

Course Code	MABS 63
Course Title	Doctrines of Early Indian Yogācāra
Aim	To introduce students the doctrinal development of Indian Yogācāra up to the period of Dharmapāla..
Content	This course introduces the students to the doctrinal development of Indian Yogācāra up to the period of Dharmapāla. The survey begins with a brief survey of the doctrinal contribution by the Sarvāstivādins in the milieu of the <i>Abhidharma-mahāvibhāṣā</i> particularly the early yogācāras. It will then proceed to examine the doctrines in the Basic Section (本地分)(<i>maulī bhūmi</i>) of the <i>Yogācāra-bhūmi</i> which is the whole constitutes the earliest stratum of the textual sources of the Yogācāra as a Mahāyāna school. Particular emphases are laid here on its doctrines of the two intrinsic natures, <i>prajñaptivāda-svabhāva</i> and <i>nirabhilāpya-svabhāva</i> , and its epistemological doctrines - both representing a realistic standpoint characteristic of this Section. This will be followed by a study of the relatively more developed doctrines in the texts of the Maitreya-Asaṅga complex and of Vasubandhu, et al., including the system of eight consciousnesses (particularly the <i>ālaya-vijñāna</i> doctrine), the Threefold Intrinsic Nature, the Threefold Absence of Intrinsic Natures, <i>vijñaptimātratā</i> and <i>āśrayaparāvṛtti</i> . The course will end with a discussion on the developed doctrines in Xuanzang's <i>Vijñaptimātrā-siddhi</i> (成唯識論).
Duration	30 hours
Method of Teaching	Lectures and class discussions
Method of Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Essay assignments ■ In-class participation
Expected Learning Outcomes	<p>At the end of this course, the student will be able to demonstrate:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. adequate understanding of the historical background of the origins and development of the Indian Yogācāra tradition; ii. critically analyze the doctrinal signification of the major Indian Yogācāra teachings developed in the various texts pertaining to the different historical strata; iii. understand and apply the Yogācāra teachings related to spiritual praxis in their own lives.
Recommended References	<p>Chatterjee, K.N. (1980). <i>Vasubandhu's Vijñaptimātratā-siddhi. With Sthiramati's Commentary</i> (Text with English Translation).</p> <p>De La Vallée Poussin. (1928-1948). <i>Vijñaptimātrasiddhi</i>. La Siddhi de Hiuan-tsang.</p> <p>Deleanu, F. (2006). <i>The Chapter on the Mundane Path</i> (Laukikamārga) in the Śrāvakabhūmi. 2 vols.</p>