

*The Amitabha Foundation
presents*

Two Language Intensive Weekends In Rochester, NY



*Learn the Sacred Language of the Lamas
With David Curtis*

*Deepen your relationship to the Dharma
Begin to learn to read Buddhist prayers and texts in Tibetan*

*Beginning Tibetan, Level I
October 13-15, 2006*

*Advanced Beginning Tibetan, Level II
October 20-22, 2006*

*Enjoy learning Tibetan in a supportive, Dharma
environment!*

H. E. Garchen Rinpoche said that Buddha Shakyamuni said,
"In the Degenerate Age I will live in the sacred letters."



Manjushri (Tibetan: Jampel Yang)

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LA MA DANG GÖN PO JAM PEL YANG LA CHAK TSEL LO

I prostrate to the Lama and Protector Manjushri.

From the *Prayer to Manjushri*

People in Rochester who have taken David's courses have found that the clarity of their visualization practice improves. The courses are conducted as a Manjushri retreat and will include the lung (oral blessing) for a Manjushri practice. This is a wonderful opportunity to lay an excellent foundation for both classical and colloquial Tibetan with an excellent teacher.

Each visit has been marked by relaxed fun and the wonder of learning. "After three false starts," said one participant, "I thought learning Tibetan impossible until I met David and learned to read in one weekend." [See the article written by a former Rochester Intensive participant \(TLI Homepage/sidebar/Newsletters and Articles/Article written by Gretchen Howard\)](#)

Course Description

Level I: An introduction or thorough review. Students will learn to read and write the Tibetan script, use the Tibetan dictionary, and acquire a basic vocabulary.

Level II: This class is a direct continuation of the first. An introduction to grammar, more vocabulary, and practice what was learned the previous weekend. Will lay an excellent foundation for translating sacred texts.

Course Fees

Level I:	\$225.00	\$195.00 for A. Foundation Members
Level II:	\$225.00	\$195.00 for A. Foundation Members
Both Levels:	\$350.00	\$295.00 for A. Foundation Members

Study Materials for Level I: \$25.00
Study Materials for Level II: \$25.00

Study materials will be available at the beginning of the courses. Dictionaries, flashcards, and other materials will be for sale and are encouraged but not required.

Registration

Pre-registration by mail greatly appreciated. Contact the Amitabha Foundation to register at 585/ 442-5853 or email at info@amitabhafoundation.org.

Accommodations

Contact the Amitabha Foundation for information regarding nearby hotels: 585-442-5853 or email at info@amitabhafoundation.org.

Instructor

David Curtis is the president and executive director of the *Tibetan Language Institute*, an educational non-profit organization. He has been a student of Tibetan Buddhism for twenty years and a teacher of Tibetan for thirteen. He lived and studied for five years at the College Monastique de Kagyu Ling, in France where he completed the traditional three-year retreat under H.E. Kalu Rinpoche. In 1992, founded the Institute and has been teaching since then. He has developed innovative and successful methods and materials for the teaching of Tibetan.

Location

Amitabha Foundation, 11 South Goodman Street, Rochester, NY 14607

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