



**Master of Arts in Buddhist Studies  
in collaboration with  
University of Kelaniya Sri Lanka**



**Syllabus as per UoK Prospectus**

**SYLLABUS OF THE COURSE UNITS**

- Course Code - **MABS 61015**  
Title - **Basic Teachings and Various Trends in Buddhist Philosophy.**  
Status - Compulsory

**Course Content**

**Basic Teachings:**

Three characteristics, Dependant co-origination, Five aggregates, Twelve faculties, Eighteen elements, Four noble truths, Disciplinary rules for monks and the laity, Theory of Karma and the like should be studied taking their different interpretations in to consideration., re-becoming, Nirvana, Sevenfold purification.

**Various Trends:**

The ideologies such as Pluralism, theory of Voidness, Idealism, Pragmatism, Rationalism, Empiricism, and their background, expansion and impact on Buddhist society, Buddhist teachings and practices should be studied on an analytical, critical and comparative basis with reference to the canonical literature of Buddhism.

**Learning methods**

- Lectures, discussions, assignments and workshops.

**Assessment**

- Year end examination.

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