

# **Planned Syllabus for Certificate Course in Buddhist Studies**

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## **Part 1: Daily Chanting** – *from 10 Apr to 8 May 2026*

1. Pali Alphabet
2. Pali Pronunciations
3. Namaskāra, Tisaraṇa and Pañcasīla
4. Vandana Gatha
5. Mettasutta
6. Maṅgalasutta

## **Part 2: Dhamma in English** – *from 15 May to 3 Jul 2026*

1. Basic Buddhist terminology (Pali-English)
2. A basic Introduction to the Pali Canon
3. Four Truths
  - i. Dukkhasacca
    - a. Felt Dukkha
    - b. Taught Dukkha
  - ii. Samudayasacca
  - iii. Nirodhasacca
  - iv. Maggasacca
    - a. The Threefold Trainings
    - b. Noble Eightfold Path
4. The Three Characteristics of the Existence
5. Saṃsāra - Existence - A Basic Introduction to Dependent Origination
6. Doctrine of Kamma
  - i. What is Kamma?
  - ii. Classifications

- iii. Kammaphala
- 7. A Basic Introduction to Bhāvanā - Spiritual Development
  - i. Samatha
  - ii. Vipassanā

**Part 3: Buddhist Rituals and History of Buddhism** – *from 24 Jul to 14 Aug 2026*

- 1. Life of the Buddha and Key Events
  - i. The Birth
  - ii. The Enlightenment
  - iii. The Passing Away
  - iv. The First Sermon
- 2. An Overview of the First Buddhist Council
- 3. Dana and Transferring Merits
- 4. Observance of Precepts - Development of Ethical Conduct
- 5. Jātaka (Selected Stories)

**Part 4: Buddhist Practice** – *from 4 Sep to 25 Sep 2026*

- 1. Meditation Practice
- 2. Dhamma Talks/ Dhamma Sharing/ Dhamma Communication
- 3. Social Projects/ Charity works
- 4. Voluntary Service

**“Hands-on Practice” and Conclusion** – **from 27 Sep to 24 Oct 2026**  
*Students will be given guidance before this “hands-on practice” takes place.*

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