1. Name of the Program
   Bachelor of Arts Program in Buddhist Studies International Program (2009 Revision)

2. Name of the Degree
   Bachelor of Arts (Buddhist Studies)
   Abbreviated name (English): B.A. (Buddhist Studies)

3. Office Responsible
   Department of Buddhist Studies, Faculty of Religious Studies, International Buddhist College

4. Philosophy and Objectives of the Program

4.1 Philosophy
   With the advancement in global technology and communication and the rapid changes in the social and religious environment, it is necessary to develop a seat of advanced Buddhist learning with opportunities for Buddhist Studies both at undergraduate and post graduate levels. It will offer students a unique opportunity of experiencing a comprehensive and in-depth study of Buddhism from a non-sectarian point of view; while promoting knowledge and understanding of the different schools and traditions within Buddhism. As an academic institution; the IBC will strictly adhere to the norms of a liberal arts education, adopting an academic approach to religious (Buddhist) Studies. However, it will seek to combine the region of academic scholarship with a continuous inculcation of Buddhist spiritual value, as in the tradition of ancient Buddhist seats of learning like Nalanda and Vikramasila, where in the process of learning one imbibes nearly the whole of its culture.

4.2 Objectives of the Program

4.2.1 Bachelor of Arts Program in Buddhist Studies majoring in Buddhist Philosophy
   1) To provide graduate with a comprehensive and in-depth study of Buddhist philosophy from a non-sectarian point of view.
   2) To promote knowledge and understanding of the different schools of thought and cultural traditions within Buddhism.
   3) To train bhikkhus, bhikkhunis and laity as successful communicators as the timeless and universal message of Buddha.
4) To promote Buddhist moral and cultural values and to demonstrate the validity and relevance of the social philosophy of Buddhism as a basis of a universal humanist culture for the globalized world.

4.2.2 Bachelor of Arts Program in Buddhist Studies majoring in Buddhist Historical & Cultural Studies

1) To provide graduate with a comprehensive and in-depth knowledge of Buddhist historical and cultural studies from a non-sectarian point of view.

2) To provide knowledge and understanding of the different history and cultures of the various Buddhist traditions, offering opportunities for intra-religions understanding and fellowship among the three great Buddhist Traditions of Asia: Theravada, Mahayana and Vajrayana.

3) To train bhikkhus, bhikkhunis and laity as successful communicators as the timeless and universal message of Buddha.

4) To promote Buddhist moral and cultural value and to equip graduates with morality and sufficiency to become successful communicator of Buddhadhamma.

5. Qualifications for Admission

Any applicant with an acceptable academic record and high school qualification or an equivalent from an approved regional institution in Thailand or any foreign student with an equivalent qualification is eligible to apply for admission to the B.A. Program as follows.

The applicant to the B.A. program must have a certificate in high school education or an equivalent from any academic institutions in Thailand or abroad or Nak Tham Ek or Royal Pali Grade 5 (for monastic applicants only).

1) The applicant shall submit an application form together with other evidences as specified within the period fixed by the College.

2) Admission of students to the B.A. Program shall be undertaken through selection in accordance with the criteria specified by the Committee.

3) The applicant must not be infected with any serious contagious diseases or otherwise which impedes or hampers their study and must not have a seriously flawed personality.

4) The applicant must not have been suspended or blacklisted in the Student Registry of this College or of other tertiary academic institutions of his/her country.

5) The applicant must have a good character, intellectual competence, support for the philosophy and mission of the College and an expressed willingness to conform to the College regulations.

6. Detail of the Program

6.1 Total number of credits Not less than 120 Credits

6.2 Program Structure

6.2.1 General Education Group Not less than 30 Credits

- Social Sciences & Values (6 Credits)
- Humanities (6 Credits)
- Linguistics (9 Credits)
- Science and Mathematics 9 Credits
6.2.2 Special Courses Group  Not less than  84 Credits
- Core Courses  (30 Credits)
- Major Require Courses  (30 Credits)
- Major Elective Courses  (24 Credits)

6.2.3 Free Elective Courses  Not less than  6 Credits
Total  Not less than  120 Credits

6.3 Course’s name

6.3.1 General Education Group  not less than 30 credits.
General Education Group not less than 30 credits. Student can select 10 courses from 4 courses’ group as follows.

