



MASTER OF ARTS In Buddhist Studies



**The International Center for Buddhist Studies
for monks novices and laypeople from all over the world.**

**International Buddhist studies College,
Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University**

About Us

PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

The **Master of Arts in Buddhist Studies** degree is a 39-credit program designed for those who seek a systematic education in Buddhist Studies for professional, academic, or personal purpose. Students of the MA program will acquire knowledge of Buddhist history, texts, and practices with a focus on Pali language and terminology, develop analytical thinking and research skills. A wide range of topics to study includes selected works in the Tipitaka, comparative studies of Buddhist schools, contemporary social issues, Buddhism and modern sciences, etc.

VISION

A college enriched with the beauty of multicultural.

International 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

The program is aimed to provide profound knowledge in the field of Buddhist studies and foster the development of student's research skills such as independence, critical thinking, problem solving, initiative, and professional contribution in order to serve humanity with Buddhist values. The mission of IBSC is to support Buddhism in its multicultural manifestation and ensure a higher level of religious and academic services by providing Buddhist education for monks, nuns, laymen, and laywomen.

CURRICULUM

The Master of Arts program is a two-year course with 27 credits of course work conducted during 3 semesters and thesis 12 credits. As a requirement for graduation, a student is to conduct personal research work under the guidance of a supervisor to complete his or her thesis.

Subjects in Curriculum

- **Plan A 2 1. Required Subjects (9 Credits):**

Students are required to take 9 credits of the “required” subjects and 2 more non-credit “required” subjects.

625 101 Tipitaka Studies 3 (3-1-8)

625 102 Buddhism and Modern Sciences 3 (3-1-8)

625 103 Research Methodology in Buddhism 3 (3-1-8)

Plan A 2

- **Required Subjects (Non-Credit subjects)**

625 104 Introduction to Insight Meditation (3) (1-10-1)

625 204 Advanced Insight Meditation (3) (1-10-1)

- **Major Subjects (12 Credits):**

Students are required to enroll in the following “major” subjects:

625 201 Buddhadhamma Studies 3 (3-1-8)

625 202 Mindfulness and Emotional Intelligence Development 3 (3-1-8)

625 203 Buddhism and Sustainable Development 3 (3-1-8)

625 301 Skills in Peace Building 3 (3-1-8) 3.

- **Elective Subjects Plan A 2 (6 Credits)**

Students are required to choose 2 subjects from the following groups, for not fewer than 6 credits:

625 302 Vinaya Pitaka Studies 3 (3-1-8)

625 303 Suttanta Pitaka Studies 3 (3-1-8)

625 304 Abhidhamma Pitaka Studies 3 (3-1-8)

625 305 Theravada Studies 3 (3-1-8)

625 306 Mahayana Studies 3 (3-1-8)

625 307 Vajrayana Studies 3 (3-1-8)

625 308 Seminar on Buddhism and Multiculturalism 3 (3-1-8)

625 309 Mindfulness and Brain 3 (3-1-8)

625 310 Buddhism and Education 3 (3-1-8)

625 311 Buddhism and Environment 3 (3-1-8)

625 312 Meditation Therapy 3 (3-1-8)

Thesis:

Every student of M. A. Degree, International Program, who has completed his/her course work is required to complete a thesis prior to his/her graduation:

625 100 Thesis 12 Credits

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.

❖ THESIS

The candidate must complete a thesis showing the planning, conduct, and results of original research and scholarly creativity. The purpose of the thesis is to encourage and ensure the development of broad intellectual capabilities as well as to demonstrate an intensive focus on a problem or research area.

❖ RESIDENT STUDY

Three semesters must be spent in resident study at IBSC. Residence is not merely a period measured in hour. During this period the 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 the International Center for Buddhist Studies College of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University for the master study has the following requirements:

- 1. Bachelor's degree or equivalent** with at least a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- 2. A complete graduate application:** apply online at the Office of IBSC Student service.
- 3. An official transcript** (not student's copy) of all previous undergraduate and graduate 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 a master program of study.

7. **A writing sample: Thesis Proposal**, an article, paper, or other composition originally written by the applicant. An appropriate length is eight to ten pages.

8. **CV or a vitae or resume.**

- **English language requirement.**

At International Buddhist Studies College (IBSC), English is the language of instruction and assessment. For study in IBSC you will need to meet the English language requirements of the University to be eligible for acceptance. International students who want to study at IBSC, but do not have the required level of English language proficiency, can improve their English to the required levels at the LIMCU Language Institute of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University (MCU).

TEST/QUALIFICATION	REQUIREMENT
Advanced Placement English (USA)	A grade of 3 or higher in AP English Language and Composition or AP English Literature and Composition
All India Examination (CBSE) and Indian School Certificate (CISCE)	English language components with a minimum grade B2 (CBSE) or 60% (CISCE)
Australian Education Management Group (AEMG) DEP EAP2	Minimum overall score of 70% and no section score of less than 65%
Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)	Results are valid for two years only Minimum grade of 180 with no band less than 170
Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)	Results are valid for two years only. Minimum grade of 180 with no band less than 170
Canadian Pre-University (CPU)	Minimum score 65% in English subject ENG4C
	Minimum score 50% in English subject ENG4U

