



Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka
Centre for Postgraduate Degrees and External Examinations

Postgraduate Diploma in Buddhist Studies

Areas of Study :

Applicants can choose any 5 of the following units.

1. Fundamental Teachings in Early Buddhism
2. Buddhist Social Philosophy
3. Modern Trends in Buddhist Culture
4. Mahayana Buddhism - Basic Tenets
5. Buddhism and Social Issues

Medium of Study : Sinhala
Duration : One year
Course Fee : Rs. 13,750/-

Eligibility Requirements:

- Should have obtained a General or Special Degree in any subject from a recognized University.
Or
- A qualification considered equivalent to the above which is accepted by the Senate of the University.
- ❖ The lectures for the registered students will be held on Saturdays from 9 a.m to 12 p.m at the Centre for Postgraduate Degrees and External Examinations of the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, 214, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7.
- ❖ A pass in this examination will be considered a qualification in registering for the M.A. Degree.
- ❖ To pass this examination offering five out of the seven subjects mentioned above, with one sitting.



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Master of Arts Degree Course (01 year)

Stream of Subjects : Buddhist Philosophy/ Buddhist Culture/ Sinhala/ Pali/ Sanskrit/ Archaeology/ Religious Studies and Comparative Philosophy

Medium of Study : Sinhala/ English

Duration : One year

Course Fee : Rs. 30,000/-

Eligibility requirements :

- Should have obtained a Bachelor of Arts (Special) Degree in Buddhist Philosophy, Buddhist Culture, Archeology, Religious Studies and Comparative Philosophy, Pali, Sinhala or Sanskrit from a recognized University.
Or
- Should have obtained a Bachelor of Arts (General) Degree in Buddhist Philosophy, Buddhist Culture, Archeology, Religious Studies and Comparative Philosophy, Pali, Sinhala or Sanskrit from a recognized University.
Or
- Should have obtained a Pracina Pandit Degree.
Or
- A qualification considered equivalent to the above which is accepted by the Senate of the University.

Areas of Study :

This course consists of two disciplines as Buddhist Studies and Language Studies. Five study units are included in a single course.

Buddhist Studies :

Units of Buddhist Studies :

1. Early Buddhism – Problems of Interpretation (Compulsory)
2. Buddhism and Contemporary religions
3. Fundamentals of the Social Philosophy of Buddhism
4. The Philosophy and Practice of the Bodhisattva
5. The Social Philosophy of Buddhism and the Modern World **or**
6. Buddhist Arts and Architecture in Sri Lanka

Language Studies :

Followign courses will be carried out for Pali, Sanskrit and Sinhala under Language Studies.

Pali :

1. Early Buddhism – Problems of Interpretation (Compulsory)
2. Prescribed Texts – I
3. Prescribed Texts – II
4. Buddhist Canonical Literature
5. Pali Poetry and Literary Criticism

Sanskrit :

1. Early Buddhism – Problems of Interpretation (Compulsory)
2. Prescribed Texts – I (Vedic and Classical)
3. Prescribed Texts – II
(Sanskrit Dramatic Literature and Dharmasastra Arthasastra)
4. Prescribed Texts – III (Sanskrit Buddhist Philosophical Texts)
5. Modern Literature and Civilization

Sinhala :

1. Early Buddhism – Problems of Interpretation (Compulsory)
2. Classical Sinhala Poetry
3. Classical Sinhala Prose
4. History of the Sinhala Language ; Sinhala Grammar
5. Modern Literature and Practical Criticism

❖ Students have to sit 5 papers of 3 hours for the examination.



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Master of Arts Degree Course (Research Component) (02 year)

Stream of Subjects : Buddhist Philosophy/ Buddhist Culture/ Sinhala/ Pali/ Sanskrit/ Archaeology/ Religious Studies and Comparative Philosophy

Medium of Study : Sinhala/ English

Duration : Two years

Course Fee : Rs. 45,500/-

Eligibility Requirements :

- Should have obtained a Bachelor of Arts (Special) Degree with a First Class or Second Class Upper Division in Buddhist Philosophy, Buddhist Culture, Archaeology, Religious Studies and Comparative Philosophy, Pali, Sinhala or Sanskrit from a recognized University.
Or
- Should have obtained one year M.A. Degree in above subjects from a recognized University.
Or
- A qualification considered equivalent to the above which is accepted by the Senate of the University.

