

ELECTIVE COURSE
(OPEN TO ALL FACULTIES)

BSTC2002 Life and Buddhism (6 Credits) (Semester 2)

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Time for lecture: TBC

Venue: TBC

Teaching Assistants:

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Tutorial Venue: TBC

Course Description:

Buddhist teachings entirely focus on the analysis of human life and offer a unique way to solve life's problems and achieve happiness. Just as the Buddha said, he taught only one thing: suffering and its cessation. In this course, the basic Buddhist teachings of dependent arising, the relationship of mind and body, human behaviours and their consequences, the human condition and its causes, free will and moral responsibility, the Buddhist concept of critical thinking, the Buddhist management of emotion, the concept of happiness, and the Buddhist way to achieve happiness etc. will be investigated on the basis of the earliest Buddhist literatures namely the Pali Nikayas and Chinese Agamas.

Assessment: 100% coursework.

Objectives

Even without any prior knowledge of Buddhism, students will be benefited from learning the fundamental theories and practices of Buddhism. Students are expected to obtain a basic understanding of Buddhist philosophy of life, values and attitudes towards life and the Buddhist ways to achieve happiness in life.

Assessments

Students are required to read the relevant papers before coming to the lecture so that they can participate in our lively discussion. The final examination is based on one essay, one presentation and lecture participation.

1. Short essay (40%) with 2,500 - 3,000 words (excluding bibliography). Please submit by 30 April 2026, 23:59 (If you use AI tool to write your essay you need to report to us what kind of software you have used.)
2. Group Presentation (40%).
3. Class Participation (20%)

Please submit the **final version** of your essay to Turnitin at Moodles for **plagiarism check which is a university requirement**. Please also attach the one-page report showing similarities at the beginning of your essay.

Plagiarism:

Plagiarism is a serious academic offence. The University upholds the principle that plagiarism in any form is unacceptable and any student found plagiarizing is liable to disciplinary action in addition to failing the assessment concerned. Please read the following webpage on “plagiarism” for details:

<http://arts.hku.hk/current-students/undergraduate/assessment/plagiarism>

Group Presentation (Group Project)

1. Group Project will usually start from the fourth week in late February and continue to the end of the semester.
2. A group should consist of **FIVE** to **SEVEN** students working together as a team for a single project on a chosen topic. The group should consult the tutor for presentation topic if necessary.
3. Each member has **THREE** minutes to present, and the members may present role play and speak interchangeably, or just speak for three minutes and follow by next presenter. The group should decide what to do, NOT the individual member.
4. Each group may have up to ONE minute to show audio/video clip. To facilitate scheduling, group leader is to notify your tutor no later than a week before presentation date.
5. Time will be counted on group basis NOT on the basis of individual members. So, if one member speaks more than three minutes than another member will have less than three minutes to present his or her ideas. Therefore, in order to be fair, group members should not exceed their assigned time.
6. There will be a timekeeper who will ring the bell three times towards the end of the group presentation. The first ring (one ring only) is when three minutes are left and the second (two rings) is when one minute is left and the last ring (three or more rings) is at the end.

Criteria for marking group presentations:

1. Correct understanding of the ideas and thought, particularly the essential concepts, presented in the lectures of this course,
2. Clear, logical, rational presentation and discussion of your ideas and thoughts to support your arguments.
3. Speaking clearly and loudly so that the audience could hear your speaking.
4. Management of time of three minutes.
5. Demonstration of teamwork and cooperation with members, and each member has an equal share of time to present his/her ideas.

Course Learning Outcome

Students will:

1. Describe and explain the role of morality and wisdom in the Buddhist way of life, (Assessment 1, 2, 3)

2. Use the relevant information to critically reflect how to live a meaningful and better life, (Assessment 1, 2, 3)
3. Apply the knowledge and understanding to critically examine the problems in life, (Assessment 1, 2, 3)
4. Demonstrate an awareness of the impact of one's behavior to others and the society one live in. (Assessment 1, 2, 3).

