Revised Curriculum

Bachelor of Arts Degree Programme

Center for Distance and Continuing Education, 2021

Subject: BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY

Year	Semester	Course Code	Course Title	Compulsory	
Study				/Optional	Credits
			Philosophical Background and	Compulsory	4
1	1 & 2	BUPH 18214	Basic Principles of Early		
			Buddhism		
		BUPH 18224	Development of Buddhist	Compulsory	4
		DUPH 18224	Thought		
		DIIDII 2021 /	Buddhist Analysis of Mind and	Compulsory	4
2	3 & 4	BUPH 28214	Abhidhamma Studies		
		BUPH 28224	Buddhist Ethic and Social	Compulsory	4
			Philosophy		
		BUPH 38214	Metaphysical Propositions and	Compulsory	4
3	5 & 6	BUPH 36214	Inter-religious Understanding		
		DUDII 20224	Buddhist Epistemology, Logic	Compulsory	4
		BUPH 38224	and Western Thought		

Course Code:	BUPH 18214
Compulsory/	Compulsory
Optional: Course Name:	Philosophical Background and Basic Principles of Early
Course wante.	Buddhism
Intended	At the completion of this course unit, the student will be able to
Learning	
Outcomes:	identify the Indian Philosophical background.
	define the technical terms of Buddhist Philosophy
	develop an interest in the Indian Philosophical background.
	> explain the Indian philosophical background that led to the
	origin of Buddhism.
	display an interest in Buddhist Studies.
	 point out complicated Philosophical thoughts are hindrance
	for the realization of truth.
	illustrate the evolution of Indian Philosophy.
	identify fundamentals of early Buddhist teachings.
	➤ develop proficiency in analyzing fundamentals of early
	Buddhist teachings from different viewpoints
	➤ analyze the Five Aggregates, twelve Faculties and eighteen
	Elements.
	evaluate the significance of three characteristics.
	point out the ethical significance of Middle Path.
	 distinguish the uniqueness of Dependent Origination
Course Content	Pre-vedic period: religious and philosophical trends, various beliefs
	and practices. <i>vedic</i> period: polytheism and its special characteristics,
	monotheism, religious and philosophical trends reflected therein.
	brāhmaṇa period: Formation of religion, sacrifice, āraṇyaka and
	upanişad period: Search for ultimate reality and means of
	knowledge, theory of soul, concept of Brahman, evolution of Indian
	philosophy: eternalism, materialism and the religious views related
	to them. śramaṇa thought and traditions: ājīvaka, jaṭila, paribrājaka,
	etc. Six heretical teachers and their philosophies, $akiriyav\overline{a}da$,

	niyativāda, amarāvikkhepavāda, pubbekata hetuvāda and Jainism.	
	Early Buddhism, its nature, objectives and uniqueness, primary sources of early Buddhism, analytical study of being and the world, analysis of aggregates, twelve faculties, eighteen elements, three characteristics, its universality, theory of soullessness and its significance, Dependent Origination and synthesis reflected therein, primary and secondary objectives of Dependent Origination, contemporary religious views and Dependent Origination, Four Noble Truths, reality of human life and cessation reflected therein, un-satisfactoriness and release from it, Middle Path and synonymous terms, karma, karmic retribution, rebirth, cycle of existence, distinctive characteristics reflected therein, inter-relationship of the fundamentals of early Buddhist teachings.	
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Teaching	Lectures, Discussions, Assignments, Workshop	
/Learning	All should be presented by using LMS (As PowerPoint	
Activities:	presentation), Using web search and self-studies methods.	
Assessment	Written exam (100 marks) or written exam (80 marks) +	
Strategy:	assignments (20marks) at end of the academic year.	
Recommended Reading:	 කලුපහන. ජිනදාස, (1963), භාරතීය දර්ශන ඉතිහාසය, රාජා භාෂා දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව, කොළඹ. මේධානන්ද හිමි, දේවාලේගම. (1997), බෞද්ධ අධ්‍යයන ප්‍රවේශය, කැලණිය. පඤ්ඤාලෝක හිමි, වැයිහේනේ, (1960), වෛදික යුගයෙන් බෞද්ධ යුගයට, ගුණසේන සහ සමාගම, කොළඹ. ගල්මංගොඩ, සුමනපාල, (1994), ආදි බෞද්ධ දර්ශනයේ මූලධර්ම අභය ප්‍රකාශකයෝ, මහර. විජේඛණ්ඩාර, චන්දීම, (1985), ආදි බෞද්ධ චින්තනය - හැඳින්වීමක්, ගොඩගේ සහ සමාගම, කොළඹ. කරුණාරත්න, ඩබ්, එස්, (1987), බෞද්ධ දර්ශනය හා චරණය, බෞද්ධ සංස්කෘතික මධාස්ථානය, දෙහිවල. ඥානාරාම හිමි පාතේගම, (1996), මුල් බුදුසමය හා විවරණ ගැටලු, කොළඹ. 	