Structure of the Course :

- ❖ The registration should be made on the first occasion for both the years.
- ❖ This course consists of two disciplines such as Buddhist Studies and Language Studies. The first year includes 5 study units (The Study units of this course are similar to those of the M.A. Degree of one year)
- ❖ While a written test for 5 papers should be taken in the first year a research proposal not less than 40,000 words should be submitted within the 1st six months of the first year which should be forwarded to the higher degree committee and the senate and get it approved.
- ❖ The degree will be awarded with the supervision of two supervisors followed by a viva.
- ❖ The extension of registration is limited to a five year maximum period.
- ❖ In the case of a failure in two papers in the written exam, only those two failed papers should be retaken and 50 marks should be taken for each paper.



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M.Phil Degree Course

Stream of Subjects : Buddhist Philosophy/ Buddhist Culture/ Sinhala/ Pali/ Sanskrit/
Archaeology/ Religious Studies and Comparative Philosophy

Medium of Study : Sinhala/ English

Duration : Two years

Course Fee : Rs. 42000/-

Eligibility requirements :

- Should have obtained a Bachelor of Arts (Special) Degree from a recognized University with a First Class or Second Class Upper Division related to any subject mentioned in the above stream.
Or
- Should have obtained one year M.A. Degree from a recognized University related to any subject mentioned in the above stream.
Or
- A qualification considered equivalent to the above which is accepted by the Senate of the University.

Structure of the Course :

- ❖ The due period for this degree examination is 2 years from the registration.
- ❖ The research proposal should be forwarded under the guidance of the appointed supervisor within 6 months after the duly filled application has been approved by the Senate as per the recommendation of the Higher Degree's Committee of the university.
- ❖ A presentation pertinent to the research proposal should be done in the presence of an academic body appointed by the university.
- ❖ Within the first six months of the second year of registration, a presentation pertinent to your research including a literary survey should be done in the presence of the academic body aforesaid.

- ❖ A progress report should be forwarded to the Higher Degree's Committee once in six months through the Head and the Dean along with the recommendation of the supervisor.
- ❖ A dissertation not less than 60,000 words should be submitted. The dissertation should widen the contemporary knowledge on the relevant subject area while it should be a novel in approach.
- ❖ The viva and the seminar on the dissertation will be conducted according to the direction of the examiners of the dissertation.
- ❖ The research should be completed within two years of the registration and if a certain candidate fails to complete the research within the given period of time, it is possible to get the time extended for a period of five years, under the recommendation of the supervisor. The request of the candidate should be forwarded through the supervisor. The extension is valid only for a period of one year. So, the request should be made four months prior to the end of a registered year.
- ❖ No further extension is possible by any means apart from the allocated period of extension.

Note :

The Mphil. and Ph.D applicants will be recognized after the approval of research proposal and considering the qualifications for registration.



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Ph.D Degree Course

Stream of Subjects : Buddhist Philosophy/ Buddhist Culture/ Sinhala/ Pali/ Sanskrit/
Archaeology/ Religious Studies and Comparative Philosophy

Medium of Study : Sinhala/ English

Duration : Three years

Course Fee : Rs. 57000/-

Eligibility requirements :

- Should have obtained not less than two years Postgraduate Degree with a research from a recognized University related to any subject mentioned in the above stream.

Or

- A qualification considered equivalent to the above which is accepted by the Senate of the University.

Structure of the Course :

- ❖ The due period for this degree examination is 3 years from the registration.
- ❖ The research proposal should be forwarded under the guidance of the appointed supervisor within 6 months after the duly filled application has been approved by the Senate as per the recommendation of the Higher Degree's Committee of the university.
- ❖ A presentation pertinent to the research proposal should be done in the presence of an academic body appointed by the university.
- ❖ Within the first six months of the second year of registration, a presentation pertinent to your research including a literary survey should be done in the presence of the academic body aforesaid.
- ❖ A progress report should be forwarded to the Higher Degree's Committee once in six months through the Head and the Dean along with the recommendation of the supervisor.

- ❖ A dissertation not less than 75,000 words should be submitted. The dissertation should widen the contemporary knowledge on the relevant subject area while it should be a novel in approach.
- ❖ The viva and the seminar on the dissertation will be conducted according to the direction of the examiners of the dissertation.
- ❖ The research should be completed within two years of the registration and if a certain candidate fails to complete the research within the given period of time, it is possible to get the time extended for a period of five years, under the recommendation of the supervisor. The request of the candidate should be forwarded through the supervisor. The extension is valid only for a period of one year. So, the request should be made four months prior to the end of a registered year.
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