

**Proposed Curriculum  
Of Bachelor of Arts in Buddhism  
Major in Chinese Buddhism  
in Collaboration with  
Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya  
University**

**Buddhist College of Singapore  
2008**

# Curriculum of Bachelor of Arts in Buddhism

## Major in Chinese Buddhism

### 1. Title of Curriculum

Bachelor of Arts Programme in Chinese Buddhism

### 2. Title of Degree

Degree's Full Title: Bachelor of Arts (Chinese Buddhism)

Degree's Abbreviated Title: B.A. (Chinese Buddhism)

### 3. Department Responsible

Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University in collaboration with Buddhist College of Singapore (BCS)

### 4. Objectives

- 1.1. To strengthen students' motivation for spiritual achievement and particularly the achievement competent of Enlightenment.
- 1.2. To train students to be well-versed in Buddhist doctrines and master fundamental meditation techniques.
- 1.3. To develop students into highly qualified, bilingual monastics capable of practising and propagating Chinese Mahayana Buddhism.

### 5. Structure of Curriculum

5.1 General Subjects	34	credits
5.2 Specialized Subjects	106	credits
5.1 Core - Subjects in Buddhism	26	credits
5.2 Major Subjects	80	credits
5.2.1 Applied Buddhist Subjects	20	credits
5.2.2 Major Buddhist Subjects	60	credits
(1) required subjects	36	credits
(2) elective subjects	24	credits
<u>Total</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>credits</u>

## 6. Subjects in Curriculum

### 6.1 General Subjects **34 credits**

All students are required to study general subjects, **34** credits as follows:

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|---------------------|------------|
| i. Languages        | 12 credits |
| ii. Humanities      | 12 credits |
| iii. Management     | 2 credits  |
| iv. Social Sciences | 8 credits  |

#### 6.1.1 Languages **12 credits**

##### A. Credit Subjects

000 181	English: Pre-Intermediate I	2 (2-2-4)
000 182	English: Pre-Intermediate II	2 (2-2-4)
000 183	Classical Chinese I	2 (2-2-4)
000 184	Classical Chinese II	2 (2-2-4)
000 185	College Chinese: Advanced Reading and Writing	2 (2-2-4)
000 118	Basic Sanskrit	2 (2-0-4)

##### B. Non-Credit Subjects

000 286	English: Intermediate I	(2) (2-2-4)
000 287	English: Intermediate II	(2) (2-2-4)
000 288	English: Upper-Intermediate I	(2) (2-2-4)

#### 6.1.2 Humanities **12 credits**

000 189	General History of China	2 (2-0-4)
000 190	Formal Logic	2 (2-0-4)
000 191	Religio-Philosophical Ideas in India prior to the Buddha's Demise	2 (2-0-4)
000 108	Introduction to Philosophy	2 (2-0-4)
000 292	Philosophy and Religion prior to the Three Kingdoms	2 (2-0-4)

000 293 Introduction to Comparative Religion 2 (2-0-4)

**6.1.3 Management 2 credits**

000 194 Introduction to General Management 2 (2-0-4)

**6.1.4 Social Sciences 8 credits**

000 101 Man and Society 2 (2-0-4)

000 206 Current World-Affairs 2 (2-0-4)

000 295 Buddhist Economics 2 (2-0-4)

000 296 Buddhist Ecology 2 (2-0-4)

**6.2 Specialized Subjects 106 credits:**

All students are required to study core subjects in Buddhism carrying 26 credits, consisting of Pali Subjects 4 credits, Buddhist Subjects 22 credits and Major Subjects consisting of major Buddhist subjects and applied Buddhist subjects 80 credits as follows:

**6.2.1 Core-Subjects in Buddhism 26 credits:**

**6.2.1.1 Pali Subjects 4 credits**

000 177 Pali Usage I 2 (2-0-4)

000 297 History of Pali Literature 2 (2-0-4)

**6.2.1.2 Buddhist Subjects 22 credits**

000 158 History of Buddhism 2 (2-0-4)