	Other Canadian matriculation results are accepted on a case by case basis.
China Mainland	TEM-4 or above CET-6 or above
Danish Studentereksamen	Level B English: a minimum grade of 10 or above Level A English: a minimum grade of 02 or above (since 2007). Pre-2007: a minimum grade of 6 or above
Finnish Upper Secondary School Diploma (Lukionpaastotodistus)	Grade 8 or above in English A or English (Advanced) Pass in the Matriculation examination (Ylioppilastutkinto) in English (Advanced)
GCE A-level	Minimum grade E in English Language, English Literature or English Language and Literature. Must be endorsed by CIE, OCR, Edexcel, AQA or other UK authority (independent and school-assessed A-levels are not sufficient).
GCE AS-level (General Paper)	Minimum grade C awarded by CIE
GCE A-level (Singapore-Cambridge)	Minimum grade E in Knowledge & Inquiry Minimum grade C in General Paper
GCE O-level (GCSE and IGCSE)	Minimum grade C / C6 in English, English Language, English (First Language) or English Literature. Minimum grade A in IGCSE English as a Second Language, with grade 1(One) in Oral/Aural Communication. Must be endorsed by CIE, OCR, Edexcel, AQA or other UK authority (independent and school-assessed O-levels are not sufficient).

German Abitur	Minimum grade 3 in German Abitur, in conjunction with a minimum grade B in DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Certificate of Language Proficiency test
Hong Kong A-level Examination (HKALE)	Minimum grade C in 'Literature in English'
Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)	Core English Language - minimum Level 4 or Literature in English (elective) - minimum Level 3
IELTS (Academic)	<p>For BA in Buddhist Studies minimum overall score of 5.0 with no band less than 5.0 (must include Academic Reading and Writing modules) for all diploma courses EXCEPT as specified below.</p> <p>For the MA in Peace Studies, MA in Buddhist Studies, MA in Mindfulness and Meditation, a minimum overall score of 6.0 with no band less than 6.0</p> <p>For the Doctor of Philosophy in Buddhist Studies, Doctor of Philosophy in Peace Studies, Doctor of Philosophy in Mindfulness and Meditation, a minimum overall score of 6.5 with no band less than 6.5 in Speaking and Listening, and no less than 6.5 in Reading and Writing.</p>
International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB)	English A1 at HL or SL - Minimum score 4 English A2 at HL or SL - Minimum score 4 English B at HL - Minimum score 5
New Zealand - Bursary	English – BA Minimum score 50 MA Minimum score Ph.D. Minimum score 65
New Zealand - NCEA	Level 2: 8 credit points with at least 'Achievement with Merit' in at least 4 of reading and writing Achievement Standards, of which 3 must be externally assessed, excluding AS90379 and AS90374

Netherlands VWO High School Certificate (Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs)	Minimum grade 8 in the English component
Norwegian Vitnemål	Minimum grade 4 in the English component
PTE (Academic)	<p>For BA in Buddhist Studies minimum overall score of 50 with no band less than 50 (must include Academic Reading and Writing modules) for all diploma courses EXCEPT as specified below.</p> <p>For the MA in Peace Studies, MA in Buddhist Studies, MA in Mindfulness and Meditation, a minimum overall score of 60 with no band less than 60</p> <p>For the Doctor of Philosophy in Buddhist Studies, Doctor of Philosophy in Peace Studies, Doctor of Philosophy in Mindfulness and Meditation, a minimum overall score of 65 with no band less than 65 in Speaking and Listening, and no less than 65 in Reading and Writing.</p>
Swedish Slutbetyg	Minimum grade VG / C in the English paper
TOEFL	<p>Results are valid for two years only. Essay Rating / Test of Written English (TWE) of 55 Section score no less than:</p> <p>Listening:12 Speaking:12 Reading:15 Writing: 16</p>
MCU-GET	<p>Results are valid for two years only. An overall score minimum of 240.</p>
Next Generation TOEFL	<p>Internet-based Test (iBT): An overall score of 82 with a minimum score of: 22 in the Writing section; 18 in the Reading section; 20 in the Speaking section; and 20 in the Listening section for all courses.</p>

❖ Admissions

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Application Period and Admission Schedule

1 First Round

4 th January - 30 th April 2024	Application period
3 rd May 2024	Announcement of eligible applicants
9 th May 2024	Writing examination
13 th May 2024	Interview
16 th May 2024	Announcement of admission results
24 th May - 10 th June 2024	Registration and pay enrollment fees
6 th August 2024	Orientation

2 Second Round

1 st - 30 th June 2024	Application period
3 rd July 2024	Announcement of eligible applicants
11 th July 2024	Writing examination
15 th July 2024	Interview
18 th July 2024	Announcement of admission results
23 rd – 31 st July 2024	Registration and pay enrollment fees
6 th August 2024	Orientation

- **Application Form Available**

Master's of Arts In Buddhist Studies application form is available at the Office of International Buddhist Studies College, 2nd floor, International Buddhist Studies College Building, Lam Sai subdistrict, Wang Noi district, Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya province, Thailand.

Application Fee & Tuition Fee (Per Semester)

Category	Master's				Grand Total
• Application Fee	500 THB (17 USD)				500 THB (17 USD)
Expenses & Tuition Fee	Academic Year 1		Academic Year 2		124,200 THB
	1 st Semester	2 nd Semester	1 st Semester	2 nd Semester	
•	33,800	33,400	24,600	32,400	

• **Venue of Examination**

International Buddhist Studies College Building, Lam Sai subdistrict, Wang Noi district, Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya province, Thailand or via zoom application.

• **Contact Channel**

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