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The Buddha-Dharma Centre of Hong Kong Ltd.

Diploma in Buddhist Studies (English Medium)

(Registration No.: 272801)

Diploma conferred by University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka

Background

The Diploma programme is affiliated with the University of Kelaniya (UoK), Sri Lanka, a state University in Sri Lanka established in 1875. UoK is one of the eminent Centres of Buddhist Studies in the world.

Objectives of the Centre

1. To integrate the study of Buddhism with Buddha-dharma practice.
2. To develop a holistic understanding of Buddhism without sectarian bias.

Goals

1. To provide an avenue for learning Buddhist Studies systematically for those aspiring to pursue Buddhist Studies at the tertiary level.
2. To handle personal problems effectively, cultivate wisdom and attain a harmonious life through Buddha-dharma practice.

Programme Structure, Course Units and Lecture Hours

Students should earn 30 credits to complete the Diploma programme, including 12 credits from three 4-credit course units (BUPH 13014, BUCU 13014 & BUPS 13014). The whole programme comprises 450 lecture hours. The programme will be offered on a Semester basis. Each academic year comprises two (2) semesters. Upon successful completion of the programme, candidates will be awarded with the Diploma in Buddhist Studies.

Course Units on offer:

Pali

PALI 13014 Development of Pali Language and Literature (4 credits)

PALI 13022 Introduction to Pali Grammar (2 credits)

PALI 13032 Selected Readings in Pali Literature (2 credits)

PALI 13042 Pali for spiritual conducts (2 credits)

PALI 13052 Fundamental Buddhist Teachings in Pali Tipitaka (2 credits)

PALI 13062 Buddhist Meditation Literature in Pali (2 credits)

Buddhist Philosophy

BUPH 13014 Fundamental Teachings of Early Buddhist Philosophy (4 credits) *

BUPH 13022 Indian Background of Buddhist Philosophy (2 credits)

BUPH 13032 Abhidhamma and Development of Buddhist Thought (2 credits)
BUPH 13042 Selected Readings in Chinese Buddhist Sutras (2 credits)
BUPH 13052 Selected Readings in Āgama and Nikāya Literature (2 credits)
BUPH 13062 Selected Readings in Buddhist Sanskrit Literature (2 credits)

Buddhist Culture

BUCU 13014 Historical Background of Buddhist Culture (4 credits) *
BUCU 13022 Modern Movements of Humanistic Buddhism (2 credits)
BUCU 13032 Buddhist Ethics (2 credits)
BUCU 13042 Buddhist Cultural Diversity (2 credits)
BUCU 13052 Theravada and Mahayana (2 credits)
BUCU 13062 Buddhist Spiritual Care and Counselling (2 credits)

Buddhist Psychology

BUPS 13014 Introduction to Buddhist Psychology (4 credits) *
BUPS 13022 Buddhist Meditation (2 credits)
BUPS 13032 Introduction to Buddhist Psychiatry (2 credits)
BUPS 13042 Mindfulness practice and its modern applications (2 credits)
BUPS 13052 Buddhist Doctrines of Analytical and Depth Psychology (2 credits)
BUPS 13062 Buddhist Analysis of Mind and Mental States (2 credits)

* denotes compulsory course units

Students are required to earn a total of 30 credits including completing the compulsory course units over the two years of study.

The course syllabus is available on our website.

Mode of Study

Part-time (two years) / Occasional

Classes are conducted on weekday evenings and weekends.

Provision for enrolment as Occasional Students

Applicants who are interested in taking only certain course units (instead of joining the whole Diploma programme) may enrol as Occasional Students. They do not need to meet the above-mentioned entrance requirements for enrolment. Upon completion of the chosen course unit, students will be issued a Certificate of Attendance. For those who have successfully completed all the requirements of a course unit (including final examination and written assignments), a Certificate of Completion with the passing grade obtained will be issued.

Course Fee

Registration Fee	HK\$ 500 (non-refundable)
Tuition Fee	HK\$ 29,000, payable in four instalment (HK\$ 7,250 each)
Occasional Students:	HK\$ 3,000 (course units of 4 credits) HK\$ 2,000 (course units of 2 credits)

Entrance Requirements

All applicants should meet at least one of the following requirements:

- (i) Passes in three subjects in GCE (General Certificate of Education) Advanced Level examination in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) Passes in three subjects in London Advanced Level examination;
- (iii) A certificate equivalent to above qualification;
- (iv) Diploma in Buddhist Studies or any other subject from a recognized university or higher education institute;
- (v) Secondary school certificate (completed thirteen years of school education) or its equivalent;
- (vi) Any other qualifications deemed equivalent to the above by University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka.

Please contact the Centre in case of doubt about eligibility of admission.

English Language Proficiency Requirement

If the applicant's first language is not English, or if the medium of instruction of his/her previous studies was not in English, he/she will be invited to attend an interview with a view to ascertaining whether he/she can work in English.

Application Procedures

Please download the application form, and submit a completed copy, along with certified copies of your academic credentials, three recent photographs (45mm × 35mm) of yourself and an application fee of HK\$500 (cheque payable to The Buddha-Dharma Centre of Hong Kong Ltd.) to BDCHK.

Please note that documents once submitted will not be returned to applicants. For successful applications, the application documents will form part of the student records. For unsuccessful applications, the application form and all supporting documents will be destroyed.

Course Commencement

Late September 2025

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The programme is registered under the Non-local Higher and Professional Education (Regulation) Ordinance, Cap. 493. It is a matter of discretion for individual employers to recognise any qualification to which these courses may lead.