Social Sciences & Values 6 Credits
Each course have 3 Credits
SS101/SS101c  Man and His Society
SS103/SS103c  Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
SS106/SS106c  Home and Life Values
SST101/SST101c  Special Topic in Social Sciences and Values G1

Humanities 6 Credits
HU101/HU101c  Civilization
HU103/HU103c  Literature and Civilization
HU106/HU106c  Thai Language and Culture
HUT101/HUT101c  Special Topic in Humanities G2

Linguistics 9 Credits
EN101/CH101c  English Structure/Chinese Structure
EN103/CH103c  English Composition/Chinese Composition
EN106/CH106c  Fundamentals of Speech & Communication

Science & Mathematics 9 Credits
SM101/SM101c  Introduction to Statistics
SM103/SM103c  Life, Health & Nutrition
SM106/SM106c  Computer Literacy and Skills
SM109/SM109c  Science and Buddhism
SMT101/SMT101c  Special Topic in Science & Mathematics G3

6.3.2 Special Courses Group  not less than 84 credits
Special Courses Group not less than 84 credits consist of core courses 30 credits, major courses 30 credits and elective courses 24 credits.
6.3.2.1 Core Course 30 credits (each course 3 credits, together 10 courses)

BC101/BC101c  Pre-Buddhist Indian Culture
BH201/BH201c  Early Buddhism: Historical Background
BH203/BH203c  History of Buddhism in India
BP201/BP201c  Early Buddhism: Basic Doctrines
BP205/BP205c  Mahāyāna Buddhism: Basic Doctrines
BP207/BP207c  Early Buddhist Ethics
BP209/BP209c  Theory and Practice of the Bodhisattva Ideal
PL101/PL101c  Pāli Grammar I
PL201/PL201c  Pāli Grammar II
RB201/RB201c Buddhism in Modern Asia

6.3.2.2 Major Required and Elective Courses

1) Buddhist Philosophy

1.1) Major Required Course, Not less than 30 Credits

BP305/BP305c  Theravāda Abhidhamma
BP307/BP307c  Sarvastivāda Abhidharma
BP309/BP309c  Theravāda Exegetical Tradition
BP313/BP313c  Madhyāmaka: The Buddhist Doctrine of Emptiness
BP315/BP315c Yogācāra: The Buddhist Doctrine of Mind Only
BP319/BP319c Social Philosophy of Buddhism
BP409/BP409c Buddhism and Other World Religions
CB301/CB301c Buddhism in China
RB307/RB307c Buddhism in Thailand
TB401/TB401c Tibetan Buddhism
ST301/ST301c Special Topic 1
ST302/ST302c Special Topic 2

1.2) Major Elective Course, Not less than 24 Credits

BH401/ BH401c  History of Buddhist Thought in India
BP301/BP301c  Early Buddhism: Problems of Interpretation
BP303/BP303c  Early Buddhist Psychology
BP311/BP311c  The Psychology of the Abhidharma
BP401/BP401c  Controversial Doctrines of the Abhidharma Traditional
BP403/BP403c  Buddhist Logic and Epistemology
BP405/BP405c Buddhism, Upanisads and Advaita Vedanta
CB401/CB401c School of Chinese Buddhism – Pure Land
CB402/CB402c School of Chinese Buddhism – Chan
CB403/CB403c School of Chinese Buddhism – Tian Tai
CB404/CB404c School of Chinese Buddhism – Huayan
CB405/CB405c Buddhism in China-Sudden and Gradual Enlightenment
JB301/JB301c Buddhism in Japan
RB303/RB303c Buddhism in the West
RB305/RB305c Buddhism in Central Asia
PL301/PL301c Pāli: Prescribed Readings I
PL304/PL304c Pāli: Prescribed Readings II
SK303/SK303c Sanskrit: Prescribed Readings I
SK403/SK403c Sanskrit: Prescribed Readings II
ST401/ST3401c Special Topic 3
ST402/ST402c Special Topic 4

2) Buddhist Historical & Cultural Studies

2.1) Major Required Course, Not less than 30 Credits
BC301/BC301c The Vinaya and Buddhist Monasticism
BC302/BC302c Elements of Buddhist Culture
BC305/BC305c Buddhist Culture in Sri Lanka and South East Asia
BC307/BC307c Buddhist Culture in East-Asia
BC309/BC309c Buddhist Culture in the Himalayan Region and Mongolia
BC311/BC311c Buddhist Aesthetic Concepts
BC313/BC313c Buddhist Symbolism and Mythology
BC401/BC401c Buddhist Education and Communication
BC405/BC405c Buddhism and Economics
BC407/BC407c Buddhism and Politics
ST303/ST303c Special Topic 5
ST304/ST304c Special Topic 6

2.2) Major Elective Course, Not less than 24 Credits
AA401/AA401c Buddhist Arts and Architecture: South Asia
AA403/AA403c Buddhist Arts and Architecture: South-East Asia
6.3.3 Free Elective Course, Not less than 6 Credits
Student can select any courses in the college, at least 2 courses.

Note: All courses are 3 credits.