000 147 Tipitaka Studies 2 (2-0-4)

000 298 Pali and Chinese Text 2 (2-0-4)

000 299 Chinese Buddhism 2 (2-0-4)

000 262 Dhamma Communication 2 (2-0-4)

000 151 Buddhist Meditation I 2 (1-2-4)

000 152 Buddhist Meditation II 2 (1-2-4)

000 253 Buddhist Meditation III 2 (1-2-4)

000 259 Buddhist Festivals and Traditions 2 (2-0-4)

000 263	Research Works and Literary Works on Buddhism	2 (2-0-4)
000 261	Dhamma in English	2 (2-0-4)

## **6.2.2 Major Subjects**

**80 credits:**

### **6.2.2.1 Applied Buddhist Subjects**

**20 credits**

112 301	Buddhism and Chinese Culture	2 (2-0-4)
112 302	Buddhism and Modern Management	2 (2-0-4)
112 303	Buddhist Human Resource Management	2 (2-0-4)
112 304	Buddhist Conflict Management	2 (2-0-4)
112 305	Techniques of Buddhist Administration	2 (2-0-4)
112 306	Buddhist Psychology	2 (2-0-4)
112 307	Buddhist Learning Organization	2 (2-0-4)
112 308	Buddhist Project Management	2 (2-0-4)
112 309	Buddhist Arts	2 (2-0-4)
112 310	Buddhism and Social Work	2 (2-0-4)

### **6.2.2.2 Major Buddhist Subjects**

**70 credits**

#### **A. Required Subjects**

**36 credits**

112 311	Guide to the Buddhist Disciplinary Code	3 (3-0-6)
112 312	Indian Buddhism	3 (3-0-6)
112 413	Abhidharmakosha I	3 (3-0-6)
112 414	Abhidharmakosha II	3 (3-0-6)
112 415	Introduction to Buddhist Logic	3 (3-0-6)
112 416	Buddhist Literature in Chinese and Pali	3 (3-0-6)
112 417	Thoughts of Prajna and Madhyamaka in India	3 (3-0-6)
112 418	Buddhist Ethics	3 (3-0-6)
112 419	Philosophy of Yogacara in India and China	3 (3-0-6)
112 420	Philosophy of the Three Treatises School	3 (3-0-6)
112 421	The Institution of Chinese Buddhist Sangha	3 (3-0-6)
112 422	Prajna Thought in China	3 (3-0-6)

<b>B. Elective Subjects</b>		<b>24 credits</b>
112 323	Buddhist Literature of Chinese Translations	2 (2-0-4)
112 324	Philosophy of the Lotus Sutra and Tiantai School	3 (3-0-6)
112 325	Avatamsaka Philosophy	3 (3-0-6)
112 326	Art of Debate	2 (2-2-4)
112 327	English: Upper-Intermediate II	(2) (2-2-4)
112 328	Buddhism and Thai Culture	2 (2-0-4)
112 329	Pali Usage II	2 (2-0-4)
112 330	Apologetics of Buddhism	2 (2-0-4)
112 431	Thought of Buddha Nature in India and China	3 (3-0-6)
112 432	Chinese Buddhist Hagiography	2 (2-0-4)
112 433	English: Advanced I	(2) (2-2-4)
112 434	Vinaya Pitaka	2 (2-0-4)
112 435	Suttanta Pitaka	2 (2-0-4)
112 436	The Pure Land Teaching in India and China	3 (3-0-6)
112 437	Thought of Chan Buddhism in China	3 (3-0-6)
112 438	Buddhist Esoteric Teachings	3 (3-0-6)
112 439	English: Advanced II	(2) (2-2-4)
112 440	Abhidhamma Pitaka	2 (2-0-4)
112 441	Buddhism and Education	2 (2-0-4)

## Course Descriptions

### 1. General Subjects

#### 1.1. Languages

000 181 **English: Pre-Intermediate I** **2 (2-2-4)**

To develop pre-intermediate listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in the English language.

