

# INTERNATIONAL BUDDHIST COLLEGE

## BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAM IN BUDDHIST STUDIES INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM (2009 REVISION) (WEB VERSION 2013 APRIL)

### 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 Vikkramasila, 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 Sarvāstivāda 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/ST401c	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

BC205/BC205c	Buddhism and Society
BC303/BC303c	Buddhism and the Asokan Dhamma
BC308/BC308c	Buddhist Social Institutions
BC403/BC403c	Buddhist Rituals and Ceremonies
BC409/BC409c	Theory and Practice of Buddhist Meditation
BC411/BC411c	Buddhology in Pre- Mahāyāna Buddhism
BC414/BC414c	Zen and its impact on Japanese Culture
BC415/BC415c	Buddhism in the West
BC417/BC417c	Buddha in the Mahāyāna Tradition
BC419/BC419c	Vinaya and Modern Legal Philosophy
RB303/RB303c	Buddhism in the West
RB305/RB305c	Buddhism in Central Asia
RB307/RB307c	Buddhism in Thailand
ST403/ST403c	Special Topic 7
ST404/ST404c	Special Topic 8

### ***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.