

DHAMMACAKKAM PAVATTETUM



BUDDHIST AND PALI UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

STUDENTS' HANDBOOK

ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/ 2021

2.4.6 Common Criteria

2.4.6.1 Transfer of study medium

Transfer of study medium should be done when registering for the first semester of the second year.

During the first four weeks of the second year, the medium will be allowed to transfer and thereafter there will be no medium transfer.

2.4.6.2 Identification of Non-credit subjects

On the left side of the registration form for the course and the examination form, you should mark on the left side as "NC".

2.4.6.3 Determine the total number of subjects that can be studied as Non-credit subjects

Maximum two of Non-credit subjects can be study for a semester.

2.4.6.4 Pass or Fail of Non-credit subjects

Even, if a student sits or not for a non-credit subject paper, it needs to be mentioned in the detailed result sheet. If the student is absent for the non-credit subject paper, it should be mentioned as "AB" while if the student sit for the non-credit subject paper, it should be mentioned the relevant result.

2.5 Courses and Registration for Degrees

The following courses are conducted by this University for awarding Degrees. The students selected for higher education based on the results of the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination will be registered for the First Examination in Arts. Subsequently they are admitted to either for B.A. (General) or B.A. (Special) Degree courses. All expenses for conducting these courses together with other related expenditure will be borne by the Government under its free education policy.

The Internal Degree Courses being conducted by the University and their Duration;

2.5.1 First Degree Courses

01. Bachelor of Arts (General) Degree Programme: 03 Years
02. Bachelor of Arts (Special) Degree Programme: 04 Years

2.5.2 Registration for Courses

Every student selected for admission to the University should be registered first as an internal student of the University. Subsequently at the commencement of each academic year, the registration should be renewed. The registration of the first-year students who do not attend to lectures for a period of one month from the commencement of the academic year will be cancelled.

If a student who has been registered is not in a position to attend lectures due to serious ill health, that should be informed to the Medical Officer of the University following which, by a letter addressed to the Dean of the relevant Faculty with the recommendation of the Medical Officer, he/she may apply for deferment of that registration for the next year. On the recommendation of the relevant Faculty Board, the Senate of the University will take a suitable decision on that request.

With the first registration, every student will be issued a Student Record Book which must be kept safely. Students are required to pay fees and other charges for first registration as well as for extensions of registration in each academic year. Late applications will be rejected.

Students are advised to obtain information on syllabuses and combination of subjects with respect to each course.

Students are also advised to seek clarifications from the respective Heads of the Departments if they encounter any problems in the selection of subjects.

If it is revealed that any internal student is following a fulltime course conducted by a Higher Educational Institute during the academic period of this University, his/her studentship will be cancelled.

2.5.3 Bachelor of Arts (Special) Degree

This Course has been designed to develop practical skills with the objective of creating a profound understanding within the student on the relevant subject. The following qualifications should have been fulfilled by a student to obtain the Bachelor of Arts (Special) Degree.

- Obtain grades of C or higher and Should not have C-, D+, D, E, AB aggregating to at least 30 credits during the first year retaining a Grade Point Average of 2.00
- Obtain grades of B or higher aggregating to at least 06 credits applicable to the

subject to be selected for Bachelor of Art (Special) Degree Course retaining a Grade Point Average of 3.00

- In case where a number of students for whom it is not possible to fulfill human and physical resources available in the Department of Study is willing to follow the Bachelor of Arts (Special) Degree Course on the relevant subject by fulfilling the aforementioned qualifications, an interview would be conducted or the highest marks scored by students are in to consideration for selecting students for the Course.
- The compulsory English Course and Compulsory Buddhist Counseling Course should be passed to complete the Bachelor of Arts (Special) Degree Course. For that purpose, a student is entitled to 4 Credits consisting of 2 Credits each for one subject.
- The minimum number of Credits prescribed for the Bachelor of Arts (Special) Degree Programme is 120 credits. Out of 120 credits, 78 credits should be completed from subjects related to the Bachelor of Arts (Special) Degree Programme.
- A minimum of 18 credits each should be completed for the Subject and minimum 09 credits should be completed from Buddhist Philosophy or Buddhist Culture.

Bachelor of Arts (Special) Degree Programme	Pali	Buddhist Philosophy / Buddhist Culture	Other	Additional	Total Number of Credits for the Course
Pali	78	09	33		120
Buddhist Philosophy / Buddhist Culture	18	78	24		120
Others	18	09	78	15	120

Ex: If the Subject of Sanskrit is selected for the Bachelor of Arts (Special) Course, the number of Credits that should be completed at the end of the four years is 120.

