



## The Sanskrit Distance Learning Course



### Discover the Depths of Vedic Knowledge

Whether Vasati, Astrology, Ayurveda, Yoga, Mantras or Vedic Spirituality - if you really want to go deeper into the matter of your studies and field of practice, you cannot avoid at least basic knowledge of the Sanskrit language. Just as an Ayurvedic doctor will devote part of his study time to the basics of human anatomy and Western medicine, the Vasati expert to architecture and the astrologer to psychology and astronomy, as a student of the Vedic sciences you should not be afraid to take a look at the magic of the Sanskrit language.

Sanskrit is the language of the Vedas. Most of the philosophical and scientific texts of Vedic India are written in this language. Mantras and Yantras make use of their powerful sound system and today's Indian vocabulary is mainly based on Sanskrit. It is also the root of our Indo-European language system.



### Sanskrit Learning Made Easy

Those who wanted to enter the Sanskrit language were often deterred by the overloaded academic teaching tradition. Studying Sanskrit at the University is like a foreigner's attempt to master German by studying German language and literature in order to communicate in everyday life. This may well be possible, but the effort involved is out of all proportion to the desired goal. A language course at the community college would be far more appropriate for them.

It is similar with your wish to learn Sanskrit as an aid to deepening your Vedic knowledge. A language course would be more appropriate than an academic course. The Vedic Academy has therefore developed a training model which, like a language course, familiarises you in a lively and simple way with the basic elements of Sanskrit without complicating your studies with unnecessary language and grammar burdens.

If you take a closer look at the main areas of the Sanskrit realm, you will gain an insight into the secrets of the Vedic language and spiritual world after just a short time. The learning of the Devanagari script comes



first - it is much easier than you might imagine. Pronunciation, language rhythm and the basics of grammar as well as a variety of exercises will help you to develop a basic vocabulary in a fun and enjoyable way.



### Goals of the Sanskrit Distance Learning Program

- To read and write the Devanagari alphabet
- Pronounce text and mantras correctly
- Form simple sentences
- Understand light Sanskrit texts and their grammatical structures
- Understand the meaning of numerous terms from Vasati, Ayurveda, Astrology, Yoga etc. and thereby to acquire a deeper understanding of these areas of knowledge
- To experience your next India visit more consciously, because Devanagari is also the script used in modern Hindi



## Content, Structure and Supervision



### Contents of the Sanskrit Distance Learning Course

The Sanskrit Distance Learning course consists of six lessons, each of which requires 30 hours of study and practice. With one hour a day, each lesson can be completed in one month. The teaching material of the Sanskrit distance learning course was developed by our previous training manager Jochen Weiss and contains a 260 pages study folder and a teaching video (double DVD).

Sanskrit Basic Studies	
L 1	<b>Font and sound elements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic and ligature characters of the Devanagari font</li> <li>The sound apparatus</li> </ul>
L 2	<b>Pronunciation and Sandhi</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sound and rhythm rules</li> <li>Special characters and digits</li> <li>Sandhi: The confluence of successive words</li> </ul>
L 3	<b>Declension</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The most important forms of declension</li> <li>Nouns and adjectives</li> <li>Cases and Numbers</li> </ul>
L 4	<b>Sentence Formation; the Verb</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formation of simple sentences</li> <li>Important structural words</li> <li>The principle of the root</li> <li>The elementary verb forms</li> </ul>
L 5	<b>Pronouns and sentence elements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The different pronouns</li> <li>Interrogatives</li> <li>Figures</li> </ul>
L 6	<b>Composites; Application practice</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Samasas (compound word constructions)</li> <li>Important terms from the Vedic professional world</li> <li>Reciting mantras and slokas</li> </ul>



### Your Supervisor: André Preuß



André was born in Berlin in 1972. During his time at high school he came in contact with Vedic knowledge, and the Sanskrit language, and was immediately fascinated by it. He began to explore the Sanskrit scriptures on his own and started to learn the language. During his biology studies, he used the opportunity to learn

Sanskrit in a structured way at the Humboldt University in Berlin. Thus he found his passion – Sanskrit poetry, with its verses and wordplay, which still continues to fulfil him today. Previously he taught Sanskrit in private lessons. He lives and works in Berlin, but really feels at home in Tirunarayanapuram in southern India with its Sanskrit Academy and School, and in Hyderabad, where he continues to deepen his Sanskrit knowledge at the Jeeyar Educational Trust.



### Special Features of the Sanskrit Distance Learning Course

- Your tutor will correct your homework and answer any questions you may have.
- The study material includes a detailed workbook with a list of words and a video tutorial for pronunciation training.
- During the six-month study period, you can completely divide your learning time as you wish; there are no deadlines to meet.