

Advanced Certificate Course in Buddhist Studies

1. Eligibility:

Minimum HSC or its equivalent examination. No prior knowledge of Buddhism or languages such as Pali/Sanskrit/Chinese and Tibetan is required.

2. Duration: One Year

3. Fees:

The admission fee, the tuition fee, Examination fee, Record fee, Statement of marks for each year of the three year Higher Diploma course shall be as per the rules of the University.

5. Teaching:

1. Medium of teaching is English or Marathi.
2. 14 weeks in a term (Six Hours in a week).

Examination:

1. **Advanced Certificate Course Examination shall be held once at the end of the academic year.**
2. **The examination for the Certificate Course shall consist of a written examination carrying 80 marks of 3 hours duration and an oral test of 20 marks.**
3. **To pass the Certificate Course Examination a candidate must obtain either 40% of the total marks in each of the written and oral examination (i.e. separate passing : 32 in written and 8 in oral) oral minimum 50% marks out of 100 (i.e. aggregate passing). Those of the successful candidates who obtain minimum 50% of the total marks shall be placed in the second class and those obtaining minimum 60% of the total marks shall be placed in first class.**

5. General Structure of Advanced Certificate Course in Buddhist Studies:

General Paper I: Total 100 marks

Written test for 80 marks:

Two descriptive Questions 20 Marks,

Two Critical Essays 20 Marks,

Short Notes 20 Marks

Four Short Notes 20 Marks

Oral and Seminar 20 Marks: Conceptual and Historical Knowledge of Buddhism etc.

Special Paper 100 marks
Written test for 80 marks,
20 Marks for translation,
20 Marks for Short-notes,
20 Marks for Broad questions,
An essay writing for 10 Marks
Translation of unseen paragraph for 10 Marks
Oral and Seminar for 20 Marks

6. Syllabus:

Paper I:

Introduction to Buddhism and Conceptual Framework of Buddhism:

Unit 1: Background of Buddhism as a reaction to Vedic and Upanisadic Thought, Contemporary philosophical sects with reference to Brahmajala Sutta and Samanyaphalasutta,
Unit 2: Life and mission of the Buddha: Parivrajya, Dhammacakkappavattanasutta, Parinirvana
Unit 3: Teachings of the Buddha : Threefold division : Vinaya, Sutta and Abhidhamma
Unit 4: Four noble truths, Pratityasamutpada, Dvadasanidana, Trilaksana, Eightfold path, the concept of Nirvana

Paper II:

Special Paper

A - Elementary Language Learning: Level 1 (50 Marks) (1st Terms)

A candidate can opt any one language program out of the four

- **Pali : Introduction to Pali (1-10)***
- **Sanskrit: for reference book see Dhammajoti (1-6)***
- **Chinese:***
- **Tibetan: see Hahn (1-9)***

B - Study of Literature: Level 2 (50 Marks) (2nd Term)

- **Pali: Dhammapada (2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 12, 14)**
- **Sanskrit: Udanavarga (one Chapter)**
- **Chinese: Sutra in Forty two Chapters/Right Realization of Great being Sutra**
- **Tibetan: see Hahn**