Course Code:	BUPH 18224	
Compulsory/	Compulsory	
Optional:		
Course Name:	Development of Buddhist Thought	
Intended	At the completion of this course unit, the student will be able to	
Learning		
Outcomes:	identify the relationship of the teachings of early Buddhist	
	Schools and early Buddhist thought.	
	distinguish various viewpoints that led to schism.	
	> explain the influence of sectarian views on the history of	
	Buddhist Philosophy.	

- > point out how the Buddhist thought gradually developed.
- > compare and contrast various arguments put forward by the various schools of Buddhist thought.
- > explain the newly developed Buddhist concepts.
- distinguish the theoretical significance of their arguments to resolve religious and philosophical issues.
- > survey the causes that led to the origin of *mahāyāna* Buddhist thought.
- identify the fundamentals of *mahāyāna* Buddhist teachings.
- illustrate the ethical and spiritual significance of perfections.
- compare and contrast the different characteristics of Bodhisattva and Buddha concepts
- identify *pratītyasamutpāda*, śūnyatā and middle path.
- > explain the three-fold nature of world.
- ➤ distinguish similarities and dissimilarities between the teachings of early Buddhist schools and *mahāyāna* teachings.
- point out the significance of mādyamaka and yogacāra vijñānavāda teaching.
- describe main theories and prominent teachers of Tantrism.
- understand of how ideas and methods in the discipline have developed or changed

Course Content

Various viewpoints existent among disciples on Dhamma and Vinaya at the time of the Buddha, analytical teachings in early Buddhism, various causes that led to schism, latent trends, background for second Buddhist Council, *mahīsāṅghikas*, their origin and fundamental teachings, origin of *lokottaravāda*, concept of Buddha in *lokottaravāda*. Origin of *theravāda* and fundamental teachings. *puggalavāda* and its origin, use of early Buddhist discourses as evidence in substantiation of their arguments, *sarvāstivāda*, their teachings and significance, concept of Dhamma in *sarvāstivāda* and trend towards the negation of person,

	sautrāntikas, significance of their theory of moments and concept of	
	Dhamma. Similarities and dissimilarities among Buddhist schools.	
Teaching	Philosophical background of the origin of <i>mahāyāna</i> Buddhism; Introduction to <i>mahāyāna sūtra</i> literature, <i>Bodhisattva</i> ideal and the fulfillment of perfections; <i>Bodhicitta, pranidhāna</i> and <i>dasabhūmi; mahāyāna</i> concept of Buddha and the concept of <i>trikāya</i> , origin of central philosophy (<i>mādhyamika</i>) and its main teachings; critique of the concepts of soul and soullessness; the middle path, dependent co-origination and relativism, origin of <i>yogāgcāra</i> idealism and its main theories, threefold nature (<i>trḥsvabhāva</i>); divisions of consciousness- <i>pravṛtti; manana</i> and <i>ālaya</i> , , The Tantrism, its main theories and the authoritative texts Lectures, Discussions, Assignments, Workshop	
/Learning	All should be presented by using LMS (As PowerPoint	
Activities:	presentation), Using web search and self-studies methods.	
Assessment	Written exam (100 marks) or written exam (80 marks) +	
Strategy:	assignments (20marks) at end of the academic year.	
Recommended Reading:	 Dutt, N., (1978), Buddhist Sects in India, Motilal Banarsidass, Delhi.Bapat. P.V., Two Thousand Five Hundred Years of Buddhism, Motilal Banarsidass, Delhi. පඤ්ඤාකිත්ති හිමි, හිරිපිටියේ, (1996), බලදේව උපාධාාය. බෞද්ධ දර්ශනය, කොළඹ. නානායක්කාර, සනත්, (2005), මුල් බුදුසමයේ සිට වජුයානය දක්වා, දෙහිවල. මේධානන්ද හිමි, දේවාලේගම, (1976), චකුර්විධ බෞද්ධ දර්ශන සම්පුදාය, කොළඹ. සාසනරතන හිමි, මොරටුවේ, (1976), ලක්දිව මහායාන අදහස්, ගුණසේන සහ සමාගම රාහුල හිමි, අත්තුඩාවේ, (1970), මහායානය, නුගේගොඩ. 	