000 182 **English: Pre-Intermediate II** **2 (2-2-4)**

To continue developing pre-intermediate listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in the English language.

000 183 **Classical Chinese I** **2 (2-2-4)**

An introduction and systematic study of the ancient Chinese language to equip students with the ability to read Chinese Buddhist Translations.

000 184 **Classical Chinese II** **2 (2-2-4)**

An in-depth study of the ancient Chinese language that builds upon the knowledge acquired in the Classical Chinese I.

000 185 **College Chinese: Advanced Reading and Writing** **2 (2-2-4)**

To develop students' interest in reading and writing and to understand the difference in language use between written and spoken Mandarin. This subject also aims to expose students to a wide range of texts to enrich their spoken and written vocabulary.

000 118 **Basic Sanskrit** **2 (2-0-4)**

A study of the structure of Sanskrit pertaining to alphabet, morphology, phonetics and syntax sentence, practice in an introduction to writing and writing Sanskrit.

000 286 **English: Intermediate I** **(2) (2-2-4)**

To develop intermediate listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in the English language.

000 287 **English: Intermediate II** (2) (2-2-4)

To continue developing intermediate listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in the English language.

000 288 **English: Upper-Intermediate I** (2) (2-2-4)

To develop upper-intermediate listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in the English language.

## 1.2. Humanities

000 189 **General History of China** 2 (2-0-4)

A comprehensive study of the history of China. Through learning to source for information on specific topics, students will develop the necessary knowledge of history and lay the basic foundation for the learning of other subjects.

000 190 **Formal Logic** 2 (2-0-4)

To improve the students' contemplative abilities through cultivation of correct inference methods based strictly on logical reasoning and concepts.

000 191 **Religio-Philosophical Ideas in India prior to the Buddha's Demise** 2 (2-0-4)

A study of ancient India civilization through archaeology. Through understanding the anthropological and philosophical aspects of the Vedic culture, students will also learn about Brahmanism and other prevalent schools of thought during that period.

000 108 **Introduction to Philosophy** 2 (2-0-4)

Introduction to basic concepts of Western philosophy as a subject of study, including the understanding of critical thinking and western logic.

000 292 **Philosophy and Religion prior to the Three Kingdoms** 2 (2-0-4)

To develop a clear understanding of the transmission, and contents of the ancient texts as well as the teachings of the 100 schools (Zhu Zi Bai Jia).

000 293 **Introduction to Comparative Religion** 2 (2-0-4)

Introduction to the comparative study of major religious traditions from primeval to contemporary. Included is an overview of classical religions such as Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Islam, Judaism and Christianity. Attention is also given to social forces affecting religion and religion's impact on individuals and society.

### 1.3. Management

000 194 **Introduction to General Management** 2 (2-0-4)

To introduce basic concepts of management such as planning, organizing and team-leading in a Buddhist organization.

### 1.4. Social Sciences

000 101 **Man and Society** 2 (2-0-4)

A study of social and Buddhist manhood, interrelation of human to society and organization, social and cultural institutions, factors, structures influencing the development of emotion, common sense, intelligence, reflection on the problems of society in general and Sri Lankan society, including Buddhist approach to solve the problems.

000 206 **Current World Affairs** 2 (2-0-4)

A study of the important situations happening in the world in terms of economy, society, politics, collaboration and conflict, Singapore and Current World-Affairs, collaboration among Buddhists in world arena, Buddhist contribution to solving the conflict problems in the current world.

000 295 **Buddhist Economics** 2 (2-0-4)

A study of the economic principles found in Buddhist teachings.

000 296 **Buddhist Ecology** 2 (2-0-4)

Buddhism teaches that Man and his environment is interconnected and can influence each other. This subject highlights the Buddhist moral frameworks for interaction between Man and his environment.

## 2. Specialized Subjects

### 2.1. Core Subjects in Buddhism

#### 2.1.1. Pali Subjects

000 177 **Pali Usage I** **2 (2-0-4)**

A study of Pali speaking, Pali reading, and Pali writing at elementary level and the translation of Pali into English and vice versa, using the textbook: *The New Pali Course Part I* by Ven. A.P. Buddhadatta.

