

Syllabus for the Master of Arts in Buddhist Studies

Course Code	MABS 01
Course Title	Buddhist Doctrines of the Pali Nikāyas: Analysis and Interpretation
Aim	To give the students a critical and comprehensive knowledge of Buddhist doctrines of Pali Nikāyas.
Content	<p>Fundamental Teachings of early Buddhism, questions raised and solutions offered by the modern scholars on the interpretation of early Buddhist doctrines, the diverse trends discernible in the Early Buddhist Discourses as to the nature of the world of sensory experience and the reasons that could be adduced in grasping their significance within the context of the religion. Philosophical system of Early Buddhism will form an integral part of this course.</p> <p>The course will be based on Suttapiṭaka and supplemented, where necessary, with the Abhidhammic and commentarial expositions. It is in the interests of the student to gain an ability to read the Pali suttas in the original texts.</p>
Duration	30 hours
Method of Teaching	Lectures, discussions and assignments
Method of Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Two assignments ■ In-class participation ■ Final year examination
Expected Learning Outcomes	Ability to elaborate critically the fundamental teachings of <i>Suttapiṭaka</i> and to read and understand relevant discourses in the original sources.
Recommended References	<p>Conze, E. (1967). <i>Buddhist Thought in India</i>, London: George Allen Unwin.</p> <p>Davids, Rhys (1978). <i>Sakya or Buddhist Origins</i>, New Delhi: Oriental Books Reprint Corporation.</p> <p>Grimm, George (1994). <i>The Doctrine of the Buddha: The Religion of Reason and Meditation</i>, New Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass.</p> <p>Jayatilke, K. N. (1980). <i>Early Buddhist Theory of Knowledge</i>, New Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass.</p> <p>Jennings, J. G. (Eds.). (1974). <i>The Vedantic Buddhism of the Buddha</i>, New Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass.</p> <p>Johansson, E.A. Rune, (1970). <i>The Psychology of Nirvana</i>, London: George Allen Unwin.</p>

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