

**Emory University and the Institute of Buddhist Dialectics
Tibetan Studies in Dharamsala, India**

**TIBETAN LANGUAGE
(TBT 101)
5 credits**

Description: This thirteen-week course is intended as an introduction to modern spoken and written Tibetan. By the end of the semester, students will be able to understand and speak colloquial Tibetan at the novice level, write the classical *dbu can* script, and read simple passages. The class will meet four to five days per week in the morning, and will include spelling, grammar, reading, writing, speaking, and oral comprehension. Students will also practice with language partners provided by the Institute of Buddhist Dialectics (IBD) several times a week in the afternoon, individually or in groups of two students per language partner. Schedule: Monday-Friday mornings for ninety minutes, during which time the main teachers will introduce grammar, dialogues, go over homework assignments, and administer weekly quizzes. Practice sessions with teachers and IBD language partners will be held two to three times per week for one hour in the afternoon. Exact times TBA. For the first six weeks, while living at IBD Sarah, students will also have the opportunity to practice with their Tibetan roommates on a daily basis, and while in McLeod Ganj they will increase their proficiency through conversations in town, engaging in internships, and mastering specific vocabulary relevant to their independent research.

Faculty: Tashi Sonam (IBD Language Instructor for Foreign Students), other faculty from the Institute of Buddhist Dialectics, Sarah Campus, and Franziska Oertle.

Requirements: In addition to a mid-term (15%) and a final exam (25%), there will be regular homework assignments and oral and written quizzes each week (50%). Class participation and out-of-class practice sessions will also be required as integral components of this class (10%).

Texts: The book followed throughout the course is an introductory colloquial Tibetan text created especially for this program. It will be supplemented with numerous other materials, including songs, games, dialogues, vocabulary lists, etc.

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**TIBETAN LANGUAGE
(TBT 102)
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Description: This thirteen-week course is intended as a continued introduction to modern spoken and written Tibetan. By the end of the semester, students will be able to understand and speak colloquial Tibetan at an advanced novice level, write one of the cursive scripts (*dbu med*), and read simple texts. The class will meet four to five days per week for two hours each session, and will include grammar, reading, writing, speaking, and oral comprehension. Students will also practice individually with language partners provided by the Institute of Buddhist Dialectics (IBD) several times a week.

Schedule: Monday-Thursday and/or Friday for two hours, with practice sessions two to three times per week. Times TBA. For the first six weeks, while living at IBD Sarah, students will also have the opportunity to practice with their Tibetan roommates and other members of the Sarah community on a daily basis, and while in McLeod Ganj they will increase their proficiency through conversations in town, engaging in internships, and mastering specific vocabulary relevant to their independent research.

Faculty: Venerable Namdrol and assistant teachers, Tsöndrü and Ani Changjub (IBD Language Instructor for Foreign Students) and other faculty from the Institute of Buddhist Dialectics, Sarah Campus.

Requirements: In addition to a mid-term (15%) and a final exam (25%), there will be regular homework assignments and oral and written quizzes each week (50%). Class participation and out-of-class practice sessions will also be required as integral components of this class (10%).
Texts: The book followed throughout the course is Part Two of an introductory colloquial Tibetan text created especially for this program. It will be supplemented with numerous other materials, including songs, games, dialogues, vocabulary lists, etc.