



**Department of Buddhist Studies**

**Rules, Regulations and Syllabus of M.A. Course of Studies in Buddhist Studies, C.U.**

**Total Marks – 800**

(Compulsory Papers 400 + Special Papers 400 in a Four Semester System)

Duration of each Semester 6 (Six) month in two years

No. of Seats:- 40 (Forty) including Reservations

Time:- 5(five) days in a week (Monday – Friday) from 2.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. (six classes)

Venue:- Room no. 42 A, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Asutosh Building, Asutosh Siksha Prangan, 87/1, College Street,  
Kolkata – 700073.

Objective:- This course offers a comparative as well as holistic approach to Buddhism taking into account different social, cultural, historical, philosophical and ethical aspects. Apart from this, the Syllabus of the said course has been framed in such a way that will benefit the students appearing at UGC NET Examinations (Code No. 60) and also at WBCS Examination in Pali.

Eligibility:- Since the said course is inter-disciplinary in character the Honours students of all categories of Humanities Group can take admission. Moreover, the students who complete their P.G. Diploma course in Buddhist Studies and other M.A. in relevant subjects may be offered an opportunity to take admission in M.A. in Buddhist Studies as there is no scope for learning Buddhist Studies in B.A. (Hons.) in West Bengal.

Course curriculum:-

Total Marks – 800 (Eight hundred) Marks

**Compulsory Papers** – 400 (Four hundred) Marks, including Internal Assessment of term Papers of 20 marks in each half. At the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester there will be compulsory field work of 20 Marks.

**Special Papers** – 400 (Four hundred) Marks comprising of 3 (three) Groups (A,B,C).

Duration of each Semester – 6 (Six) months in 2 (Two) years including Internal Assessment.

## **M.A. Course in Buddhist Studies**

### **General Information**

1. Any selection for admission to the course, the candidate shall, within the date fixed by the University, deposit the necessary fees (admission fees, tuition fees etc.) prescribed for the purpose. If a candidate fails to deposit the fees within the stipulated date, his/her selection shall be liable to be cancelled. Such a candidate shall not be admitted unless a fresh order is made or any extension of date of payment requisite fees is granted by the University.
2. Reservation criteria are as per C.U. rules.
3. Any seat served for Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribe remain vacant, the vacant seats shall be filled up from the general category in order of merit.
4. Admission to the course of Buddhist Studies shall only be in the First Semester.
5. A candidate admitted to the course of Buddhist Studies shall be enrolled as a student of the University of Calcutta.
6. Candidates admitted to the course entitled to take Lectures and other academic arrangements made for them by the Department.
7. Students in this course shall have to pursue a regular course of study extending over four- semesters in Two-year period.
8. The University shall have power to condone deficiency up to 10% of attendance of candidate only for cogent reasons and such candidate will have to pay a condonation fee of Rs.200/-.
9. The last date of receipt of Application and the Course fees shall be fixed each year by the University.
10. The Examination will be held at the end of each Semester.
11. The Examination fees and other related fees for M.A. Examinations under Semester System shall be as follows :
  - a. Rs. 250/- per Semester per Candidate as Examination fees.
  - b. Rs. 20/- per semester per Candidate as cost of application form.
  - c. Rs. 30/- per candidate per Semester as Centre fee.
  - d. Rs. 30/- per candidate payable with examination as Degree fee.

- e. Rs. 70/- per Candidate as late fee for Examination (each Semester)
12. A candidate shall be declared to have passed the M.A. Course if he/she secures at least 40% marks in aggregate in Final Examination. If any candidate fails to secure 40% in aggregate he/she will have to take fresh admission to the course.
13. A candidate will not qualify the next Semester unless he/she has cleared the previous Semester. A provision be made for appearing at the Supplementary Examination clearing a particular paper of each semester.
14. A candidate can appear a maximum number of two consecutive years and two chances for each Semester to clear a particular course, failing which he/she shall be dropped from the rolls of the University.
15. If a student is dropped from the University Roll because of the failure to clear a particular course, he/she may apply for readmission in the beginning of the next academic session along with the fresh application.
16. Each successful candidate will receive the M.A. Certificate stating the year of passing, the grade and quality-descriptor in which he/she is placed.

