

**MASTER OF ARTS (BUDDHIST STUDIES)
INTERDISCIPLINARY COURSES
SEMESTER IV**

Candidates shall be required to answer three questions in all including one compulsory question. The compulsory question shall consist of questions requiring short answers worth 30 marks. The other two questions shall require long essay type answers worth 40 marks.

BS404A: Pāli Based Buddhism and Buddhist Concepts

1. Fundamental Teachings of the Buddha

- a. Path of Purification
- b. Stages of Mental Purifications
- c. Theory of Perception
- d. Theory of Knowledge
- e. Theory of Relativity

2. Studies of Contemporary Issues on the basis of Pāli Literature

- a. Economic Issues
- b. Environmental Issues
- c. Women Empowerment
- d. Concept of Social and Cultural Identity
- e. Political and Legal Issues
- f. Mental Health and Buddhism
- g. Social Issues

Suggested Reading

1. Barua, Dipak Kumar: An Analytical Study of four Nikāyas, Delhi, Munshiram Manoharlal Pub. Pvt. Ltd. 2003.
2. Keown, Damien: Buddhism and Bioethics London, Macmillan, 1995.
3. De, Gokuldas: Democracy in Early Buddhist Saṅgha, Kolkata, University of Kolkata 1995.
4. Nāṇamoli, Bhikkhu, tr. The Path of Purification (Visuddhimagga), Singapore, Buddhist Meditation Centre, 1997.
5. E. Conze, tr. Buddhist Scriptures, Harmondsworth, Penguin, 1959.
6. Ratnakul, Pinit: Bioethics An Introduction to the Ethics of Medicine and Life Sciences, Bangkok, Mahidol University 1986.
7. Kalupahana, David: Causality. The Central Philosophy of Buddhism. Honolulu, University of Hawaii 1975.
8. Narada Mahā Thera, Ed. and Tr. A Manual of Abhidhamma. Singapore, Buddhist Meditation Centre, 1989.
9. Buddhist and Indian Studies in Honour of Prof. Sodo Mori 'Tokyo, Kousai Bukkyoto kyoki, 2002.
10. Siralee, Sirilal. An Analytical Study of Buddhist Ethics, Ethical Rules and Criteria for Judgment of Ethical Problems in Medicine at the Present Time, Bangkok, National Research Council of Thailand, 1986.

BS404B: BUDDHIST SANSKRIT LITERATURE

1. Evolution of Sanskrit Buddhist Literature through different phases (Canonical, Non-Canonical, Biographical and Gāthā Literature).
2. A critical Survey of Buddhist Sanskrit Canonical Literature and its relationship with Pāli.
3. Relevance of Sanskrit Buddhist Literature on different cultures of the world: India, China, Korea, Japan, Tibet, Mongolia, Vietnam, Nepal, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Bhutan.

Suggested Readings

1. Hazime Nakamura, *Indian Buddhism*, M.L.B.D., Delhi, 1989.
2. Winternitz M., *History of Indian Literature 2 vols.*, Reprint – New Delhi 1968
3. Pandey, G.C., *Studies in the Origins of Buddhism*, Delhi: Motilal Banarsidas : 1974.
4. Nariman J.K., *A Literature History of Sanskrit Buddhism*, Reprint, Delhi-1974.
5. Mitra D.L., *A History of Nepalese Buddhist Sanskrit Literature*, Kolkata 1973.
6. Narendra Deva, *Bauddha Dharma and Darsana*, Bihar Rashtriya Bhasa Parisad, Patna, Second Edition 2000.
7. Garroiski, *Studies about the Sanskrit Buddhist Literature*, Delhi, 1967.
8. Keith, A.B., *History of Sanskrit Literature*, O.U.P. , 1953
9. Sanskrityayana Rahula, *Sanskrit Kavyadhārā*, Kitab Mahal, Delhi, 1959.
10. Kalupahana David J., *A History of Buddhist Philosophy*, Delhi: Motilal Banarsi das, reprint, 2006.
11. Joshi L.M., *Studies in the Buddhist Culture of India*, M.L.B.D. Delhi: 1982.

