

**Centre of Buddhist Studies
The University of Hong Kong**

Master of Buddhist Studies 2024-2025
Important Notes for Course Selection

CURRICULUM STRUCTURE: All courses are offered on credit basis. Candidates must complete eight courses by selecting two compulsory foundation courses (9 credits each), five elective courses (6 credits each), and one course for capstone experience (12 credits). Candidates have to complete a total of 60 credits for graduation.

MBS Tracks of Study

- Students are encouraged to pursue either a RESEARCH track, or a GENERAL track within the MBS programme. Requirements of the two tracks are listed below:

	GENERAL track	RESEARCH track
1. Foundation Courses (9 credits each)	BSTC6079 Early Buddhism BSTC6002 Mahayana Buddhism	
2. Elective Courses (6 credits each)	Any 5 elective courses (except BSTC6070 Research methodology in Buddhist Studies)	a) BSTC6070 Research methodology in Buddhist Studies b) Any 2 elective courses of the same language from <u>2.1 Buddhist Languages</u> c) Any 2 elective courses from <u>2.2 Buddhist Texts, Thought, and Culture*</u>
3. Capstone Experience (12 credits each)	An additional elective course (BSTC8xxx) and the submission of a portfolio or BSTC8999 Capstone Experience: Dissertation	BSTC8999 Capstone Experience: Dissertation

**Under special approval from the Programme Chairperson, a student may take 1 course from 2.3 Applied Buddhism or 2.4 Other Courses instead of taking courses from 2.2 Buddhist Texts, Thought, and Culture. Please refer to the MBS syllabus for course list of Category 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4. Please also refer to item 4 below for details.*

- To pursue a **General track**, please read the MBS Important Notes for Course Selection before enrolling courses via the online course selection system.
- To pursue a **Research track**, please read the MBS Important Notes for Course Selection and Important Notes on the MBS Tracks of Study before enrolling courses via the online course selection system.
- NO declaration is needed to indicate student's track of study. Students who wish to pursue the **Research track** simply need to comply with the related course requirements.

Compulsory Foundation Courses and Elective Courses

- Please refer to the MBS Dates of Semesters 2024-25 for the course enrollment period, add/drop period, and assessment period. The finalized examination timetable will be available online in November 2024 and April 2025.
- During the course enrollment period and add/drop period, students can attend ANY classes without registration. To finalize course selection, please complete online course selection by the deadline. Please enroll in courses for both 1st and 2nd semesters (recommended).
- Please log in HKU Portal to access the online course selection system. Please visit here for the user guide. New students must complete **Master Registration** before performing online course selection.

8. There is prerequisite for the following language courses:

Course code and title	Prerequisite/ Enrollment requirement	Enrollment method
BSTC7007 Pāli II/ BSTC3044 Pāli language III/ BSTC3045 Pāli language IV	Please refer to the course syllabus for details.	If you are interested to take any III or IV language course(s), please contact our general office (buddhism@hku.hk). For other language course(s), please enroll the course(s) via HKU Portal .
BSTC7009 Sanskrit II/ BSTC3040 Sanskrit language III/ BSTC3041 Sanskrit language IV		
BSTC7011 Classical Tibetan II/ BSTC3042 Tibetan language III/ BSTC3043 Tibetan language IV		

Capstone Experience

8. The capstone experience is compulsory and can be conducted in the following forms:

- a. Submission of a dissertation (BSTC8999); or
- b. Completion of an additional elective course (BSTC8xxx) together with the submission of a portfolio.

9. For submission of portfolio, the completion of an additional elective course should be done in Semester 1 or 2 in the final year. Submission of portfolio and dissertation should also be done in the final year of study.

10. Enrollment and add/drop of Capstone Experience must be done through HKU Portal during the course enrollment period or add-drop period.

11. For full-time and final year students, please submit the “[Capstone Experience - Form for Submission of Proposal](#)” to capstone@hku.hk by November 15, 2024. Completion of this form will NOT enable course enrollment for Capstone Experience.

12. Please read the “[Capstone Experience Explanatory Notes](#)” for information on Capstone Experience.

13. More information will be provided in the MBS orientation and workshop on Capstone Experience. Details will be provided later.

14. For enquiries about MBS Capstone Experience, please contact Dr. Tony Chui at 3917-7204 or tonychui@hku.hk, or meet him (by appointment) in CBS.

Others

15. Please visit [here](#) to view the MBS distinction requirement.

16. Please visit [here](#) for more information about assessment, examination and award of distinction.

17. Please visit [here](#) for more information on Plagiarism.

18. Please visit [here](#) for arrangements for HKU Students during bad weather.

19. Students have the responsibility to check their course enrollment records via HKU Portal to make sure they have fulfilled the graduation requirements according to the regulations and syllabuses of the programme in their final year of study. They are advised to check the online enrollment record regularly. (*How to check enrolment record: HKU Portal---My Page---Enrollment---Enrollment Status*)

20. Selection of courses should be made as prescribed in the regulations and syllabuses of the programme. Request, if any, for selecting course(s) not in accordance with the regulations and syllabuses should be put forward in writing, via the Programme Chairman of Master of Buddhist Studies programme, to the Higher Arts Degrees Committee and the Faculty Board for approval.

21. For enquiries about course selection, please contact Ms. Kate Wong at 3917-5019 or buddhism@hku.hk.