**Two-year M.A. Course in Buddhist Studies in Four-Semester System**

**University of Calcutta**

**Examination in Four-Semester**

**Evaluation Procedure**

Existing Total Marks – 800 (General Papers to be converted in Grades)

**FIRST SEMESTER : 200 Marks**

**Paper – I**

Full Marks: 100

**Buddhist selected texts in the Indian classical languages**

**First Half : 50 Marks** - Pali Literature (Canonical & non-canonical), Buddhist Sanskrit  
& Pure Sanskrit Literature

**Second Half : 50 Marks**-Various Scripts relating to Buddhist Texts and Epigraphy

**Paper – II**

Full Marks:100

**History of Buddhist Literature and Allied Indian Literature**

**& History of Buddhism**

First Half : 50 Marks-Outlines of Classical Buddhist literature and allied Indian literature

**Second Half : 50 Marks** - A General survey of Buddhism in India

**SECOND SEMESTER : 200 Marks**

**Paper – III**

Full Marks: 100

**Buddhism and socio-culture movements in India**

**First Half : 50 Marks**-Socio-culture movement, Buddhism, Jainism, Christianity and Sufism

**Second Half - 50 Marks** - Social Thoughts of Ambedkar & Gandhian movements of Non-violence

& Peace and Human Resource Management

**Paper – IV**

Full Marks : 100

**A Comparative Study – Buddhism & Jainism**

First Half : 50 Marks - Buddhist & Jaina Thoughts in India

Second Half : 50 Marks-Buddhist & Jaina Art, Architecture & Iconography

**SPECIAL PAPERS : GROUP - A, B & C**

Group A : 400 Marks

**THIRD SEMESTER: 200 Marks**

**Buddhist Literature in Asia**

**Paper - V**

Full Marks: 100

**Buddhist Literature in Indian Languages**

First Half : 50 Marks – Buddhist Literature in Pali

Second Half : 50 Marks – Buddhist Literature in Sanskrit & Mixed Sanskrit

**Paper – VI**

Full Marks : 100

**Indian Buddhist Literature in Tibet and China**

First Half : 50 Marks – Buddhist Literature in Tibetan

Second Half : 50 Marks – Buddhist Literature in Chinese

**FOURTH SEMESTER : 200 Marks**

**Buddhist Literature of South, South-East Asia and Central Asia**

**Paper - VII**

Full Marks – 100

First Half : 50 Marks –Buddhist Literature of South-East Asia

Central Asia

Second half: 50 Marks – Bengali Language, Works of Rabindranath and Haraprasad Sastri

First Half : 50 Marks : Hindi Woks of Rahul Sankrityayan, Oriya work

Selected Chapter on Tamil Literature Saraladasa's Mahabharata of Manimekhalai

Second Half: 50 Marks – Buddhist Literature of South and South-East Asia

**Paper – VIII**

Full Marks : 100

First Half: 50 Marks : Creative Literature of Bengali and Oriya

Second Half: 50 Marks : Creative Literature of Hindi and Tamil

**Group - B : 400 Marks**

**THIRD SEMESTER: 200 Marks**

**Buddhist Doctrine and Thought**

**Paper - V**

Full Marks: 100

**The Early Buddhist Doctrine**

First Half : 50 Marks - Buddhist Ethics

Second Half : 50 Marks - Abhidhammapitaka & Abidharmasastra

**Paper –VI**

Full Marks : 100

**Branches of Buddhist Thought, Logic and Epistemology**

First Half : 50 Marks - Multiple Schools of Thought

First Half : 50 Marks - Logic & Epistemology

**FOURTH SEMESTER: 200 Marks**

**Paper - VII**

Full Marks : 100

**Buddhist Schools of Thought**

First Half : 50 Marks - Schismatic Indian Buddhist Schools of Thought

Second Half : 50 – Marks, Tantric Buddhist Thought

**Paper - VIII**

Full Marks : 100

First Half : 50 Marks : Tantric Buddhist Thought of Iconic Arts

Second Half : 50 Marks : Buddhist Texts – Introduction to Sarvadar'sana Samgraha with special reference to Buddhist & Jaina thoughts – 20 Marks and Thought and Doctrine of Buddhist Sects of Tibet, China and

Japan – 30 Marks

**Group - C : 400 Marks**

**THIRD SEMESTER: 200 Marks**

**Applied Buddhism : Buddhist Pilgrimage and Tourism of Buddhist sites in India**

**Paper - V**

Full Marks : 100

First Half – 50 Marks : Buddhist Sites in Indian

Second Half – 50 Marks : Buddhist Pilgrimage & Tourism

**Paper – VI**

Full Marks : 100

**Buddhist Art and Architecture abroad**

First Half : 50 Marks – Buddhist Art and Architecture in North Asia,  
West and East Asia.

Second Half : 50 Marks - Buddhist Art and Architecture in South-east Asia

**FOURTH SEMESTER: 200 Marks**

**Paper - VII**

Full Marks: 100

Tantric Buddhism, Ecology, Medical Science and Bio-Ethics

First Half : 50 Marks -Tantric Buddhist Icons and Symbols

Second Half : 50 Marks - Medical Science and Ecology



**Paper - VIII**

**Full Marks : 100**

**Contemporary Buddhism and Buddhist Sects of Tibet, China and Japan**

First Half : 50 Marks – Contemporary Buddhism ( 20 Marks) and  
History of Buddhist Sects of Tibet, China & Japan ( 30 Marks)

Second Half : 50 Marks – Buddhist Inscriptions ( 30 Marks) and

Records of Chinese Travellers (20 Marks)