

# HR 1525: Buddhist Texts: Pali I

(Level: Introductory) Spring 2012

**Time:** Monday 2:10 pm – 5:00 pm

**Location:** IBS/JSC Room 130

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**Texts:** Grammar: Warder, A. K. *Introduction to Pali*: PTS 1963

Drills: de Silva, Lily *Pāli Primer*: VRI 1994

Reference: Collins, S. *A Pali Grammar for Students*: Silkworm Books (Chiang Mai) 2005

**Overview:** An introduction to the language of the Pāli Tipiṭaka.

Our textbook is A.K. Warder's *Introduction to Pali*, which provides in-depth instruction in Pali grammar without presupposing knowledge of Sanskrit, and is based entirely on the language of the early nikāyas (sutta collections). Grammatical concepts will be previewed and reinforced with exercises from Lily de Silva's *Pali Primer*, which are extremely accessible and enable rapid assimilation of basic structures. The reference text need not be purchased.

The basics of Pali grammar are covered in the first semester; the second semester is devoted to intermediate and advanced grammatical topics and readings. Evaluation is facilitated through periodic quizzes, a midterm, and a cumulative final exam. By the end of the first semester, students can expect to have a firm grasp of the basics of the language, a working vocabulary of roughly 600 words, and competency in reading standard prose passages with assistance.

## Schedule:

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### Week 1

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- Sept 3:  
(albeit a holiday)
- Bird's-Eye Grammar I: (audio)
    - Phonetics; Pronunciation drills
    - Introduction to Grammar 1: present tense endings: *gacchati* paradigm
  - Homework:
    - Drills 1: m. -a stem nouns (*naro*); Introduction to the Nominative
    - Drills 2: the Accusative

### Week 2

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- Sept 10:
- *Ekudānakhīṇāsavatheravatthu*: The story of the arahant who only knew one verse
  - General Introduction
  - Bird's Eye Grammar II:
    - Euphonic combination
    - Words
  - Review: Pronunciation, Drills 1 & 2, Grammar exx. 1
  - Introduction to Grammar 2: Uses of the Accusative case; Intro. to Instr. and Abl. cases
  - Homework:
    - Grammar 1 & 2: Uses of the Nominative and Accusative cases
    - Drills 3 & 4: the Instrumental & Ablative

### Week 3

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- Sept 17:
- Bird's Eye Grammar III:
    - Words in combination

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- Review: Grammar 2 exx. & Instr. /Abl.
  - Quiz 1: Pronunciation, Vocabulary
  - Introduction to Grammar 3: Common irregular verbs; 7th class verbs;
  - Introduction to the Dative and Genitive Cases
  - Homework:
    - Grammar 3 exercises
    - Drills 5 & 6: the Dative and Genitive

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**Week 4**

- Oct 1:
- Review: Quiz, Grammar 3 exx. & Dat. /Gen.
  - Introduction to Grammar 4: Intro. to the Aorist (Past Tense)
  - Handout: Verbal Prefixes
  - Introduction to the Locative case
  - Homework:
    - Grammar 4 exercises
    - Drills 7: the Locative

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**Week 5**

- Oct 8:
- Review: Grammar 4 exx. & Locative
  - Quiz 2: The *naro* paradigm
  - Introduction to Grammar 5: Pronouns; negation; irregular verbs: 'ti + avoca
  - Introduction to Grammar 6: the Imperative; 6th class verbs
  - Homework:
    - Grammar 5 & 6 exercises

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**Week 6**

- Oct 15:
- Review: Quiz 2, Grammar 5 & 6 exx.
  - Handout: Adjectives
  - Introduction to Grammar 7: the Past Participle; Uses of the Instrumental; neuter nouns in -a
  - Homework:
    - Grammar 7 exercises
    - Drills 8 & 9: neuter nouns in -a; the Gerund

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**Week 7**

- Oct 22:
- Review: Grammar 7 exx. & Gerund
  - Handout: PME
  - Introduction to Grammar 8: Gerund; Present Participle
  - Introduction to the Infinitive
  - Midterm Review
  - Homework:
    - Grammar 8 exercises
    - Drills 11: the Present Participle

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**Week 8**

- Oct 29:
- Review: Grammar 8 exx. & Gerund, Participles & non-finite verb forms
  - Midterm Quiz: Past Participle; Gerund; Infinitive; Present Participle
  - Introduction to Grammar 9: Passive Verbs; f. -ā stem nouns (*kathā*)
  - Introduction to Grammar 10: the Future, Uses of the Genitive
  - Homework:
    - Grammar 9 & 10 exercises

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**Week 9**

- Nov 5:
- Review: Midterm; Grammar 9 & 10 Exercises

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to Grammar 11: Adjectives; 3rd class verbs; past participles in <i>-na</i>; <i>-a</i> aorists (addasā, <i>he saw</i>) and mixed aorists (agamāsi, <i>he went</i>)</li> <li>• Homework: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Grammar 11 exercises</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Week 10</b>	
Nov 12:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review: Grammar 11 exx.</li> <li>• Introduction to Grammar 12: Uses of the Dative; Pronouns, Indeclinables and the Relative Clause;</li> <li>• Handout: Verbs</li> <li>• Homework: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Grammar 12 exercises</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Week 11</b>	
Nov 19:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review: Grammar 12 exx.</li> <li>• Introduction to Grammar 13: Compounds: the Tappurisa compound; the Causative</li> <li>• Homework: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Grammar 13 exercises</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Week 12</b>	
Nov 26:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review Grammar 13 exx.</li> <li>• Introduction to Grammar 14: the indefinite pronoun <i>ko ci</i>; the Optative; the Optative of <i>atthi</i>; Uses of the Ablative; root-nouns as compound finals</li> <li>• Homework: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Grammar 14 exercises</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Week 13</b>	
Dec 3:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review 14 exx.</li> <li>• Quiz 3: Verbs in all tenses</li> <li>• Introduction to Grammar 15: 5<sup>th</sup> class verbs; Compounds: the Dvanda compound; neg. prefixes in compound</li> <li>• Homework: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Grammar 15 exercises</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Week 14</b>	
Dec 10:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review: Quiz 3, Grammar 15 exx.</li> <li>• Introduction to Grammar 16: Uses of the Locative; the Gerundive; Compounds: the Kammadhāraya compound</li> <li>• Homework: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Grammar 16 exercises</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Week 15</b>	
Dec 17:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review Grammar 16 exx.</li> <li>• Grammar 17: Pronouns; Numbers; Indeclinable Particles</li> <li>• Handout: Numbers</li> <li>• Review</li> <li>• Homework: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Review for final exam</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Week 16</b>	
TBD:	Final Exam