



**Diploma in Buddhist Studies
in collaboration with
University of Kelaniya Sri Lanka**



Syllabus as per UoK Prospectus

Course code – DBSF 03015

Title – Historical Background of Buddhism

Status – Compulsory

Course Content:

Cultural and philosophical background of Vedic period:

Development of Vedic thought in Brahma and Upanishad periods:

belief in creator God, polytheism, monotheism and monism:

practice of sacrifice and cast: concepts such as Atman, Brahma, Karma, Yoga and rebirth; sramana traditions and ascetic practices;

six religious masters and their teachings;

Buddhist critique towards Brahma and sramana teachings and practices.

Method of teaching and learning:

Lectures, classroom discussions and case studies.

Assessment: Presentations and end of course examination.

**Class Schedule shall be posted in Google Classroom
on commencement of course!**

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