000 297 **History of Pali Literature** **2 (2-0-4)**

A study of the historical survey of the origin and development of Tipitaka Scriptures, commentary, sub-commentary and sub-subcommentary scriptures, including exegetical scriptures.

#### 2.1.2. Buddhist Subjects

000 158 **History of Buddhism** **2 (2-0-4)**

A study of historical survey of the development of Buddhism after passing away of the Buddha up to the presents, focusing on the schools of Buddhism, the development of both Theravada and Mahayana Buddhism in various countries, including the Buddhist influence on tradition and culture of them, the development of Buddhism in Sri Lanka from period of King Asoka up to the present, the Buddhist influence on Sri Lankan art, culture, education and administration, including Buddhist new organizations and movements in the presents.

000 147 **Tipitaka Studies** **2 (2-0-4)**

A study of the commentator's division of Tipitaka Scriptures and contexts of those in brief, historical survey of the development of Tipitaka Scriptures, focusing on Tipitaka Scriptures, with historical exploration of the development of Tipitaka Scriptures in Sri Lanka, how to access to the information of Tipitaka Scriptures by way of BUDSIR IV CD-ROM, including values of Tipitaka Scriptures.

000 298 **Pali and Chinese Text** **2 (2-0-4)**

A study of important suttanta (Sutras) of Theravada and Mahayana literature, e.g. Dhammacakkappavattanasutta, Avatamsakasutra, Saddharmapuridarikasutra, and Mahastipatthanasutra, etc. A comparative study of Mahaparinibbanasutta

- 000 299 **Chinese Buddhism** **2 (2-0-4)**  
 A study of the history of the spread and development of Buddhism in China.
- 000 262 **Dhamma Communication** **2 (2-0-4)**  
 A study of the principle and method of propagation of Buddhism, with an attention to writing an article, public speaking, individuality development of speaking, preaching, Dhamma-lecture, discussion and description through media.
- 000 151 **Buddhist Meditation I** **2 (1-2-4)**  
 A study of the meaning, principle and method of Buddhist meditation, focusing both on concentration and insight meditations, analytical study of 40 subjects of concentration meditation, 61 subjects of insight meditation and 4 applications of mindfulness: the students are provided with clear knowledge of the principle and practice, as well as the benefits of Buddhist meditation, including cultivation of the heart and wisdom.
- 000 152 **Buddhist Meditation II** **2 (1-2-4)**  
 A study of introduction to both concentration and insight meditation focusing on the method of taking and giving meditation, practice meditation on walking 1st meditation step and meditation 2nd of sitting step and meditation report, including cultivation of the heart and wisdom.
- 000 253 **Buddhist Meditation III** **2 (1-2-4)**  
 A study practice in meditation on tranquility and insight meditation, practice in walking 2nd step meditation and sitting 2nd step meditation and meditation report, including cultivation of the heart and wisdom.
- 000 259 **Buddhist Festivals and Traditions** **2 (2-0-4)**  
 A study of historical exploration of Buddhist festivals and traditions, with an attention to the meanings, values, as well as rite and rituals of them.
- 000 263 **Research Works and Literary Works on Buddhism** **2 (2-0-4)**  
 A study of Buddhist research and literary works from the past up to the present, with an analysis of the interesting works in Sri Lanka such as Visuddhimagga, Mahavamsa, Dipavamsa, the Buddha and His Teachings, as well as the interesting works in Thailand such as Tebhumikatha of King Lithai (Three Worlds of King Ruang), Buddha-dhamma of Phra Promgunabhorn (P.A.Payutto).

000 261 **Dhamma in English** **2 (2-0-4)**

A study of English dictionary of Buddhism, focusing on the popular words, idioms, proverbs as well as selected books on Buddhism in English.

