
International Buddhist Studies College (IBSC)

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Bachelor of Arts in Buddhist Studies

Program Overview

The Bachelor of Arts in Buddhist Studies degree is awarded for mastering a field of scholarship, for learning the methods of investigation appropriate to that field, and for completing original research

Although the courses Bachelor of Arts in Buddhist Studies mainly aims at developing graduate's efficiency of being spiritual leader hood and enabling for reasonably and intelligently solving various kinds of problems. Besides, the program enables to produce the graduate with deep knowledge of Buddha's teaching so that they are able to reasonably and intelligently teach others both Thais and foreigners. As a result, those who have studied Buddhism regarding this program can rightly apprehend and effectively practice along with Buddhist principles and well understanding the current situations of the world and society and well-versed in using modern technology to propagate the teachings of the Buddha.

Vision

A College enriched with the beauty of multicultural

International Center for Buddhist Studies College of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University produces intelligent graduates within a collaborative network of Buddhist educational Institutes around the world, with the aim of awakening society and integrating Buddhist studies with modern sciences to develop Buddhist research, innovation and academic services based on projects to Foster and maintain the arts and culture of a multicultural society.

Mission

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Curriculum

The Bachelor of Arts in Buddhist Studies aspirant specifies a program area in which classes and research work are to be done and in which she or he expects to become a scholar. This area of concentration is at least 120 graduate credit hours taken at the International Buddhist Studies College (IBSC), Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, exclusive of dissertation credits and research skills requirement. The doctoral study aspirant, with the assistance of an advisor, constructs a doctoral program plan of coursework and research opportunities.

1. Unit of General Education Subjects 30 credits

1.1 Compulsory Subjects **18 credits**

1.2 Selective Subjects **12 credits**

2. Unit of Specific Subjects 84 credits

2.1 Subject Group of Buddhism **12 credits**

2.2 Core Subjects **33 credits**

2.3 Specific Subjects **30 credits**

2.4 Selective Subjects **9 credits**

3. Unit of Independent Selective Subjects 6 credits

Total **120 credits**

Curriculum Subjects

1. Unit of General Education Subjects

It is divided into compulsory subjects with 18 credits that students must study all and select 12 more credits. Totally, there are 30 credits as:

Unit of General Education Subjects 30 credits

(1) Compulsory Subjects 18 credits

(2) Selective Subjects 12 credits

1. Unit of General Education Subjects 30 credits

The Students must study the Unit of General Education Subjects 30 credits as follows:

1.1 Compulsory Subjects**18 credits**

112 101	Sciences and Arts of Life
112 102	Social Studies for Human Development
112 103	Scientific Paradigm
112 104	Fundamentals of Philosophy
112 205	Peace Studies
112 206	Introduction to Statistics and Research

1.2 Selective Subjects**12 credits**

112 107	Introduction to Religions
112 108	Environmental Studies and Deep Ecology
112 109	World Politics and Administrations
112 110	Principle of Management
112 111	Principle of Economics
112 112	Principle of Psychology
112 113	Buddhist Arts
112 114	Public Mind and Social Development
112 115	Integrity and Good Governance
112 116	Innovation and Information Technology
112 117	Sufficiency Economic Philosophy
112 118	Introduction to Sciences
112 119	Sustainable Development
112 120	Global Citizenship Studies
112 121	Cross-Cultural Languages and Communications
112 222	Systematic and Critical Thinking
112 223	Introduction to Computer Applications
112 224	Introduction to Logics
112 225	Academic English
112 226	Basic English
112 227	Advanced English

112 228	Introduction to Sanskrit
112 229	Advanced Sanskrit
112 230	Introduction to Thai
112 231	Advanced Thai
112 232	Introduction to Chinese
112 233	Advanced Chinese
112 234	Basic Pali
112 235	Advanced Pali

2. Unit of Specific Subjects 84 credits

2.1 Subject Group of Buddhism 12 credits

The students must study the educational and practical subject group of Buddhism with 12 credits:

112 136	Buddha's Life Studies
112 137	Early Buddhism
112 238	History of Buddhism
112 239	Traditions and Rituals of Buddhist Schools

2.2 Core Subjects 33 credits

112 340	Theravāda Buddhism
112 341	Mahayāna Buddhism
112 342	Vajrayāna Buddhism
112 343	Zen Buddhism
112 344	Vinaya Pitaka Studies
112 345	Suttanta Pitaka Studies
112 446	Abhidhamma Pitaka Studies
112 447	Mūlamadhyamakakārika Studies
112 448	Abhidhammakosa Studies
112 449	Common Buddhist Text Studies
112 450	Comparative Studies on Buddhist Schools

2.3 Specific Subjects 30 credits

112 351	Mindfulness and Meditation I
112 352	Mindfulness and Meditation II
112 353	Mindfulness and Meditation III
112 354	Mindfulness and Meditation IV
112 355	Mindfulness and Meditation V
112 356	Mindfulness and Meditation VI
112 457	Mindfulness and Meditation VII
112 458	Mindfulness and Meditation VIII
112 459	Buddhism and Brain
112 460	Insight Dialogue

2.4 Selective Subjects 9 credits

112 361	Buddhism and Sciences
112 362	Buddhism in the West
112 363	Buddhism in Southeast Asia
112 364	Buddhism in Thailand
112 365	Buddhism in Central Asia
112 366	Buddhism in South Asia
112 467	Tibetan Buddhism
112 468	Buddhism in Mekhong Basin
112 469	Buddhism in Himalayan Regions
112 470	Buddhist Innovation in Digital Era
112 471	Multiculturalism
112 472	Inter-Religious Dialogue

3. Independent Selective Subjects 6 credits

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Research Skills

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Comprehensive Examination

The comprehensive examination consists of both written and oral parts and covers the major area pursued by the student. The student passes the comprehensive examination if a majority of the official examining committee (including the chair) approves the student's performance.

Resident Study

Two semesters (which may include one summer session), usually consecutive, at any time beginning with the first semester of doctoral study, must be spent in resident study at IBSC. Residence is not merely a period measured in hour. During this period the doctoral aspirant must be involved full time in academic pursuits, which may include up to half-time on-campus teaching or research, or under certain circumstances, a greater percentage of research if it is directed specifically toward the student's degree objectives.

Application Requirements

The application for admission to International Center for Buddhist Studies College of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University for undergraduate study has the following requirements:

1. High School or equivalent with at least a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
2. A complete graduate application: apply [online](#) or at the Office of IBSC Student service.
3. An official transcript (not student's copy) of all previous school credit sent from the institution directly to the Office of IBSC Student service (printed transcripts or official electronic versions are both acceptable).
4. English requirement please check from the list [here](#).
5. A statement of career goals describing an area of interest in curriculum and instruction and how this degree will help meet professional aspirations.
6. Letters of recommendation from one people who can comment on the applicant's ability to complete an Undergraduate program of study.
7. A writing sample: an essay or an article, paper, or other composition originally written by the applicant. An appropriate length is five to eight pages.
8. CV or a vitae or resume.

* International applicants should check the [IBSC](#) website for additional admission requirements.

Please note: Meeting minimum admission standards does not guarantee admission to the program.