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| Course Code | MABS 09 |
| Course Title | Buddhist Vinaya and the Monastic Organization |
| Aim | To examine how the earliest community of anchoretic monks known as <i>munis</i> gradually paved the way for the emergence of a highly organized monastic Order with a code of Vinaya rules. |
| Content | The practice of brahmachariya and the ideal of <i>muni</i> life, the monk and the graduated spiritual course: <i>Sīlasaṃvara</i> and <i>Pātimokkhasaṃvara</i> ; <i>Sikkhā</i> and <i>Sikkhā-pada</i> , ecclesiastical rules of the Vinaya Piṭaka and the recital of <i>pātimokkha</i> , the nature and objectives of the precepts included in the <i>Khandhakas</i> ; ecclesiastical offences and disputes; donation of monasteries and monastic residences; the structure and the administration of the monastery; evolution of monastic life and the attendant duties and responsibilities; monastic property, its use and management; divergent views as to the aim and objectives of the monastic organization; <i>khuddānukhuddaka</i> precepts and the problem of their interpretation. |
| 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 | The student will be able to explain the evolution of the earliest community of monks and the parallel development of the monastic code. |
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