

Overview

The Postgraduate Diploma Course in Fundamental Buddhist Studies is an external programme with the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies (University of Kelaniya), Sri Lanka. It is conducted by the Buddhist Library Graduate School (Singapore).

This is a one-year programme meant for graduate students with little or no academic background in Buddhist studies. Buddhism is approached as an academic discipline suitable for Buddhists and non-Buddhists.

The programme will enable candidates to pursue further graduate courses leading to MA, M Phil and Ph D in Buddhist Studies.

Faculty

Venerable Wiloye Wimalajothi

Resident Monk

Buddhist Library

Ph.D., MA, BA(Special); Former Asst Lecturer of Department of Pali & Buddhist Studies, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka

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Commencement Date

4 March 2023 (Saturday)

Please register by 1 March 2023 (Wednesday).

Eligibility for Admission

Graduate students with a degree in any subject from a recognised university subject to approval from the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies of the University of Kelaniya.

Structure of Course

- The course is of the duration of one academic year. The academic year for 2023 will run from **4 Mar 2023 to 14 Oct 2023, with exams slated for Dec 2023.**
- The course consists of 6 units:
 - ✓ PDBS 01 The Indian Religious Background and the Emergence of Buddhism
 - ✓ PDBS 02 Basic doctrines of early Buddhism
 - ✓ PDBS 03 Buddhist Social Philosophy
 - ✓ PDBS 04 Buddhist Culture: An Outline Study
 - ✓ PDBS 05 Dissertation
 - ✓ PDBS 06 Fundamentals of Buddhist Ethics

- **A candidate must complete all 5 units and the dissertation within an academic year before sitting for the examination.**
- **Candidates are required to attend at least 75% of all Lectures and Tutorials in order to qualify for the Exams leading to the Postgraduate Diploma Course in Fundamental Buddhist Studies.**

Weekly Timetable

Term 1 (4 Mar 2023 to 6 Jun 2023)

Tuesdays 7.30pm – 9.30pm- PDBS 02

Thursdays 7.30pm – 9.30pm- PDBS 03

Saturdays 2.00pm – 4.00pm- PDBS 01

Term 2 (8 July 2023 to 14 Oct 2023)

Tuesdays 7.30pm – 9.30pm- PDBS 06

Saturdays 2.00pm – 4.00pm- PDBS 04

- Classes maybe conducted by Skype

Academic Calendar for Year 2023

The course for 2023 is divided into 2 terms, each term running a period of 15 weeks (30 formal contact hours per module):

Term 1

4 March 2023– 6 June 2023 (15 weeks)

Academic Break

7 June 2023- 7 July 2023 (4 weeks)

Term 2

8 July 2023 – 14 October 2023 (15 weeks)

NB: Examination dates are determined by the Postgraduate Institute, Sri Lanka. There will be one exam per module and they typically take place in the afternoons on alternate days. For example:

Wed 13 Dec 3-6PM

Fri 15 Dec 3-6PM

Sun 17 Dec 2-5PM

Tue 19 Dec 3-6PM

Thu 21 Dec 3-6PM

Application Process

To apply, please fill up the application form and send it along with \$100 payment to info@buddhlib.org.sg
The form is available here:
<https://buddhlib.org.sg/diploma>

Course Fees

Registration Fee : \$100.00

Tuition Fee : \$1,600 for whole course

- Fees above are quoted in Singapore Dollars.
- **The Registration Fee is non-refundable.**
- Tuition Fees may be refunded only if the candidate's application is not approved by the Postgraduate Institute.
- Payment is to be made by Bank Transfer/PayNow/cash/NETS/cheque.
- Payment advice. You can PayNow/PayLah to UEN S81SS0026HBRS (Buddhist Research Society Working Fund).



- Internet transfer to DBS 0010193783 (Buddhist Research Society).
- Cheque is made payable to "Buddhist Research Society".

- **You may be required to bring your original certificate of your University Degree to the library for our inspection.**

Further Enquiries

Tel: (65) 6746 8435

Email: info@buddhlib.org.sg

Website: www.buddhlib.org.sg

Opening hours: Tue- Fri 4.00pm – 8.00pm

Sat 12.00pm – 8.00pm

Sun 10.00am – 5.00pm

Buddhist Library is closed on every Monday.

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