## **2.2 Major Subjects**

### **2.2.1 Applied Buddhist Subjects**

112 301 **Buddhism and Chinese Culture** **2 (2-0-4)**

A study of historical survey of the origin and development of Chinese culture, focusing on the meanings, contexts and categories of culture, a critical survey of Buddhism and Chinese culture, conversation, creation and publicization of Chinese culture, exploration of Chinese culture and social development, including the impact resulting from the western culture on Chinese culture.

112 302 **Buddhism and Modern Management** **2 (2-0-4)**

To comparative study management in Buddhist context and general concept and theory all around the world in order know that what is difference between them that we should apply and integrate it to practise in organization by wish that it will be organization of happiness.

112 303 **Buddhist Human Resource Management** **2 (2-0-4)**

To study the principle, function, pragmatist approach on Human Resource Management within organization, prediction on human resource, work analysis, planning, allotting, selecting, orientation, work assessment, training, appointment, recompense, repayment, relationship between employer and employee, health, safety, quality of living for workers and Buddhism based human resource management.

112 304 **Buddhist Conflict Management** **2 (2-0-4)**

To study pattern and method regarding managing conflict in Buddhist context in order to answer the question that in term of Buddhism, what is conflict? What is the source of conflict? Is Conflict bad or good? And how can we manage conflict by peaceful Buddhist means?

112 305 **Techniques of Buddhist Administration** **2 (2-0-4)**

To study the definition, concept, and theory of Administration Methods and Buddha's Administration Methods, Buddha's conduct, Buddhadhamma in order for administration. Buddhist based Administration Methods, Selection of administration in accordance with threefold training (Tisikkha), strategy and skillful device of Buddha's administration methods, and Buddha's means for effective and efficient administration.

112 306 **Buddhist Psychology** **2 (2-0-4)**

A study of psychological behaviors and processes as perception, learning, motivation, personality, etc., according to Buddhism. It includes application of Buddha-Dharma to solve human problems and promote human development in holistic approach.

112 307 **Buddhist Learning Organization** **2 (2-0-4)**

To comparative study learning organization in Buddhist context and general concept and theory all around the world in order know that how we can develop an organization to be learning organization sustainably so that we can apply and integrate it to use in modern organization in the present world.

112 308 **Buddhist Project Management** **2 (2-0-4)**

A study on the discipline of organizing and managing resources so that a project can be completed within the defined scope, quality, time and cost constraints.

112 309 **Buddhist Arts** **2 (2-0-4)**

A survey of Buddhist arts in different forms developed in India, South East Asia, Central Asia, China, and Tibet.

112 310 **Buddhism and Social Work** **2 (2-0-4)**

A study of the concept of social work in Buddhism, the teachings of social development and the ways to develop societies, integrating the concept of modern social worker to search for the ways of social development, social justice and the quality of life.

## 2.2.2 Major Buddhist Subjects

### 2.2.2.1 Required Subjects

112 311 **Guide to the Buddhist Disciplinary Code** **3 (3-0-6)**

Introducing the students to the fundamental spirit of the Buddhist precepts and to the corpora of disciplinary codes for different types of Buddhists.

112 312 **Indian Buddhism** **3 (3-0-6)**

A full understanding of Buddhism in India from its rise till the time out of its decline in about the 13th century.

112 413 **Abhidharmakosha I** **3 (3-0-6)**

A survey of the development of the Abhidharma genre as a division of the Buddhist canon and Abhidharma philosophy of early Buddhist Schools.

112 414 **Abhidharmakosha II** **3 (3-0-6)**

A more in-depth survey of the Abhidharma built upon the knowledge learnt in Abhidharmakosha I.

112 415 **Introduction to Buddhist Logic** **3 (3-0-6)**

Understanding the development and principle of Buddhist logic.

112 416 **Buddhist Literature in Chinese and Pali** **3 (3-0-6)**

This course aims to provide students with an exhaustive picture of the Chinese and Pali literature of Buddhism, both canonical and post canonical, giving summaries of the most important Buddhist sutras, from the Vinaya Pitaka, Sutta Pitaka, Abhidhamma Pitaka to the Jataka Tales. The course will also present an exhaustive picture of the history of both the Chinese and Pali literature, as well as the study of early Buddhism and the history of ancient Indian literature.

