

Undergraduate Courses offered by Centre of Buddhist Studies in 2017-2018

ELECTIVE COURSE

(OPEN TO ALL FACULTIES)

BSTC2019 Pāli language II (6 credits)

Course Description

The main focus of the course is to introduce basic grammar together with exercises, including phonetics, parts of speech, nouns of different gender and their declensions, verbs and their conjugations, participles and their functions, syntax and classification of sentences. At the end of the course the students are expected to be able to read simple Pāli sentences and understand their religious and philosophical significance in context.

Course Objective

The main focus of Pali Language II is to introduce more practical knowledge of Pali that enables students to read easy Pali passages both prose and verse extracted directly from the Pali texts. It also introduces remaining grammatical components not included in Pali Language I such as parts of speech, nouns of different gender and their declensions, verbs and their conjugations, gerund, participles and their functions, syntax and classification of sentences.

Pre-requisite(s)

BSTC2016 Pāli language I

Offering Semester	2 nd Semester
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Class Venue	CPD 2.37, Centennial Campus

Assessment

50% coursework and 50% examination.

Course Outline

Date	Lesson	Content
19/01/2018	Lesson 1	I: Declension of nouns: 'i' and 'u' ending Neuter Nouns. Particles, and classification of nouns. Exercise 15. II: Reading: A Guide to the Study of Pali: Text 1.
26/01/2018	Lesson 2	I: Pronouns, Adjectives. Exercise: 15. II: Reading: A Guide to the Study of Pali: Text 2.
02/02/2018	Lesson 3	I: Declension of Demonstrative Pronouns. Declension of the Present Participle. Exercise 16. II: Reading: A Guide to the Study of Pali: Text 3.
09/02/2018	Lesson 4	I: Declension of the Present Participle. Past Participles. Exercise 17. II: Reading: A Guide to the Study of Pali: Text 4.
23/02/2018	Lesson 5	I: Past Participles. Exercise 17: II: Reading: A Guide to the Study of Pali: Text 5.
02/03/2018	Lesson 6	I: Adjectives. Exercise 18. (Mid-term Test).
23/03/2018	Lesson 7	I: Numerals, Ordinal Numerals. Exercise 19. II: Reading: A Guide to the Study of Pali: Text 6.
06/04/2018	Lesson 8	I: Adverbs, Syntax. Exercise: 20. II: Reading: A Guide to the Study of Pali: Text 7.
13/04/2018	Lesson 9	I: Passive Voice. Exercise 21. II: Reading: A Guide to the Study of Pali: Text 8.
20/04/2018	Lesson 10	I: Passive Participles. Exercise 22. II: Reading: A Guide to the Study of Pali: Text 9.
27/04/2018	Lesson 11	I: Causative Verbs. Exercise: 23. II: Reading: A Guide to the Study of Pali: Text 10.
04/05/2018	Lesson 12	(Term-end Test).

Text Books

1. A.P.Buddhadatta: *The New Pali Course*, Part I. Colombo: Buddhist Cultural Centre, 1997, 2011, 2013, 2014.
2. A. Anuruddha: *A Guide to the Study of Pali: The Language of Theravāda Buddhism*, Hong Kong: Centre of Buddhist Studies, 2009.

Reference Works

1. K.R.Norman: *Pāli Literature* (online edition is available)
2. Oscar von Hinüber: *A Handbook of Pāli Literature*, Berlin.
3. A.K.Warder: *Introduction to Pāli*, Oxford: Pali Text Society, 2001 (online edition is available).
4. Y.Karunadasa: *Early Buddhist Teachings*, Hong Kong: Centre of Buddhist Studies, 2nd edition, 2014.
4. T. Endo: T. Endo: *Studies in Pāli Commentarial Literature: Sources, Controversies, and Insights*, Hong Kong: Centre of Buddhist Studies, 2013.

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