This Fall 2023 course is designed for first-time learners of Tibetan and introduces students to the classical/literary Tibetan language. It is intended to lay the foundation for reading classical Tibetan texts on history, religion, philosophy, and art, and modern literary and academic writings. By focusing on basic grammar, including traditional grammar systems, this class introduces rules, structure, and functions of the Tibetan language.

There is no prerequisite for UN1410.

The Spring 2024 course aims at enforcing the grasp of grammar and introduces students to reading classical/literary works while continuing to build their toolbox of reading strategies and vocabulary.

About Tibetan Language and Course

Tibetan is a language spoken by around six million people and employs a script designed in the seventh century. With millions of pages of writings on fields of arts and sciences, the Tibetan plateau remained one of the highest per-capita producers of literary works before the twentieth century. Tibetan language courses offered in modern academia have helped share this knowledge through research and publications.

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