112 417 **Thoughts of Prajna and Madhyamaka in India** **3 (3-0-6)**

To study the profound Buddhist philosophies of emptiness and the Middle Way in India.

112 418 **Buddhist Ethics** **3 (3-0-6)**

The world of Buddhist ethics is a broad area which concerns every aspect of our day to day lives – how we live with others, our attitude to nature, how we regard sex, alcohol and drugs. Although there is a general consensus with regard to Buddhist morality, there are, as one might expect, different shades of opinion. This subject introduces students to different Buddhist opinions towards all these aspects.

112 419 **Philosophy of Yogacara in India and China** **3 (3-0-6)**

A study of the rise, development and spread of the philosophy of the Mind-Only school in India and China.

112 420 **Philosophy of the Three Treatises School** **3 (3-0-6)**

A study of the philosophy of the Indian and Chinese form of Madhyamaka.

112 421 **The Institution of Chinese Buddhist Sangha** **3 (3-0-6)**

To study how the past Chinese monks adapted the Indian Buddhist monastic rules to their Confucian ethics as well as the traditional bureaucratic system.

112 422 **Prajna Thought in China** **3 (3-0-6)**

The teaching of Prajna was vigorously studied during the 3rd and the 5th centuries in China and it influenced the philosophical thought of the time. This subject introduces students to the study of Prajna thought in China from the 2nd to the 15th century. Emphasis should be placed on the 3rd-5th century during which there were a few Prajna sects flourishing.

**2.2.2.2 Elective Subjects**

112 323 **Buddhist Literature of Chinese Translations** **2 (2-0-4)**

A survey of different genres of Chinese Buddhist Translations.

112 324 **Philosophy of the Lotus Sutra and Tiantai School** **3 (3-0-6)**

To study the teaching presented in the Lotus Sūtra and the philosophy of the Chinese Buddhist School that was developed based on the Sūtra.

112 325 **Avatamsaka Philosophy** **3 (3-0-6)**

To study the philosophy of the Indian Avatamsaka Sūtra and the Chinese Buddhist School based mainly on this sutra.

112 326 **Art of Debate** **2 (2-2-4)**

Building upon the skills learnt in “Dhamma Communication”, this Subject further train the students to become more eloquent speakers and develop faster response times during public speaking.

112 327 **English: Upper-Intermediate II** **(2) (2-2-4)**

To continue developing upper-intermediate listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in the English language.

112 328 **Buddhism and Thai Culture** **2 (2-0-4)**

A study of historical survey of the origin and development of Thai culture, focusing on the meanings, contexts and categories of culture, a critical survey of Buddhism and Thai culture, conversation, creation and publicization of Thai culture, exploration of Thai culture and social development, including the impact resulting from the western culture on Thai culture.

112 329 **Pali Usage II** **2 (2-0-4)**

(Continued) A study of Pali speaking, Pali reading, and Pali writing at elementary level and translation of Pali into English and vice versa, using the textbook: *The New Pali Course Part I* by Ven. A.P. Buddhadatta.

112 330 **Apologetics of Buddhism** **2 (2-0-4)**

To offer a complete survey of the history of Buddhist interactions with other religious traditions in Chinese Buddhist history. Some important works composed by monks and lay people will be selected.

112 431 **Thought of Buddha Nature in India and China** **3 (3-0-6)**

As one of the most important doctrinal developments, the idea of Buddha-nature has played a crucial role in Chan Buddhism. This Subject introduces the students to the origin and development of this thought in India and China.

112 432 **Chinese Buddhist Hagiography** **2 (2-0-4)**

A practical study of the contents in Buddhist literature, through the Liang, Tang and Song Buddhist hagiography.

112 433 **English: Advanced I** **(2) (2-2-4)**

To develop advanced listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in the English language.