Course Code:	BUPH 28214
Compulsory/	Compulsory
Optional:	
Course Name:	Buddhist Analysis of Mind and Abhidhamma Studies
Intended	At the completion of this course unit, the student will be able to
Learning	
Outcomes:	> define the meaning and contextual usage of Buddhist
	psychological terms.
	distinguish the dependent nature of mind and body.
	explain the interconnectivity of citta, mano, viññāṇa
	identify the utility of mental discipline.

- point out that mindfulness is useful for success and retain memory.
- ➤ discuss the therapeutic significance of Buddhist meditation.
- develop an inclination to reduce harmful practices and habits.
- use Buddhist therapeutic methods to solve mental problems.
- > Describe the value of Buddhist psychoanalysis
- \triangleright identify the $\bar{A}bhidhammic$ literature belonging to different schools of $\bar{A}bhidhammic$ thought.
- \triangleright examine the fundamental *Ābhidhammic* concepts.
- \triangleright outline the causes that led to the development of $\bar{A}bhidhammic$ teachings.
- illustrate the formation of the individual and the different elements of existence.
- compare and contrast various *Ābhidhamic* teachings.
- \triangleright evaluate the significance of $\bar{A}bhidhammic$ teachings to develop new theories of the world of phenomena.
- demonstrate familiarity with the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings, and historical trends in *Ābhidhammic* teachings.

Course Content

The basis of Buddhist Psychology, The analysis of Buddhist terms referring to mental conditions: *citta, mano, viññāṇa*, Buddhist analysis of *viññāṇa*, interconnection between mind and body; The Buddhist analysis of perception, sensation and volition, The Buddhist methods of meditation; *cittānupassanā* and introspection; parapsychological powers taught in Buddhism, Buddhist definitions of *abhiññā, pariññā, paññā, dhyāna* and *samāpatti*, Buddhist definitions of personality, The analysis of mind and matter, and the classifications of personality, place of psychoanalysis found in the Buddhist teachings.

The teachings of the Pali canon and the philosophical concepts of the Buddhist schools which influenced the origin of *Abhidharma*,

Teaching /Learning Activities:	philosophical and psychological importance of the analysis of <i>citta</i> , <i>cetasika</i> and <i>rūpa</i> in the <i>theravāda Abhidhamma</i> , The <i>Abhidharma-piṭaka</i> literature of the <i>theravāda</i> and <i>sarvāstivāda</i> , methods of analysis and synthesis of the <i>Abhidharma</i> , <i>paññatti</i> , <i>paramattha</i> and the theory of two truths; Main teachings and <i>dharmavāda of sarvāstivāda Abhidharma</i> ; <i>Ābhidharmic</i> theories of moment and atom, difference between <i>sarvāstivāda</i> and <i>theravāda Ābhidammic</i> teachings Lectures, Discussions, Assignments, Workshop All should be presented by using LMS (As PowerPoint
Assessment Strategy:	presentation), Using web search and self-studies methods. Written exam (100 marks) or written exam (80 marks) + assignments (20marks) at end of the academic year.
Recommended Reading:	 De Silva, Padmasiri., (1979), An Introduction to Buddhist Psychology, Macmillan, London. Rhys, Davids, Mrs., (1924), Buddhist Psychology, Luzac, London. Karunadas, Y. (2010). The Theravāda Abhidhamma; Its Inquiry into the Nature of Conditioned Reality, Centre of Buddhist Studies, The University of Hong Kong. ආනන්ද හිමි, කෝන්ගස්කැන්නේ, (1996), අභිධර්මය වෙනම පිටකයක් ද, රත්නපුර. නිලකරත්න, අසංග, (1995), අභිධර්ම අධනයන, කරුණාරත්න සහ පුතුයෝ, කොළඹ. පඤ්ඤාරනන හිමි, මහමිකව, හා ඉලංගකෝන්, සමන්න, (2010), බෞද්ධ මනෝව්දන ලිපි, සමාධි ප්‍රකාශන, මිරිස්වන්න හෙවිට්ආරච්චි, ධර්මසේන, (2006), බෞද්ධ මනොව්දන පුවේශය, සරසව් ප්‍රකාශන, දිවුලපිය.

