

## Pāṇini Crash Course

About two and a half millenia ago, the grammarian Pāṇini provided a description of Sanskrit language. His work is called Aṣṭādhyāyī as it consists of eight chapters that contain some 4000 short aphorisms (*sūtras*). Pāṇini employs a very sophisticated meta-language in order to assure mathematical perfection and utmost brevity in the formulation of his rules.

This intensive course will focus on the grammatical processes, meta-linguistic conventions and well developed techniques of representation of linguistic information in Aṣṭādhyāyī.

It aims to introduce this grammar to students and scholars of linguistics and informatics and no prior knowledge of Sanskrit is required.

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