BS404C: DECLINE OF BUDDHISM IN INDIA

In this paper the following issues shall be critically examined in relation to the decline of Buddhism in India: (a). Moral and Ethical Degeneracy, (b). Role of Brāhmaṇical-Hinduism and Brāhmaṇical Kings, (c). Sectarianism and the Rise of Mahāyāna and Vajrayāna, (d). Attacks by Arabs and Turks, (e). Impact of Bhakti Movement, (f) Śūfism.

Suggested Reading

1. Mitra, R.C. *The Decline of Buddhism in India*, Santiniketan, Birbhum: Visva-Bharati, 1954.
2. Jaini, P.S. "The Disappearance of Buddhism and the Survival of Jainism: A Study in Contrast," in A.K. Narain (ed), *Studies in History of Buddhism*, Delhi: B.R. Publishing Corporation, 1980: 81-91.
3. Joshi, L.M. *Studies in the Buddhistic Culture of India*, 2nd rev. edn., Delhi: Motilal Banarsi das, 1977: 302ff.
4. Sarao, K.T.S. *The Decline of Buddhism in India: A Fresh Perspective*, Delhi: Munshiram Manoharlal, 2012.
5. Nattier, J., *Once Upon a Future Time: Studies in a Buddhist Prophecy of Decline*, Berkeley: Asian Humanities Press, 1991.
6. Sharma, R.S., *Urban Decay in India (c.300-c.1000)*, Delhi: Munshiram Manoharlal, 1987.

BS404D: ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT OF MAHĀYĀNA BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY

1. Origin and Development of *Mahāyāna* Buddhism
2. Salient Features of *Mahāyāna* Buddhism
3. *Hinayāna* and *Mahāyāna*
4. Doctrines of *Trividhayāna*, *Trikāya*, *Bodhisattva's Ideals*, and *Pāramitā*
5. Concept of *Dasabhūmi*

Suggested Reading

1. Acharya Narendra Dev, *Bauddha Dharma Darśana*, MLBD, Delhi, 2006.
2. Berkwitz, Stephen C., *South Asian Buddhism A Survey*, Routledge, London, 2009.
3. Bhadanta Revatadhamma and Ramshankar Tripathi, *Abhidhammatthasamgaho* (Hindi Translation) 2 vols., Sampurnanand (Varanasi) Sanskrit Visvavidyalaya, Varanasi, 1991,1992.
4. Bhikkhu Bodhi, *A comprehensive Manual of Abhidhamma*, Buddhist Publication Society, Kandy, 1993.
5. Conze, Edward (ed.), *Buddhist Texts through the Ages*, Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers Pvt Ltd, 1992.
6. Dutta, N., *Buddhist Sects in India*, Reprint, Firma KLM (Private) Ltd., Calcutta, 1977.
8. Dutta, N., *Mahāyāna Buddhism*, Firma KLM (Private) Ltd., Calcutta, 1976.
9. Duve, S. N., *Cross Currents In Early Buddhism*, Manohar Publication, New Delhi, 1989.
10. Joshi, L. M., *Studies in the Buddhistic Culture of India*, MLBD, Delhi
11. Kalupahana, David J., *A History of Buddhist Philosophy*, MLBD, Delhi, 1994
12. Kalupahana, David J., *Mūla Madhyamakākārikā of Nāgārjuna: The Central Philosophy of Middle Way*, MLBD, Delhi, 1991.
13. Kalupahana, David J., *Causality: The Central Philosophy of Buddhism*, Honolulu: The University Press of Hawaii, 1976.
14. Kashyapa, Bhikshu Jagadish, *The Abhidhamma Philosophy*, Bharatiya Vidya Prakashan, Delhi, 1982.
15. Kern, H., *Manual of Indian Buddhism*, Indological Book House, Varanasi Delhi, 1972.
16. Kimura, Ryun, *A Historical Study of the Terms Hinayāna and Mahāyāna and the Origin of Mahāyāna Buddhism*, Indological Book Corporation, Rajendra Nagar, 1978.
18. Macgovern, W.M., *A Manual of Buddhist Philosophy*, Oriental Printers, Lucknow, 1976.
19. Pandey, G. C., *Bauddha Dharma Ke Vikāsa kā Itihāsa*, Hindi Samiti, Lucknow, 1976.
20. Pandey, G. C., *Studies in the Origin of Buddhism*, MLBD, Delhi, 1974.
21. Pandeya, R. C., *Buddhist Studies in India*, MLBD, Delhi, 1975.
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23. Pandey, S. K., *Abhidhamma Philosophy*, Indo-Asian Publishing House, Delhi, 2002.
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26. Upadhyay, Baldeva, *Bauddha Darśana Mimāṃsā*, Chaukhambha Vidya Bhavan, Varanasi, 1978.
28. Upadhyay, Bharat Singh, *Pāli Sāhitya ka Itihāsa*, Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, Allahabad, 1994.
29. Warder, A. K., *Indian Buddhism*, MLBD, Delhi, 2000.
30. William, Paul, *Mahāyāna Buddhism*, 2 edn, nd Roultege, London, 2008.

