

Title and Code of Course: Introduction to Classical Mongolian (ERP-BTK2-BN-KEL-13-3902G)

Venue and Time of Course:

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Credit Point Value: 6	Number of Lessons per Week: 2	Type of Course: Seminar ☒ Lecture ☐	Method of Evaluation: Oral Examination ☐ In-Class Presentation ☐ Other ☒ In-Class work, home assignments
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Course Description:

The course aims at introducing the basics of Classical (or Written) Mongolian, a literary language of the 17-20 centuries, the script and the essentials of its grammar, vocabulary and orthography. Students will acquire basics of Classical Mongolian script and grammar. In-class readings will be taken from various sources.

Students will complete homeworks and assignments (process short texts or prepare draft transcriptions and translations, answer questions etc.) with the use of educational material provided (dictionaries, grammar charts etc.). Making notes or formulating problems as a question may help the joint work in class. Students are encouraged to form groups and find means of contact in order to be able to collaborate on preparation and learning.

List of classes

Class number	Date:	Topic:
1.		What is Classical Mongolian, where the script comes from,
2.		Basic elements of Classical Mongolian script
3.		Basic elements of Classical Mongolian script
4.		Basic elements of Classical Mongolian script
5.		Elementary readings and grammar, vowel harmony, word order
6.		Elementary readings and grammar, Declination of nouns and pronouns

7.		Elementary readings and grammar, Adjectives and numerals
8.		Elementary readings and grammar, Introduction and Predicates
9.		Elementary readings and grammar, Verbs, Converbs, Verbal nouns
10.		Elementary readings and grammar, nouns, negations
11.		Text readings and grammar
12.		Text readings and grammar

Bibliography:

Grammars and textbooks:

Poppe N. *Grammar of Written Mongolian*. Wiesbaden: Otto Harasowitz, 1954.

Grønbech K., Krueger J. *An introduction to classical (literary) Mongolian*. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 1976 (2nd ed.).

Dictionary:

Lessing F. et al. *Mongolian-English Dictionary*. (any edition).

General information:

Kara György. *Books of the Mongolian Nomads: More than Eight Centuries of Writing Mongolian*. Bloomington: Research Institute for Inner Asian Studies, Indiana University, 2005.

Online tools:

Dictionaries:

<http://www.bolor-toli.com> — Mongolian—English—German dictionary.

<http://www.mongoltoli.mn> — Mongolian explanatory dictionary.

<http://hkuri.cneas.tohoku.ac.jp> — Online Dictionaries and Full-Text Resources developed by Prof. Hitoshi Kuribayashi.