

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

Master of Buddhist Studies 2025-2026
Important Notes on Course Selection & Programme Logistics

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.

Compulsory Foundation Courses and Elective Courses

1. Please refer to the [MBS Dates of Semesters 2025-26](#) for the course enrollment period, add/drop period, and assessment period. The finalized examination timetable will be available online in November 2025 and April 2026.
2. 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 the 1st and 2nd semesters (recommended).
3. 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 online course selection.
4. There is prerequisite for the following level II-IV language courses:

Course code and title	Prerequisite	Remarks
BSTC7007 Pāli II	BSTC7006 Pāli I	If you already have some foundation in a language and are interested to take level II to IV language course(s) without taking the prerequisite, please email the course teacher to seek their special approval and copy your request to the general office (buddhism@hku.hk).
BSTC3044 Pāli language III	BSTC7007 Pāli II	
BSTC3045 Pāli language IV	BSTC3044 Pāli language III	
BSTC7009 Sanskrit II	BSTC7008 Sanskrit I	
BSTC3040 Sanskrit language III	BSTC7009 Sanskrit II	
BSTC3041 Sanskrit language IV	BSTC3040 Sanskrit language III	

5. 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.
6. For submission of portfolio, the completion of an additional elective course should be done in the final year. Submission of portfolio and dissertation should also be done in the final year of study.

Capstone Experience

7. For full-time and final year students, please submit the “[Capstone Experience - Form for Submission of Proposal](#)” to capstone@hku.hk by November 15, 2025. However, please note that completion of this form will NOT enable course enrollment for Capstone Experience.
8. Enrollment and add/drop of Capstone Experience must be done through HKU Portal during the course enrollment period or add-drop period.
9. Please read the “[Capstone Experience Explanatory Notes](#)” for detailed information on Capstone Experience.
10. More information will be provided in the MBS orientation and workshop on Capstone Experience.
11. 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.

OTHER PROGRAMME LOGISTICS

12. Please visit [here](#) to view the MBS distinction requirement.
13. Please visit [here](#) for more information about assessment and examination.
14. Please visit [here](#) for more information on Plagiarism.
15. Please visit [here](#) for information regarding the use of Attendance@HKU apps.
16. Please visit [here](#) for arrangements for HKU Students during bad weather.
17. 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*)
18. 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.
19. For enquiries about course selection, please contact Ms. Charlie Choi at 3917-5009 or buddhism@hku.hk.