

## Central Eurasian Studies

Old Tibetan

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This is an introduction to the earliest known form of the Tibetan language, current during the period of the Tibetan Empire (ca. 618- 866 A.D.) and for about a century afterward; the earliest text dates to 649 A.D. There is a vast corpus of material written in Old Tibetan, most of it little known or uninvestigated. The course will cover Old Tibetan phonology, morphology, and syntax, and introduce the comparative-historical study of the language, while giving a thorough philological and practical introduction to the Old Tibetan language.

**Required Texts:** H.A. Jaeschke, *Tibetan-English Dictionary* (also available in the IU Main Library). Reading assignments will be either available in the IU Main Library or distributed in class. Texts to be read will include portions of the *Old Tibetan Annals* and one or more inscriptions.

**Prerequisites:** Either one year of Tibetan or permission of instructor.

**Grading:** Based on attendance, preparation, participation, periodic quizzes, and satisfactory completion of two projects.