Criteria for marking essay and the aim of this course:

1. Good and correct understanding of the fundamental Buddhist teachings presented in the lectures of this course are essential,
2. Clear, logical and rational presentation and discussion of your ideas and thoughts in the chosen topic,
3. Show that you have read at least five relevant papers in your essay either in your footnotes or endnotes and list them at the end. These five papers can be found from the readings in Moodles or from the reference list at the end of each lecture. **Internet sources** may not be acceptable as most of them are not academic. So please visit the **recommended internet websites** in our reading list below for materials and academic papers.
4. For those who wish to get A grades, please including these criteria: (1) well documented argumentation supported by Buddhist scriptures and also scholars' research, (2) sound and critical analysis of Buddhist concepts and ideas in relation to human life and problems, (3) original idea if you have although this is NOT required.

Here is the Faculty Grade Expectations. https://arts.hku.hk/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/grade_expectations.pdf

Course Outline (tentative):

Lecture 01,

Topic: The Buddhist attitude toward life

Discussion Topics: Buddhist attitude towards life

Reading: Chapters 1 in Rahula's *What the Buddha Taught*.

Lecture 02,

Topic: The historical Buddha: a personality analysis

Discussion Topics: The Buddha's life

Reading: Chapter 1: "The Buddha: The Story of the Awakened One" in Gethin's *The Foundations of Buddhism*. Chapter 2 "Buddha" in *Introducing Buddhism*. Piyadassi Thera's *The Buddha: His Life and Teaching*.

Lecture 03,

Topic: Buddhist Analysis of Human life: Dependent Arising

Discussion Topics: five aggregates, four nutriments, three characteristics of individual existence.

Reading: Chapter 3 "Dharma" in *Introducing Buddhism*. Nyanaponika Thera, *The Three Basic Facts of Existence*: I. Impermanence (Anicca) Collected essays. *The Wheel* Publication No. 186/187.

Lecture 04,

Topic: Free Will and Moral Responsibility in Buddhism

Life without a permanent soul: Buddhist teaching of non-self

Discussion Topics: theory of dependent origination, non-soul theory.

Reading: Chapter 6 “No Self: Personal Continuity and Dependent Arising” in Gethin’s *The Foundations of Buddhism*. Wijesekera, *The Three Signata: Anicca, Dukkha, Anatta*. Rahula’s *What the Buddha Taught*:

chapters 3.

Lecture 05,

Topic: Buddhist Analysis of human behaviours and their consequences:

Discussion Topics: karma and rebirth

Reading: *Introducing Buddhism*, chapter 1: Karma and cosmology. Nyanaponika, Karma and its Fruit:

Selected Essays. Chapter 5 “The Buddhist Cosmo The Trice Thousand World” in Gethin’s *The Foundations of Buddhism*.

Lecture 06,

Topic: Buddhist Philosophy of Human Life-Dukkha and Causes

Discussion Topics: twelve factors of dependent origination,

Reading: Karunadasa, Y. “The problem of suffering: The Buddhist diagnosis of the Human predicament”.

Chapter I: “The Human Condition” in *In the Buddha’s Words*. Chapter 3 “Four Truths: The Disease, the Cause, the Cure and the Medicine” in Gethin’s *The Foundations of Buddhism*.

Lecture 07,

Topic: Buddhist concepts of happiness:

Discussion Topics: *nirvana* -- nibbana parama sukha

Reading: Lily De Silva, *Nibbana As Living Experience*. Wheel No. 407/408, Buddhist Publication Society, 1996. Chapter IV: “The Happiness Visible in This Present Life” in *In the Buddha’s Words*,.

Chapter 3 “Four Truths: The Disease, the Cause, the Cure and the Medicine” in Gethin’s *The Foundations of Buddhism*.

Lecture 08,

Topic: Buddhist ways to achieve happiness: (I)

Discussion Topics: the noble eightfold path

Reading: Bodhi, *The Noble Eightfold Path, The Way to the End of Suffering*. Chapter 7: “The Buddhist Path” in Gethin’s *The Foundations of Buddhism*.