BS404E: ROYAL PATRONAGE OF BUDDHISM IN CHINA

1. Yao xing of later Qin: Yao xing and Kumārajīva, Yao xing and translation of Buddhist text.
2. Emperor wu di of Liang : Prohibition of killing, Buddhist monks as King's advisors, Constructions of Buddhist temples, studies of Mahāyāna Sūtras.
3. Wen di and Yang di of Sui: Establishment of Buddhist monasteries and stūpas, Buddhism as the official ideology, revival of Buddhist Sātras and images, Buddhist services.
4. Tai zong and Empress Wu of Tang: Construction of Buddhist monasteries, image making at Buddhist caves, apocryphal Sātras and political ambition, royal families and famous monks.

Suggested Reading

1. Berger, Patricia Ann. Empire of emptiness: Buddhist art and political authority in Qing China. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2003.
2. Chan, Sin-wai. Buddhism in late Ch'ing political thought. Hong Kong: Chinese University Press, 1985
3. Chen, Jinhua. Monks and monarchs, kinship and kingship: Tanqian in Sui Buddhism and politics English and some Chinese. Kyoto: Scuola Italiana di Studi sull'Asia Orientale, 2003.
4. Gregory, Peter N., and Getz, Daniel A., Jr., eds. Buddhism in the Sung. Honolulu: Hawaii University Press, 1999.
5. Kenneth K.S.Ch'en, Buddhism in China, Princeton: Princeton University Press 1964.
6. Tan Sen. Buddhism, Diplomacy and Trade, Delhi: Manohar, 2004.
7. Weinstein, Stanley. Buddhism under the Tang. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1987.
8. Welter, Albert. Monks, Rulers, and Literati: The Political Ascendancy of Chan Buddhism. Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press, 2006.
9. Zürcher, E. The Buddhist conquest of China: the spread and adaptation of Buddhism in Early Medieval China. NJ: Atlantic Highlands, 1973.

BS404 F: The Impact and Importance of Four Major Traditions of Buddhism in Tibet

1. Bon, the Pre-Buddhist Religion of Tibet.
2. Historical account of rNying ma, Sa skyā, bKa' rgyud and dge-lugs
3. Bka' dams pa and Dge lugs pa traditions
4. Bka' brgyud pa - its four major divisions and eight sub-divisions.
5. Monastic system of Buddhism in Tibet.
6. The Gsarma and the Rnyingma system of Buddhism in Tibet?

Suggested Readings

1. Bruce Newman, *A Beginner's Guide to Tibetan Buddhism*, Snow Lion Publication, 1996.
2. Thubten Chodron, *Buddhism for Beginners*, Snow Lion Publication, 1972.
3. Wallace, B. Alan (October 25, 1993). *Tibetan Buddhism from the Ground up: A Practical Approach for Modern Life*. Wisdom Publications.
4. Yeshe, Lama Thubten (2001). *The Essence of Tibetan Buddhism*, Lama Yeshe Wisdom Archive.