

(For students admitted in 2026-27)

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

Master of Buddhist Studies 2026-2027
Important Notes on Course Selection & Programme Logistics

COURSE SELECTION

CURRICULUM STRUCTURE: All courses are offered on credit basis. Candidates have to complete a total of 60 credits for graduation.

Candidates choosing the “BSTC8999 Capstone Experience: Dissertation” must complete a total of **8** courses, including:

- **2 compulsory foundation courses** (9 credits each);
- **5 elective courses** (6 credits each); and
- **BSTC8999 Capstone Experience: Dissertation** (12 credits)

Candidates choosing the “BSTC8997 Capstone Experience: Portfolio” must complete a total of **9** courses, including:

- **2 compulsory foundation courses** (9 credits each);
- **6 elective courses** (6 credits each); and
- **BSTC8997 Capstone Experience: Portfolio** (6 credits)

Compulsory Foundation Courses and Elective Courses

1. Please refer to the [MBS Dates of Semesters 2026-27](#) for the course enrollment period, add/drop period, and assessment period. The finalized examination timetable will be available online in November 2026 and April 2027.
2. During the course enrollment period and add/drop period, students can attend classes without registration. If a course is shown as “Class has been closed” on HKU Portal, it means the course has reached maximum enrollment capacity. You are therefore advised to complete online course selection as soon as possible to finalize enrollment. Please contact the Centre at buddhism@hku.hk if you have difficulty enrolling in a course.
3. The enrollment of BSTC8999 Capstone Experience: Dissertation will only be approved in the second semester if student has fulfilled all the conditions. Please refer to the below timeline on Capstone Experience for more information.
4. Due to limited classroom capacity, students who wish to survey a course without official enrollment after the add/drop period must email the course instructor and copy buddhism@hku.hk as soon as possible. Sit-in request will be considered based on classroom seats availability.
5. Course selection is not automatic. Students must manually enroll in all courses, including the two compulsory foundation courses and the Capstone Experience course, on HKU Portal during the course enrollment period or add-drop period.
6. Please log in [HKU Portal](#) to access the online course selection system. Please visit [HERE](#) for the user guide and [HERE](#) for the FAQ on course enrollment. New students must complete **Master Registration** before online course selection.

7. 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	
BSTC7011 Classical Tibetan II	BSTC7010 Classical Tibetan I	

Capstone Experience

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

- Submission of a Dissertation (BSTC8999); or
- Submission of a Portfolio (BSTC8997)

Please refer to the table below for the different course selection requirements:

Dissertation	Portfolio
2 compulsory foundation courses (9 credits each)	
5 elective courses (total 30 credits)	6 elective courses (total 36 credits)
BSTC8999 Capstone Experience: Dissertation (12 credits)	BSTC8997 Capstone Experience: Portfolio (6 credits)

Please refer to below for the capstone timeline for **full-time and final year students**:

Date	Students concerned	Details
Sept to mid-Nov 2026	For ALL full-time and final year students	To consider whether to do (i) Dissertation or (ii) Portfolio
November 15, 2026	ONLY for students who plan to do Dissertation	Deadline to reach out and submit complete dissertation proposals to potential supervisors for their consideration.
December 31, 2026	ONLY for students who plan to do Dissertation	Final day to receive written confirmation from a potential dissertation supervisor. Students who have not secured a supervisor by this date should consider their dissertation application unsuccessful and must proceed with the “Portfolio” option.
January 10, 2027	For ALL full-time and final year students	Submission of the <u>“Capstone Experience Application Form”</u> along with the following: For students who got confirmation from supervisors to do Dissertation : -- submission of <u>full proposal</u> and the <u>teacher's written endorsement on the proposal and supervision</u> For students who do Portfolio :

		-- indicate ONE area of interest among the choices available in the application form -- Portfolio topic is not needed in this stage and will be developed after supervisor is assigned to the student
January 31, 2027	ONLY for students who do Portfolio	Final day to receive notification on the assignment of supervisors.
January to July 2027	For ALL full-time and final year students	To work on the dissertation or portfolio under supervision of the assigned supervisor. Students are expected to reach out to their supervisors proactively for supervision.
July 31, 2027	For ALL full-time and final year students	Submission deadline of both Dissertation and Portfolio.

- Please read the [“Capstone Experience Explanatory Notes”](#) for detailed information on Capstone Experience.
- More information will be provided in the MBS orientation and workshop on Capstone Experience.
- 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

- Please visit [here](#) to view the MBS distinction requirement.
- Please visit [here](#) for more information about assessment and examination.
- Please visit [here](#) for more information on Plagiarism.
- Please visit [here](#) for the AI Declaration Form which should be used as cover sheet for your written assignment.
- Please visit [here](#) for information on recording attendance via the “HKU App”.
- Please visit [here](#) for arrangements for HKU Students during bad weather.
- 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*)
- 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.
- For enquiries about course selection, please contact Ms. Charlie Choi at 3917-5009 or buddhism@hku.hk