

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

**Master of Buddhist Studies 2023-2024**  
**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.

**Course Enrollment Requirement for Completion of MBS programme**

<i>Type</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credit</i>	
Foundation course 1	BSTC6079 Early Buddhism	9	
Foundation course 2	BSTC6002 Mahayana Buddhism	9	
Elective course 1	BSTC6xxx / BSTC7xxx / BSTC3xxx	6	
Elective course 2		6	
Elective course 3		6	
Elective course 4		6	
Elective course 5		6	
Capstone Experience	BSTC8999 Capstone Experience: Dissertation	12	
	OR		
	To complete an additional elective course and the submission of a portfolio.		Available courses in 2023-2024
			BSTC8003
			BSTC8006
			BSTC8013
			BSTC8030
			BSTC8044
			BSTC8052
			BSTC8080
			BSTC8112
			BSTC8120
			BSTC8122
BSTC8123			
BSTC8607			
<b>Total</b>		<b>60</b>	

**Please read the following notes carefully before enrolling courses via the online course selection system:**

**Compulsory foundation courses and elective courses**

1. 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semesters (if possible).
2. Please refer to the [dates of semester](#) for the course enrollment period, add/drop period, and assessment period. The finalized examination timetable will be available online in November 2023 and April 2024.

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 performing online course selection.

4. 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 <a href="#">course syllabus</a> for details.	If you are interested to take <b>any III or IV</b> language course(s), please contact our general office. 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

5. The capstone experience is compulsory and can be conducted in the following forms:
- Submission of a dissertation (BSTC8999); or
  - 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 Semester 1 or 2 in the final year. Submission of portfolio and dissertation should also be done in the final year of study.
7. **Enrollment and add/drop of Capstone Experience must be done through HKU portal during the course enrollment period and add-drop period.**
8. For full-time and final year students, please submit the [“Capstone Experience - Form for Submission of Proposal”](#) to [capstone@hku.hk](mailto:capstone@hku.hk) by November 15, 2023. Completion of this form will NOT enable course enrollment for Capstone Experience.
9. Please read the [“Capstone Experience Explanatory Notes”](#) for information on Capstone experience.
10. More information will be provided in the MBS orientation and workshop on Capstone Experience. Details will be provided later.
11. For enquiries about MBS Capstone Experience, please contact Dr. Tony Chui at 3917-7204 or [tonychui@hku.hk](mailto:tonychui@hku.hk), or meet him (by appointment) in CBS.

Others

12. Please visit [here](#) to view the MBS distinction requirement.
13. Please visit [here](#) for more information about assessment, examination and award of distinction.
14. Please visit [here](#) for more information on Plagiarism.
15. 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*)
16. 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.
17. For enquiries about course selection, please contact Ms. Kate Wong at 3917-5019 or [katewsy@hku.hk](mailto:katewsy@hku.hk).