First Year

(If the selected Subjects are Sanskrit, Pali, Buddhist Philosophy, Sinhala and Archaeology)

Number of Credits for two Sanskrit Subject Papers	- 06
Number of Credits for two Pali Subject Papers	- 06
Number of Credits for two Buddhist Philosophy Subject Papers	- 06
Number of Credits for two Sinhala Subject Papers	- 06
Number of Credits for two Archaeology Subject Papers	- 06
Total (For the First Year)	-30

Second Year

Number of Credits for Seven Sanskrit Subject Papers	- 21
Number of Credits for Two Pali Subject Papers	- 06
Number of Credits for Two Buddhist Philosophy Subject Papers	- 03
Total (For the Second Year)	- 30

Third Year

Number of Credits for Seven Sanskrit Subject Papers	- 21
Number of Credits for Two Pali Subject Papers	- 06
Number of Credits for Two Buddhist Philosophy Subject Papers	- 03
Total (For the Third Year)	- 30

Fourth Year

Number of Credits for Eight Course Unit and Dissertation	- 30
Grand Total – Credits	- 120

Alternative Subject Units offered by the Departments of Study can be selected as per the discretion of the student. The Credits earned from the alternative subject units are not considered for Grade Point Average (G.P.A.). Those credits are considered as “Non-credit Units”. But those Alternative Subject Units will be included into the degree Certificate.

2.5.4 Submission of the Independent Dissertation

It is required to submit an independent dissertation by scholars who read for Bachelor of Arts (Special) Degree Programme after the end of the second semester in their fourth year in order to complete the Degree Course.

Every student should hand over his dissertation to the relevant Department of Study **one week prior to the commencement of the final examination of Bachelor of Arts (Special) Degree.**

Arrangements should be made to issue results, subjected to the limit of 40% allocated for the dissertation, to students who have handed over the Dissertation after that time and before sitting the final question paper of the final examination.

All the responsibilities on the dissertations are held by the Head of the relevant Department of Study. Accordingly, the relevant Departments of Study perform all the action including receiving dissertations up to taking forward action and only the relevant results are referred to the Examinations Division.

2.5.5 Bachelor of Arts (General) Degree

- The minimum number of credits that should be earned for the Bachelor of Arts (General) Degree is 90.
- The number of Credits that should be earned during the first year is 30. The minimum number of credits that should be earned is 90 consisting of 30 credits during the second year and 30

Year	Semester	Subject Unit 01	Subject Unit 02	Subject Unit 03	Subject Unit 04	Subject Unit 05	Subject Unit 06	Number of Credits
First Year	First Semester	Pali (03 credits)	Buddhist Philosophy or Buddhist Culture (03 credits)	Elective Subject Unit (03 credits)	Elective Subject Unit (03 credits)	Elective Subject Unit (03 credits)		15
	Second Semester	Pali (03 credits)	Buddhist Philosophy or Buddhist Culture (03 credits)	Elective Subject Unit (03 credits)	Elective Subject Unit (03 credits)	Elective Subject Unit (03 credits)		15
Second Year	First Semester	Pali (03 credits)	Pali (03 credits)	Buddhist Philosophy or Buddhist Culture (03 credits)	Buddhist Philosophy or Buddhist Culture (03 credits)	Elective Subject Unit (03 credits)	Elective Subject Unit (03 credits)	18
	Second Semester	Pali (03 credits)	Pali (03 credits)	Buddhist Philosophy or Buddhist Culture (03 credits)	Buddhist Philosophy or Buddhist Culture (03 credits)	Elective Subject Unit (03 credits)	Elective Subject Unit (03 credits)	18
Third Year	First Semester	Pali (03 credits)	Pali (03 credits)	Buddhist Philosophy or Buddhist Culture (03 credits)	Buddhist Philosophy or Buddhist Culture (03 credits)	Elective Subject Unit (03 credits)	Elective Subject Unit (03 credits)	18

Third Year	First Semester	Pali (03 credits)	Pali (03 credits)	Buddhist Philosophy or Buddhist Culture (03 credits)	Buddhist Philosophy or Buddhist Culture (03 credits)	Elective Subject Unit (03 credits)	Elective Subject Unit (03 credits)	18
Number of Total Credits								102

credits during the third year.

- A minimum of 30 credits should be earned for the compulsory Pali Subject at the end of the three years.
- The specified 4 Credits should be earned consisting of 2 credits each for one subject by getting through compulsory English Course and Compulsory Buddhist Counselling Course.
- Course Units that are compulsory for Students who follow Bachelor of Arts (General) Degree Course are named by each Department of Study.
- One hundred and two (102) credits should be earned to complete the Bachelor of Arts (General) Degree Course.

For that

- thirty credits for Pali subject,
- thirty credits for Buddhist Philosophy or Buddhist Culture subject,
- thirty credits for any other subject selected according to the wish,
- twelve (12) credits for the two elective subjects,

should be earned.

Further, the subject selected according to the wish can be replaced with six different subject units.

According to the diagram given below the students who follow the Bachelor of Arts Degree should select their subject unit.

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Method of Evaluation

- Duration allowed for one question paper – Hours - 03
 - Number of Questions provided for one question paper - 08
 - Number of Questions that should be answered - 04
 - Maximum Marks for One Question Paper - 80
 - Marks for Classroom Examinations/ Assignments / Dissertations - 20
- o Assignments are compulsory for students who resit the Examination for the subjects that are failed by them and number of questions that should be answered is 4.