

**TIBETAN**  
Linguistics 19 Syllabus

**PURPOSE:** Speaking conversational Tibetan

**MATERIAL ASSIGNED: TIB.01**

Chang and Shefts, *Manual of Spoken Tibetan* (MST).

LL Book Call No.: **PL/3613/C4**

**RESTRICTION:** None

**MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF CREDIT AVAILABLE:** 2 units

**METHOD OF STUDY:**

At the beginning of the course, read and play through Lessons I-III one time, just as an introduction to the language. You will not be tested on these lessons. **For each lesson thereafter,**

1. *Listen to the entire dialogue* while following the English translation in the book to tell you what the foreign sentences mean.
2. *Listen again* while following the foreign transcription to help you with details in the pronunciation.
3. *Listen again with the book half-closed*—look inside only when you need reminders about the meaning or pronunciation.
4. *Replay individual phrases and say them aloud* without referring to the book if possible. Imitate the voice on tape as closely as you can. Replay and repeat each phrase, then add phrases together to build a full sentence. Continue to *build phrases into sentences* in this way, until you can say the complete sentence easily and in unison with the tape while understanding what you are saying. Use the book only for occasional reference.
5. *Say the sentences* of the dialogue along with the speaker on the tape again and again until you can produce the foreign sentences easily and quickly given only the English ones as cues.
6. Read and listen to the Notes with the expectation that you may be asked simple, specific questions about them. You may test your progress by doing some of the Exercises but they are not an essential part of the course and will not be tested.

**EXAMINATION:**

Supervisor says the English version of sentences chosen at random from conversations in the assigned material; the student says the Tibetan equivalent. The grade is based on both fluency and accuracy. All exams are 30 minutes. Final is not cumulative.

**ASSIGNMENT:**

<i>Manual of Spoken Tibetan</i> (MST)
Block 1: <i>MST</i> Lessons IV, V, VII, VIII, IX (pp.149-151)
Block 2: <i>MST</i> Lessons IX (pp.152-155), X, XI

**2 Units**

STUDY TIME= 6 hrs/wk

MIDTERM= Block 1

FINAL= Block 2