

Course Code	MABS 72											
Course Title	Research Methodology and Extended Essay											
Aim	Providing an opportunity to enhance basic knowledge and skills of research methods and academic writing.											
Content and Requirements	<p>Study of Buddhist literary sources, fundamentals of a research, styles of referencing, preparing a research proposal and academic writing.</p> <p>Students are required to participate in workshops organized by the Institute and prepare an essay proposal and a 5000 word extended essay on a theme related to the courses as instructed and guided at workshops. Students are required to submit their essay proposal before the end of the second term. The essay should be submitted within 30 days from the last question paper of the Final Year Examination of the course.</p>											
Method of Teaching	<p>The procedure is as follows:</p> <table><tr><th>Stages</th><th>Scheduled time</th><th>Themes</th></tr><tr><td>1<sup>st</sup> Work - Shop</td><td>4<sup>th</sup> week of the 2<sup>nd</sup> term</td><td>Buddhist Literary Sources and Fundamentals of Research</td></tr><tr><td>2<sup>nd</sup> Work - Shop</td><td>9<sup>th</sup> week of the 2<sup>nd</sup> term</td><td>Styles of Referencing, Preparing a Research Proposal and Academic Writing.</td></tr></table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Submit of essay topics by the students: Before the 5<sup>th</sup> week of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Term</li><li>■ Collecting of approved/amended essay topics from the office: 7<sup>th</sup> week of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Term</li></ul>			Stages	Scheduled time	Themes	1 <sup>st</sup> Work - Shop	4 <sup>th</sup> week of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> term	Buddhist Literary Sources and Fundamentals of Research	2 <sup>nd</sup> Work - Shop	9 <sup>th</sup> week of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> term	Styles of Referencing, Preparing a Research Proposal and Academic Writing.
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Method of Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Participation in workshops: 10 marks</li><li>■ Preparation of essay proposal: 20 marks</li><li>■ Completion of essay: 70 marks</li></ul>											
Expected Learning Outcomes	Students demonstrate the skills of academic writing, research methods and critical thinking.											
Recommended References	<p>Cryer, Pat, (1999). <i>The Research Student Guide to Success</i>, Mumbai: VIVA Books Private Ltd.</p> <p>Glough Peter &amp; Nutbrown Cathy, (2002). <i>A Student Guide to Methodology Justifying Enquiry</i>, London: SAGE Publications Company.</p> <p>Nicholas, Walliman, (2005). <i>Your Research Project</i>, New Delhi: Vistaar Publications</p> <p>Potter, Stephen (Eds.). (2002). <i>Doing Postgraduate Research</i>, London: SAGE Publications Company London</p>											