Lecture 09,

Topic: Buddhist ways to achieve happiness: (II)

Discussion Topics: Buddhist meditation.

Reading: Nyanaponika, *The Power of Mindfulness*, Chapter 7: “The Buddhist Path” in Gethin’s *The*

Lecture 10,

Topic: Buddhist moral teaching,

Discussion Topics: criteria for judging good and bad,

Reading: Peter Harvey, "Criteria for Judging the Unwholesomeness of Actions in the Texts of Theravāda Buddhism." *Journal of Buddhist Ethics*, Volume 2 1995.

Lecture 11,

Topic: Buddhist values: love and compassion,

Discussion Topics: Five precepts, The Four Sublime States,

Reading: Buddhārakkhita. *Metta: The Philosophy and Practice of Universal Love*. The Wheel Publication No. 365/366, Sri Lanka: Buddhist Publication Society 1989.

Lecture 12,

Topic: Buddhist attitude to death:

Discussion Topics: Death, abortion and organ donation.

Reading: Gunaratna, *Buddhist Reflections on Death*. The Wheel Publication No. 102/103, 1982
Buddhist Publication Society.

Suggested Essay Topics

1. Discuss how this course has changed or improved your life. (Reflective Essay about the course)
2. Discuss Buddhist attitude towards life?
3. Discuss the Buddha as a teacher in light of his personality.
4. What is the Buddhist analysis of human life?
5. Discuss the moral responsibility in light of the concept of no-soul or *Anatta*.
6. No soul or *Anatta* is a characteristic of Buddhism as a religion. Discuss.
7. Is the Buddhist concept of karma a determinism?
8. Is Buddhist concept of karma an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth?
9. "Buddhism is pessimistic." Discuss in the light of Buddhist Teaching of suffering.
10. Why Buddhism starts with *Dukkha* or suffering? Discuss.
11. Discuss the Buddhist concept of Happiness.
12. "Buddhism teaches annihilation." Discuss in the light of Buddhist concept of *Nirvana*.
13. Why the noble eightfold path is described as transcending the two extremes of austerities and sensual indulgence?
14. Discuss the Buddhist concept of Nirvana.
15. Discuss the Buddhist way of life in light of the noble eightfold path.
16. How the Buddhist meditation related to a better life?
17. Discuss the importance of mindfulness in our life.
18. Discuss the Buddhist attitude towards death. (Please do not include attitude towards physical body and funeral ceremony)

19. Discuss the importance of five precepts in our life.
20. Buddhism is rational. Discuss.
21. Is Buddhism a religion or a philosophy? Discuss.

You may choose your own essay topics provided it relates to our course. Please write a title page with the following information: (1) the course title, (2) topic of the essay, (3) your name and dates, (4) your email address. Please use Essay Format to write your essay and use Chicago Citation Style which can be found in Moodle.

Required Reading

- Gethin, R. 1998. ***The Foundations of Buddhism***. New York: Oxford University Press. [294.3 G394f](#)
Ebook available.
- Karunadasa, Y. 2021. ***Early Buddhist Teachings: The Middle Position in Theory and Practice***. Chinese and English Bilingual Version. Hong Kong: Centre of Buddhist Studies of the University of Hong Kong. Can be purchased from the Centre of Buddhist Studies.
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- Keown, Damien. 2021. *Buddhist Ethics: A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Laumakis, Stephen J. 2008. *Introduction to Buddhist Philosophy*. England: Cambridge University Press. [181.043 L375 i61](#)
- Prebish, Charles S. and Damien Keown, ed. 2006. *Introducing Buddhism*. New York; London: Routledge. [LB 294.3 P922 i61](#) The book is available from HKU Bookstore for purchase.
- Rahula, W. 1978. ***What the Buddha Taught***. London: the Gordon Fraser Gallery Ltd. Find it from <http://www.quangduc.com/English/basic/68whatbuddhataught.html>
- Emmanuel, Steven M. (editor) 2013. *A Companion to Buddhist Philosophy*. Wiley online library. **Ebook library**. Access through HKU library electronic resources. Good Book with many issues introduced and discussed.