Course Code:	BUPH 28224	
Compulsory/	Compulsory	
Optional: Course Name:	Buddhist Ethics and Social Philosophy	
Intended	At the completion of this course unit, the student will be able to	
Learning	 distinguish the difference between ethics and morality. 	
Outcomes:	examine the scope and mission of Buddhist ethics.	
	 describe how attitudes can be changed through ethical 	
	teachings and persuasion towards morality	
	point out the Buddhist contribution to modern philosophy.	
	develop human qualities.	
	respect humanity and love environment.	
	distinguish the significance of Buddhist criteria of ethics.	
	examine the Buddhist teachings on freedom and social welfare.	
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	 apply Buddhist teaching to create a harmonious society. identify the field of Buddhist social philosophy. 	
	illustrate the Buddhist theory of Buddhist social philosophy.	
	 point out the causalities of social issues. 	
	recall the Buddhist qualities of leadership-responsibility.	
	 develop good attitudes towards society. 	
	distinguish the significance of religious harmony and justice.	
	apply Buddhist teaching to resolve present social problems.	
	> analyze and solve a variety of social problems from a Buddhist	
	perspective	
	evaluate the role of Buddha as a social philosopher.	
	demonstrate flexibility, adaptability and independence in	
	order to engage productively with a changing social,	
	cultural and religious environment	
Course Content	The definitions of ethics, field of study related to ethics, the nature	
	scope and objectives of Buddhist ethics, Buddhist attitude towards	

the other contemporary religious traditions and their ethical codes in India, law and ethics, criteria of morally wholesome and unwholesome, good and bad, right and wrong; the difference between puñña (meritorious) and kusala actions, moral causation, self-culture and altruism, duty and obligation, the freedom and responsibility, ethics and social welfare, and ethics and nibbana, distinguish characteristics of ethics prescribed for laity and clergy. The field of social philosophy, similarities and special features between social philosophy and sociology, Indian social background at the time of the Buddha, the role of the Buddha as a social philosopher of the contemporary society, basis of Buddhist social philosophy, Buddhist attitude on social injustice and oneness of humankind, individual and the economic system of society, progress and deterioration of the society, Buddhist attitude towards politics, law, crime and punishment. Relevance of Buddhist teachings in solving the present social problems, relationship between the order of the *sangha* and the laity **Teaching** Lectures, Discussions, Assignments, Workshop /Learning All should be presented by using LMS (As PowerPoint **Activities:** presentation), Using web search and self-studies methods. Written exam (100 marks) or written exam (80 marks) + Assessment **Strategy**: assignments (20marks) at end of the academic year. Jayatilleka, K.N., (1972), Ethics in Buddhist Perspective, Buddhist Recommended Publication Society, Kandy. Reading: Saddhatissa Thero, H., (1970), Buddhist Ethics, Allen & Unwin, London. තිවත්මග, (2009), බෞද්ධ ආචාරධර්ම, රජයේ මුදුණාලීය බෞද්ධ සංගමය, ලප්මසිරි, පී. ඩී., (1997), fn!oaO wdpdrO¾u, බුදධ ශාසන අමාතාහංශය, මලලසේකර, ජී. පී., හා ජයතිලක, කේ. එන්., (1960), ngÿjuh vd cd:s m%Yakh" rdcH NdId දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව, කොළඹ. විජේඛණ්ඩාර, චන්දීම, (2000), fn!oaO iudc o¾Ykh" fn!oaO O¾udpd¾h úNd.h, බුද්ධ ශාසන අමාතහාංශය, කොළඹ. රත්නපාල, නන්දසේන, (1999), ngÿoyu iudc úoHdj yd ck Ôú;h, ආරිය පුකාශකයෝ, වරකාපොල

Course Code:	BUPH 38214	
Compulsory/	Compulsory	
Optional:		
Course Name:	Metaphysical Propositions and Interreligious Understanding	
Intended	At the completion of this course unit, the student will be able to	
Learning Outcomes:	define the metaphysical terms.	
	> examine the nature of metaphysical issues.	
	> survey the limitations of metaphysical concepts.	
	understand reality from different perspectives and examine that different	
	> people define issues in different ways	
	> point out the logical foundation of the metaphysical propositions.	
	find out a logical foundation for consideration of metaphysical concepts of denial.	
	recognize, express, and analyze arguments in metaphysics	
	 examine the significance of Buddhist teachings on metaphysics. 	
	 compare and contrast different theories of metaphysics. 	
	summarize and explain difficult ideas and of metaphysical	
	concepts	
	recognize and appreciate the contours of religious difference	
Course Content	Introduction to metaphysics and its definitions; metaphysical propositions and explanations regarding the nature of the world, Some metaphysical proposition prevalent at the time of the Buddha; mahābrahma, mahāpuruṣa, mūlahetu, viśvāttma, jagadātma, mahābraman, śiva, viśṇu etc. Metaphysical propositions in other religions, dasa ayākata and Buddhist attitude towards them. īśvaravāda and the Buddhist concept on the God and gods, the soul theory and Buddhist criticism of it, kamma, re-incarnation and re-becoming; deliverance and nibbāna, eternity and impermanence	
Teaching	Lectures, Discussions, Assignments, Workshop	
/Learning Activities:	All should be presented by using LMS (As PowerPoint	
	presentation), Using web search and self-studies methods.	
Assessment Strategy:	Written exam (100 marks) or written exam (80 marks) + assignments (20marks) at end of the academic year.	

