BEGINNING DZONGHKA

DZON 1559, 3 credits

This course provides foundational competence in speaking, reading, and writing the Dzongkha language according to the standard state-sanctioned dialect. Students will learn from local instructors to navigate their way around the Thimphu valley using phrases of everyday use, before developing more complex conversational and literary skills. Class activities will involve guided conversations, drills, and quizzes administered by local instructors and language partners, punctuated with frequent visits to local sites to fulfill different language functions important for deeper engagement in the valley’s diverse cultural events and activities.

Assignments will include several short quizzes (50%), a mid-term oral and written exam (25%), and a final oral and written exam (25%).