



วิทยาลัยพุทธศาสนานานาชาติ INTERNATIONAL BUDDHIST COLLEGE

Master of Arts Program in Buddhist Studies

B.E. 2564 (2021) International Buddhist College

1. Name of Curriculum

Master of Arts Program in Buddhist Studies (International Program)

2. Name of Degree and Program

Full name in English Master of Arts (Buddhist Studies)

Abbreviation in English M.A. (Buddhist Studies)

3. Major Program

Buddhist Studies

4. Faculty

Graduate School

5. Program

2 Years

6. Philosophy and Objectives of Program

Philosophy

The basic philosophy adopted is to emphasize the development of graduates:

- i) to be well-rounded in both academic and practical aspects of Buddhist Studies
- ii) to have the ability to apply and to think in a constructive, analytical and synthetic manner
- iii) to have the skills to apply lifelong self-learning
- iv) to have the ability to communicate with others effectively
- v) to show excellence in morality and ethics

Objectives

- i) to train graduates for mastery in Buddhist teachings and sound research methodology necessary in analyzing and presenting the relevance, currency and applications of Buddhist teachings in the analyses of the issues and missionary works in the world of today;
- ii) to develop competent academic professionals and scholars in Buddhist studies (philosophy, cultures and literature) of the three major traditions;
- iii) to prepare graduates for a career path in academic pursuit, teaching and propagation of Buddhism; to help graduates master the knowledge and practices of Buddhism for academic scholarship, teaching and practice of Buddhism, distinguished in the theory and applications of Buddhist teachings, as competent scholars and missionaries for the propagation of Buddhism, and in so doing, to help promote world peace and harmony.
- iv) to train Buddhist monks, nuns and laity to be successful communicators of the timeless and universal teachings of Buddha;
- v) to promote Buddhist moral and ethical values; and
- vi) to train graduates for lifelong learning

7. Program Details

7.1 Program Credits

Total credits of the program not less than 36 credits

Plan 1: Thesis 12 credits and course work not less than 24 credits

Plan 2: Independent study 3 credits and course work not less than 33 credits

7.2 Program Structure

Details	Credit	
	Plan 1	Plan 2
1. Courses		
1.1 Core Courses	9	9
1.2 Elective Courses	15	24
2. Independent Study Report	-	3
3. Thesis	12	-
Total	36	36

English Medium

Core Courses

ME6101	Theravāda Buddhism
ME6102	Mahāyāna Buddhism
ME6103	History of Indian Buddhism

Elective Courses

ME6204	Pāli Literature
ME6205	A Survey of the Doctrines of Abhidharma Schools
ME6207	Readings in Pāli Texts
ME6208	Buddhism and Society
ME6209	Mahāyāna Buddhist Literature
ME6211	Abhidharma Doctrines and Controversies
ME6212	Ālāya-vijñāna: The Yogācāra doctrine of the 'Store-consciousness'
ME6213	The Śūnyatā Doctrine in Nāgārjuna's Mūla-madhyamaka-kārikā
ME6214	Buddhism in Contemporary Thailand
ME6215	Chinese Buddhist Thought: A Historical Perspective
ME6216	Readings in Buddhist Sanskrit Texts (Introduction)
ME6217	Lam Rim Chen Mo: The Path to Enlightenment in the Tibetan Tradition
ME6218	Study of the Vinaya
ME6219	The Ch'an (Dhyāna) School – A Historical Survey
ME6221	Early Yogācāra – Three Understandings of the Preparatory Path
ME6222	Abhidharmahadayaśāstra
ME6223	Buddhism in Japan
ME6224	Buddhism in Lanna Kingdom
ME6225	Mahāyāna Buddhology
ME6231	Readings in Siddhānta literature (Buddhist Doxography)
ME6232	Readings in Pramāṇa (Buddhist Epistemology)

ME6233	Readings in Vaibhāṣika and Sautrāntika
ME6234	Readings in Yogācāra
ME6235	Readings in Madhyamaka
ME6236	Readings in Śrāvaka and Mahāyāna Sūtras
ME6237	Readings in Subhāṣita literature ('Good Sayings')
ME6240	Theory of Buddhist Meditation
*ME6230	Research Methodology: Ethics and Writing Skills (Compulsory)
ME6206	Special Topic 1
ME6210	Special Topic 2
ME6220	Special Topic 3
ME6226	Special Topic 4

Thesis and Independent Study Report

ME6321 Independent Study Report (3 credits) (3-0-6)

The report on the Independent Study on selected and approved topic should be about 5,000 words.

ME6322 Thesis (12 credits)

Thesis of about 25,000 words approved and supervised.