

Master of Arts Program in Buddhist Studies Revision Version

B.E. 2559 (2016) International Buddhist College

1. Program Name

Master of Arts Program in Buddhist Studies (International Program)

2. Degree and Major Names

1. Full name (Thai): ศิลปศาสตรมหาบัณฑิต(พุทธศาสตรศึกษา)
2. Full name (English): Master of Arts (Buddhist Studies)

3. Main Major

Buddhist Studies Major

4. Campus/Department/Faculty Graduate School

5. Philosophy and Objectives of Program

Philosophy

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

1. to be well-rounded in both academic and practical aspects of Buddhist Studies
2. to have the ability to apply and to think in a constructive, analytical and synthetic manner
3. to have the skills to apply lifelong self-learning
4. to have the ability to communicate with others effectively
5. to show excellence in morality and ethics.

Objectives

1. 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;
2. to develop competent academic professionals and scholars in Buddhist studies (philosophy, cultures and literature) of the three major traditions;

3. 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.
4. to train Buddhist monks, nuns and laity to be successful communicators of the timeless and universal teachings of Buddha;
5. to promote Buddhist moral and ethical values; and
6. to train graduates for lifelong learning

6. Qualification for Admission

Qualifications of Applicants for Graduate Studies Programs are as Follows

A Bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree, as required by each program, from an institute accredited by the Commission on Higher Education with a GPAX of no less than 2.75. Other qualifications as required and announced in the Application Handbook by the Administrative Program Committee.

10. Program Details

10.1 Total Program Credits

Total credits of the program not less than 36 credits

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

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

10.2 Program Structures

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

10.3 Courses

1. Core Course

3 Core Courses 9 Credits.

English Mediums

1) Buddhist Thought

BT6101/ME6101 Theravāda Buddhism 3 (3-0-6)

BT6102/ME6102 Mahāyāna Buddhism 3 (3-0-6)

2) Buddhist History

BH6103/ME6103 History of Indian Buddhism 3 (3-0-6)

Chinese Medium

1) Buddhist Thought

BT6101C/MC6101 上座部佛 3 (3-0-6)

BT6102C/MC6102 大乘佛教 3 (3-0-6)

2) Buddhist History

BH6103C/MC6103 印度佛教史 3 (3-0-6)

2. Elective Course

English Medium

1) Buddhist Thought

BT6205/ME6205 A survey of the Doctrines of Abhidharma Schools
3 (3-0-6)

BT6211/ME6211 Abhidharma Doctrines and Controversies 3 (3-0-6)

BT6212/ME6212 Ālāya-vijñāna: The Yogācāra doctrine of the
'Store-consciousness' 3 (3-0-6)

BT6213/ME6213 The Śūnyatā Doctrine in Nāgārjuna's
Mūla-madhyamaka-karika 3 (3-0-6)

BT6221/ME6221 Early Yogācāra - Three Understandings of the Preparatory Path 3 (3-0-6)

BT6222/ME6222 Abhidharmahṛdayaśāstra 3 (3-0-6)

2) Buddhist Canonical Language

PL6207/ME6207 Readings in Pāli Texts 3 (3-0-6)

SK6216/ME6216 Readings in Buddhist Sanskrit Texts (Introductory) 3 (3-0-6)

3) Buddhist Literature

BL6204/ME6204 Pāli Literature 3 (3-0-6)

BL6209/ME6209 Mahāyāna Buddhist Literature 3 (3-0-6)

4) พระพุทธศาสนาในเชิงภูมิภาค Regional Buddhism

RB6214/ME6214 Buddhism in Contemporary Thailand 3 (3-0-6)

CB6215/ME6215 Chinese Buddhist Thought: A Historical Perspective 3 (3-0-6)

TB6217/ME6217 Lam Rin Chen Mo: The Path to Enlightenment in the Tibetan Tradition 3 (3-0-6)

BC6219/ME6219 The Ch'an (Dhyāna) School – A Historical Survey 3 (3-0-6)

LB6223/ME6223 Buddhism in Lanna Kingdom 3 (3-0-6)

JB6224/ME6224 Buddhism in Japan 3 (3-0-6)

5) Buddhist Culture

BC6208/ME6208 Buddhism and Society 3 (3-0-6)

BC6218/ME6218 Study of the Vinaya 3 (3-0-6)

BC6225/ME6225 Mahāyāna Buddhology 3 (3-0-6)

6) Research Methodology

RE6230/ME6230 Research Methodology: Ethic and Writing Skills
3 (3-0-6)

7) หัวข้อพิเศษในพระพุทธศาสนศึกษา Special Topics in Buddhist Studies

ST6206/ME6206 Special Topic in Buddhist Studies (1) 3 (3-0-6)

ST6210/ME6210 Special Topic in Buddhist Studies (2) 3 (3-0-6)

ST6220/ME6220 Special Topic in Buddhist Studies (3) 3 (3-0-6)

ST6226/ME6226 Special Topic in Buddhist Studies (4) 3 (3-0-6)

Chinese Medium

1) Buddhist Thought

BT6205C/MC6205 阿毗达磨宗派理论概观 3 (3-0-6)

BT6211C/MC6211 阿毗达磨教义和争论 3 (3-0-6)

BT6212C/MC6212 阿赖耶识：唯识的‘藏识’教义 3 (3-0-6)

BT6213C/MC6213 龙树《根本中观颂》中的空的教义 3 (3-0-6)

2) Buddhist Canonical Language

PL6207C/MC6207 巴利文典阅读 3 (3-0-6)

SK6216C/MC6216 梵文佛教经典选读（介绍性质） 3 (3-0-6)

3) Buddhist Literature

BL6209C/MC6209 大乘佛教典籍 3 (3-0-6)

4) Regional Buddhism

CB6215C/MC6215 中国佛教思想：一种历史的观点 3 (3-0-6)

TB6218C/MC6217 禅宗概论 3 (3-0-6)

5) Buddhist Culture

BC6218C/MC6218 戒律学 3 (3-0-6)

6) Research Methodology

RE6230C/MC6230 研究方法学：伦理与写作技能 3 (3-0-6)

7) Special Topics in Buddhist Studies

ST6206C/MC6206 佛学研究的特别论题 (1) 3 (3-0-6)

ST6210C/MC6210 佛学研究的特别论题 (2) 3 (3-0-6)

ST6220C/MC6220 佛学研究的特别论题 (3) 3 (3-0-6)

ST6226C/MC6226 佛学研究的特别论题 (4) 3 (3-0-6)

3. Thesis/Independent Study Report

English Medium

Plan 1

BT6322/ME6322 Thesis 12 Credits

Plan 2

BT6321/ME6321 Independent Study Report 3 (3-0-6) 3 Credits

Chinese Medium

Plan 1

BT6322C/MC6322 论文 Thesis 12 Credits

Plan 2

BT6321C/MC6321 小论文 Independent Study Report 3 (3-0-6)
3 Credits