

## SYLLABUS FOR POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN BUDDHIST STUDIES

**Buddhist Ethics**

	Course Particulars
<b>Course Code:</b>	<b>PDBS 06</b>
<b>Course Title:</b>	<b>Buddhist Ethics</b>
<b>Aim:</b>	To understand the basic ethical teachings in the Pali canon.
<b>Course Content:</b>	This unit explores the basic ethical teachings in the Pali canon. The fundamentals of Buddhist ethics, <i>Sīla</i> (morality), Kamma and rebirth, <i>puñña-pāpa</i> , <i>kusala-akusala</i> , four <i>brahmavihāras</i> and ethical significance of nibbana will be studied. Further, the eight-noble path ( <i>ariya aṭṭhaṅgika-magga</i> ) and perfections ( <i>pāramitā</i> ) will be treated. The ethical ideals, Bodhisattva, Arahant and Buddha, will be examined in relation to the moral cultivation.
<b>Course Objectives / Expected Learning Outcomes:</b>	Ability to explain and analyze the basic ethical teachings presented in the Pali canon.
<b>Duration:</b>	30 hours @10 lessons (Online via Zoom)
<b>Method of Teaching:</b>	Lectures, discussions and assignments
<b>Method of Evaluation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two assignments each</li> <li>• In class participation</li> <li>• Year-end Final Examination:</li> </ul>

**Recommended references:**

- Harvey, Peter, 2000, *An Introduction to Buddhist Ethics: Foundations, Values, and Issues*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- McDermott. P., 2003, *Development in the Early Buddhist Concept of Kamma/ Karma*, New Delhi: Munshiram Manoharlal.
- Misra, G.S.P., 1984, *Development of Buddhist Ethics*, New Delhi: Munshiram Manoharlal.
- Prasad, Hari Sankar, 2007, *The Centrality of Ethics in Buddhism: Exploratory Essays*, Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass Publishers.
- Saddhatissa, Hammalawa, 2001, *Buddhist Ethics*, Boston: Wisdom Publications.