112 434 **Vinaya Pitaka** **2 (2-0-4)**

A study of structure, contexts and interesting points of Vinaya Pitaka, focusing on Suttavibhanga (Bukkhuvibhanga and Bukkhunivibhanga), as well as the corresponding commentaries and sub-commentaries, focusing on Khandhaka (Mahavagga and Cullavagga) and Parivara Scriptures, as well as the corresponding commentaries and sub-commentaries.

112 435 **Suttanta Pitaka** **2 (2-0-4)**

A study of structure, contexts and interesting points of Suttanta Pitaka on Digha Nikaya and Majjhima Nikaya Scriptures, with special attention to six suttas (three from Digha Nikaya, three from Majjhima Nikaya), as well as the corresponding commentaries and sub-commentaries, Samyutta Nikaya, Anguttara Nikaya and Khuddaka Nikaya Scriptures, with special attention to nine suttas (three from Samyutta Nikaya, three from Anguttara Nikaya and three from Khuddaka Nikaya) as well as the corresponding commentaries and sub-commentaries.

112 436 **The Pure Land Teaching in India and China**

**3 (3-0-6)**

A study of the origination and evolution of Pure Land Buddhism in India and its development in China.

112 437 **Thought of Chan Buddhism in China**

**3 (3-0-6)**

To offer a comprehensive introduction to the Chan thought of Chinese Buddhism.

112 438 **Buddhist Esoteric Teachings**

**3 (3-0-6)**

To analyse the origin and development of Buddhist esoteric doctrines. The coverage includes India, the Tang Dynasty, and Tibet.

112 439 **English: Advanced II**

**(2) (2-2-4)**

To continue developing advanced listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in the English language. Students are expected to be able to speak, write and read fluently in the English Language.

112 440 **Abhidhamma Pitaka**

**2 (2-0-4)**

A study of structure, contexts and interesting points of Abhidhamma Pitaka, focusing on Dhammasangani, Vibhanga, Dhatukatha and Puggalapannatti Scriptures, with special attention to some parts as well as the corresponding commentaries and sub-commentaries, focusing on Kathavattu, Yamaka and Patthans Scriptures, with special attention to some parts as well as the corresponding commentaries and sub-commentaries.

112 441 **Buddhism and Education**

**2 (2-0-4)**

To define the meaning and significances of education in terms of Buddhism. What is the role of Buddhist organizations in the propagation and management of education for both the ecclesiastical and laypeople. Examples of famous Buddhist institutions are given as case study.

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**Year 1, Semester 1**

Subject Code	Subject Name	Credits
	<b>General Subjects</b>	
000 181	English: Pre-Intermediate I	2
000 183	Classical Chinese I	2
000 189	General History of China	2
000 190	Formal Logic	2
000 191	Religio-Philosophical Ideas in India prior to the Buddha's Demise	2
	<b>Core Subject in Buddhism</b>	
000 158	History of Buddhism	2
	<b>Major Subjects</b>	
112 311	Guide to the Buddhist Disciplinary Code	3
	<b>Total (7 subjects)</b>	<b>15</b>

### Year 1, Semester 2

Subject Code	Subject Name	Credits
	<b>General Subjects</b>	
000 182	English: Pre-Intermediate II	2
000 184	Classical Chinese II	2
000 185	College Chinese: Advanced Reading and Writing	2
000 108	Introduction to Philosophy	2
000 194	Introduction to General Management	2
	<b>Core Subject in Buddhism</b>	
000 177	Pali Usage I	2
000 147	Tipitaka Studies	2
	<b>Major Subjects</b>	
112 301	Buddhism and Chinese Culture	2
112 312	Indian Buddhism	3
	<b>Total (9 subjects)</b>	<b>19</b>

### Year 2, Semester 1

Subject Code	Subject Name	Credits
	<b>General Subjects</b>	
000 118	Basic Sanskrit	2
000 286	English: Intermediate I	(2)
000 297	History of Pali Literature	2
000 292	Philosophy and Religion prior to the Three Kingdoms	2
000 293	Introduction to Comparative Religion	2
	<b>Major Subjects</b>	
112 302	Buddhism and Modern Management	2
112 413	Abhidharmakosha I	3
112 415	Introduction to Buddhist Logic	3
	<b>Total (8 subjects)</b>	<b>16</b>