Recommended Reading:	 Dharmasiri, G., (1974), Buddhist Critique of the Christian Concept of God, Colombo. Joshi, L.N., (1970), Buddhism and Hinduism, Kandy. වීරරත්න, ඩබ්ලිව්. ජී., (1970), බෞද්ධ දේව සංකල්පය, බෞද්ධ ගුන්ථ පුකාශන, මහනුවර. ග්ලෙසෙනප්, හෙල්මත් වොන්, (1963), බුදුසමය හා කිතුසමය, බෞද්ධ ගුන්ථ පුකාශන, මහනුවර. ධර්මසිරි, ගුණපාල, (1970), දාර්ශනික පුශ්න, අධභාපන පුකාශන දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව, කොළඹ. රාහුල හිමි, වල්පොල, (1995). බුදුන් වදාළ ධර්මය, බෞද්ධ සංස්කෘතික මධාස්ථානය, නැදිමාල.
	● විජේරත්ත, ආතත්ද, (2003), <i>භාරතිය ආත්මවාද</i> , කොළඹ.

Course Code:	BUPH 38224	
Compulsory/	Compulsory	
Optional:		
Course Name:	Buddhist Epistemology, Logic and Western Thought	
Intended	At the completion of this course unit, the student will be able to	
Learning		
Outcomes:	identify the sources of human knowledge.	
	point out the difference between belief and truth.	
	point out that knowledge acquired through endeavor exceeds	
	the common knowledge.	
	discuss the qualitative significance of human knowledge.	
	identify the fundamental of Buddhist epistemology and logic.	
	define the logical terms in Buddhist teachings.	
	> point out the logical theories reflected in Buddhist teachings.	
	> examine the later development of Buddhist thought.	
	> appreciate the Buddhist attitude towards the authority and	
	reason.	
	> justify the Buddhist theory of knowledge and examine the	
	basic teachings of western philosophy.	
	compare and contrast empiricism and rationalism.	
	> identify the rationalists and empiricists elements found in the	
	Buddhist teachings.	
	> point out that the Buddhist theory of knowledge is based on	
	dependent origination.	

	➤ ascertain the practical humanitarian trends in Buddhism	
	discernible when compared with western thought.	
	identify the most logical and reasonable practice to be	
	followed is the Buddhist teaching for success in this world	
	and the world beyond.	
	evaluate the Buddhist teachings on the analysis of mind and its ethical significance.	
Course Content	Usage of the term "anumāna" (inference); its definitions in the	
	Buddhist texts on logic, trirūpalinga, hetvābhāsa, svārthānumāna,	
	parārthānumāna (syllogism), usage of catuṣkoṭika and its later	
	developments, Buddhist attitude towards authority and reason,	
	perception and extra-sensory perception; empiricist trends, theory of	
	two truths and its epistemological basis, language, truth and	
	meaning; knowledge and its limitations, undeclared questions.	
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	Buddhist critique on the concepts of the God, gods and the theory	
	of soul, Buddhist attitude towards empiricism and sensory	
	perception, The rationalism and the Buddhist theory of knowledge,	
	The pragmatism and the Buddhist concept of <i>kamma</i> ; The psycho -	
	analysis and the Buddhist analysis of mind, ethics and the Buddhist	
	path, Parapsychology and the Buddhist spiritual development, The	
	aesthetics and the Buddhist attitude towards righteous enjoyment	
Teaching	Lectures, Discussions, Assignments, Workshop	
/Learning Activities:	All should be presented by using LMS (As PowerPoint	
	presentation), Using web search and self-studies methods.	
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	කොළඹ. ● සුමනසාර හිමි, කරහම්පිටියගොඩ, (1953), <i>නාපාය බින්දු</i> , <i>සුමනසාර වහාබහා</i> ,	
	ගොඩගේ. බේමානන්ද හිමි, හෑගොඩ, (1992), <i>ථෙරවාද නාහය</i> , තරංජි පින්ටර්ස්. මහරගම. සිල්වා, පද්මසිරි, (1963), <i>දාර්ශනික ගැටලු</i> , විදහලංකාර මුදුණාලය, කැලණිය. ධර්මසිරි, ගුණපාල, (1970), <i>දාර්ශනික පුශ්ත</i> , අධහාපන පුකාශන	
	දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව, කොළඹ.	