Online Teachings:

A short Introduction to Buddhism by Bhikkhu Bodhi.

https://buddho.org/a-short-introduction-to-buddhism-by-bhikkhu-bodhi/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI63prq7T8gIVjU5gCh2AoQYoEAAYBCAAEgLojPD_BwE

Bhikkhu Bodhi is a Buddhist monk of American nationality, born in New York City in 1944. After obtaining a PhD in philosophy from the Claremont Graduate School, he came to Sri Lanka and become a Buddhist monk in 1972 and studied Pali and Buddhist Teaching. He is the author of several works on Theravāda Buddhism, including four translations of the Buddhist Scriptures.

Further Reading

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- Bodhi, Bhikkhu (ed.) "Dana The Practice of Giving." Selected essays published by Buddhist Publication Society 1990. The Wheel Publication No. 367/369. <http://www.accesstoinight.org/lib/authors/various/wheel367.html>
- Bodhi, Bhikkhu. *Transcendental Dependent Arising: A Translation and Exposition of the Upanisa Sutta*. The Wheel Publication No. 277/278 Kandy: Buddhist Publication Society, 1980. <http://www.bps.lk/olib/wh/wh277.pdf>
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- Keown, Damien. (ed.) *Contemporary Buddhist ethics*. Richmond, Surrey: Curzon, c2000. [294.35 C76](#) [BJ1289 .C66 2000](#)
- Lau Joe, **Critical Thinking**: <http://philosophy.hku.hk/think/> Very good resources for teaching and learning.
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Reference and Internet Resources

1) Dictionaries

Digital Dictionary of Buddhism, eds., Charles Muller. Free. This is an internet based dictionary similar to *Dictionary of Chinese Buddhist Terms*, by Soothill and Hodous, but has much more entries. If

you know the Chinese Buddhist technical terms, but do not know how to translate it into English, please visit Muller's DDB website address: <http://www.acmuller.net/ddb/> Users can access the search function with the user ID of "guest" (case-sensitive, no quotes), leaving the password area blank allowing 20 searches in a 24 hour period. To search Sanskrit and other terms containing diacritics, type in the term in simple ascii.

A Dictionary of Chinese Buddhist Terms. Edited by William Edward Soothill and Lewis Hodous. You can download for free from <http://www.hm.tyg.jp/~acmuller/soothill/>

Soka Gakkai Dictionary of Buddhism. Free. Edited by Soka Gakkai Nichiren Buddhism in Japan. <https://www.nichirenlibrary.org/en/dic/toc/>

Princeton Dictionary of Buddhism. Edited by Robert E. Buswell Jr. and Donald S. Lopez Jr. This *Dictionary* needs subscription, so use it through HKU Electronic Recourses.

A Dictionary Buddhism, eds., Damien Keown. This *Dictionary* needs subscription, so use it through HKU Electronic Recourses.

Buddhist Dictionary: Manual of Buddhist Terms and Doctrines, edited by Nyanatiloka. Free. You can either download it from http://www.palikanon.com/english/wtb/dic_idx.html

Oxford Reference Online Premium. This reference contains many encyclopaedia and dictionaries for all kinds of studies. It is good for beginners of Buddhism to look for basic information. This *Dictionary* needs subscription, so use it through HKU Electronic Recourses.

The Korean Buddhist Canon: A Descriptive Catalogue. [compiled by] Lewis R. Lancaster in collaboration with Sung-bae Park, Berkeley: University of California Press, 1979. This is a catalogue of Mahayana Buddhist Sutras in Sanskrit together with Tibetan and Chinese translation. It also lists the translators and date of Chinese translation. If you know the title of a sutra in Chinese, but you don't know how to translate it into Sanskrit, then you can find it in this catalogue. A Hardcopy can be found in HKU Library [XR 016.294382 L2](#) The electronic version can be found at: http://www.acmuller.net/descriptive_catalogue/ **Free.** You can download the entire web version.