### Year 2, Semester 2

Subject Code	Subject Name	Credits
	<b>General Subject</b>	
000 287	English: Intermediate II	(2)
000 101	Man and Society	2
	<b>Core Subjects in Buddhism</b>	
000 298	Pali and Chinese Text	2
000 299	Chinese Buddhism	2
	<b>Major Subjects</b>	
112 303	Buddhist Human Resource Management	2
112 414	Abhidharmakosha II	3
112 416	Buddhist Literature in Chinese and Pali	3
112 417	Thoughts of Prajna and Madhyamaka in India	3
	<b>Total (8 subjects)</b>	<b>17</b>

### Year 3, Semester 1

Subject Code	Subject Name	Credits
	<b>General Subjects</b>	
000 288	English: Upper-Intermediate I	(2)
000 206	Current World Affairs	2
	<b>Core Subjects in Buddhism</b>	
000 262	Dhamma Communication	2
000 151	Buddhist Meditation I	2
	<b>Major Subjects</b>	
112 304	Buddhist Conflict Management	2
112 418	Buddhist Ethics	3
112 419	Philosophy of Yogacara in India and China	3
112 420	Philosophy of the Three Treatises School	3
	<b>Total (8 subjects)</b>	<b>17</b>

### Year 3, Semester 2

Subject Code	Subject Name	Credits
	<b>Major Subjects</b>	
112 305	Techniques of Buddhist Administration	2
112 306	Buddhist Psychology	2
112 421	The Institution of Chinese Buddhist Sangha	3
112 422	Prajna Thought in China	3
	<b>Elective Subjects</b> Select three subjects from below	
112 323	Buddhist Literature of Chinese Translations	2
112 324	Philosophy of the Lotus Sutra and Tiantai School	3
112 440	Avatamsaka Philosophy	3
112 326	Art of Debate	2
112 327	English: Upper-Intermediate II	2
112 328	Buddhism and Thai Culture	2
112 329	Pali Usage II	2
	<b>Core Subjects in Buddhism</b>	
000 152	Buddhist Meditation II	2
	<b>Total (8 subjects)</b>	<b>20</b>

### Year 4, Semester 1

Subject Code	Subject Name	Credits
	<b>General Subjects</b>	
000 295	Buddhist Economics	2
	<b>Elective Subjects</b> Select three subjects from below	
112 330	Apologetics of Buddhism	2
112 431	Thought of Buddha Nature in India and China	3
112 432	Chinese Buddhist Hagiography	2
112 433	English: Advanced I	(2)
112 434	Vinaya pitaka	2
112 435	Suttanta pitaka	2
	<b>Core Subjects in Buddhism</b>	
000 253	Buddhist Meditation III	2
000 259	Buddhist Festivals and Traditions	2
	<b>Major Subjects</b>	
112 307	Buddhist Learning Organization	2
112 310	Buddhism and Social Work	2
	<b>Total (8 subjects)</b>	<b>17</b>

### Year 4, Semester 2

Subject Code	Subject Name	Credits
	<b>General Subject</b>	
000 296	Buddhist Ecology	2
	<b>Elective Subjects</b> Select three subjects from below	
112 436	The Pure Land Teaching in India and China	3
112 437	Thought of Chan Buddhism in China	3
112 438	Buddhist Esoteric Teachings	3
112 439	English: Advanced II	(2)
112 440	Abidhamma pitaka	2
112 441	Buddhism and Education	2
	<b>Core Subjects in Buddhism</b>	
000 263	Research Works and Literary Works on Buddhism	2
000 261	Dhamma in English	2
	<b>Major Subjects</b>	
112 309	Buddhist Arts	2
112 308	Buddhist Project Management	2
	<b>Total (8 subjects)</b>	<b>19</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>140</b>

<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Total : 34 credits</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Total : 33 credits</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Total : 37 credits</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Total : 36 credits</b>