than 10/20, the final mark will be reduced to the highest non-pass mark (= 9).

#### Facilities for Working Students

Concerning exemption from educational activities:

Possible exemption from educational activities requiring student attendance, a task is imposed in substitution

Concerning rescheduling of examinations

Possible rescheduling of the examination to a different time in the same academic year

Concerning alternative time for feedback

Feedback can be given by email, telephone