2) Encyclopaedia

Encyclopaedia of Buddhism, eds., Robert E. Buswell, Jr., Ed. New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 2003. 982 pp. 2 vols. This encyclopedia describes the Buddhist world view, basic teachings and practices of Buddhism, as well as its different schools and sects. This *Encyclopedia* needs subscription, so use it through HKU Electronic Recourses.

Encyclopedia of Religion. Lindsay Jones, Ed. 2nd ed. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2005. 10735 pp. 15 vols. This *Encyclopedia* needs subscription, so use it through HKU Electronic Recourses.

Encyclopedia of Philosophy. Donald M. Borchert, Ed. 2nd ed. Vol. 1. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2006. This *Encyclopedia* needs subscription, so *use it through HKU Electronic Recourses*.

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Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy. Free, it contains a large number of papers in Buddhist and Confucian studies. <http://plato.stanford.edu/>

The Internet Encyclopaedia of Philosophy. Free it contains a large number of papers in Buddhist and Confucian studies. <http://www.iep.utm.edu/>

3) Journals

Journal of Happiness Studies. Please logon to HKU library Electronic Resources and find this journal. <http://link.springer.com.eproxy2.lib.hku.hk/journal/10902>

Journal of Philosophy of Life. Published by Waseda University in Japan. The aim of this journal is to promote international dialogue on the philosophy of life. It features original, full-length papers as well as research reports and other relevant materials. Every paper in the journal is published in PDF format and is freely downloadable from this website, the repository of Waseda University, and/or the repository of Osaka Prefecture University (OPERA). This journal is a member of the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) and Philosophical Research Online (philpapers).
<http://www.philosophyoflife.org/>

Journal of Buddhist Ethics. Free. This is a web based academic journal for free distribution. Web address: <http://blogs.dickinson.edu/buddhistethics/category/volume-22-2015/>

Journal of the International Association for Buddhist Studies. This is the largest and best journal for Buddhist Studies. You can access and download papers older than five years, **free**.
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Journal of Global Buddhism. Free. This is a web based academic journal for free distribution.
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Japanese Journal of Religious Studies. Free academic journal dedicated to Japanese religions including Buddhism. http://www.ic.nanzan-u.ac.jp/SHUBUNKEN/publications/jjrs/jjrs_cumulative_list.htm

Asia Major. Academic Journal dedicated for the Asian study. All past papers are freely downloadable. <http://www.ihp.sinica.edu.tw/~asiamajor/>

Journal Asiatique. Free. This academic journal is published in Paris for Asian studies.

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<http://www.ukabs.org.uk/ukabs/resources/journal-archives/buddhist-studies-review-vols-1-22/>

You can also get it from HKUL Catalogue: [294.3 B927 S9](#)

The Eastern Buddhist. HKU Library. Published twice a year by the Eastern Buddhist Society in Kyoto, Japan, started from 1965. S [294.3 E13 B9](#)

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4) Website Recourses

Accesstoinsight. Free. This is a website entirely dedicated to the teaching of Theravada Buddhism including the Pali Canon, Theravada text archive and sources. Most of the Pali texts are translated into English for free distribution. Website address: www.accesstoinsight.org/

Buddhist Digital Library and Museum. Free. There is a good collection of academic articles some with full texts in both Chinese and English. It is a good place to relevant academic articles for your study. Website address: <http://ccbs.ntu.edu.tw/DBLM/index.htm> please go to database.

Buddhist Publication Society. Free. This is an organization in Sri Lanka devoted to the publication of Theravada Buddhist Books and some of them are for free distribution. So you can download them for your own use. The *Wheel Publication Series* and *Bodhi Leaf Series* are scholarly studies of Theravada Buddhism. Please follow the link and visit Online Library <http://www.bps.lk/>

JSTOR The Scholarly Journal Archive. This *Archive* needs subscription, so use it through HKU Electronic Recourses. <http://www.jstor.org/jstor>

Taisho Edition of Chinese Tripitaka. Free. If you can read classical Chinese and wish to refer to the original Chinese texts, please visit <http://www.cbeta.org/index.htm>. This website includes volumes 1-55 & 85 of *Taisho Edition of Chinese Tripitaka*.