



Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka
Specifications for Post Graduate Degrees
One Year Master of Arts Degree Course

01. SLQF 09 - 30 Credits

02. Eligibility for Registration

- Candidates should have passed a Degree Course not less than 03 years under any subject stream from a recognized University or an institution recognized by the University Grants Commission.
Or
- Candidates should have obtained the Oriental Final Degree.
Or
- Candidates should have fulfilled other qualifications recognized by the Senate of the University.

03. Structure of the Course

06 written question papers have been included. This Course is conducted as a weekend Course.

Buddhist Studies

01.	Philosophical Trends in Buddhism	-	MABS 53015
02.	Buddhism and Inter-Religious Philosophy	-	MABS 53025
03.	Buddhism and Management	-	MABS 53035
04.	Buddhist Psychotherapy	-	MABS 53045
05.	Research Methodology	-	MARM 53065
06.	Buddhist Social Philosophy and Modern World	-	MABS 53055
	Or		
	Buddhist Art and Architecture		MABS 53075

Pali

01.	Philosophical Trends in Buddhism	-	MABS 53015
02.	Pali prescribed Texts	-	MAPL 53025
03.	Pali Grammar and composition of prose and verse	-	MAPL 53035
04.	Literature of Inter-Sectarian Texts	-	MAPL 53045
05.	Pali Poetry and Literary Criticism	-	MAPL 53055
06.	Research Methodology	-	MARM 53065

Sanskrit

01.	Philosophical Trends in Buddhism	-	MABS 53015
02.	Study of Prescribed Texts - 1	-	MASN 53025
03.	Study of Prescribed Texts - 11	-	MASN 53035
04.	Study of Prescribed Texts – 111	-	MASN 53045
05.	Indian Culture and Civilization	-	MASN 53055
06.	Research Methodology	-	MARM 53065

English

01.	Philosophical Trends in Buddhism	-	MABS 53015
02.	Dramatic Genres	-	MAEN 53025
03.	Literary Traditions in Poetry	-	MAEN 53035
04.	Themes in Fiction	-	MAEN 53045
05.	Language Pedagogy	-	MAEN 53055
06.	Research Methodology	-	MARM 53065

04. Specifications for Examination

- Candidates should sit for 06 written question papers for the duration of 03 hours.

05. Period of Study

- One year.
- Study period of 05-hours has to be allocated for one assignment per every subject paper. 01 hour should be allocated for the provision of instructions and one hour for the use of Library.

06. Pass in the Examination

Minimum of B- Grade has to be obtained for passing a Subject Unit. Marks and Grades applicable to the Master of Arts Course are mentioned below.

Marks	Grade	Value of Marks
85 - 100	A+	4.00
70 - 84	A	4.00
65 - 69	A-	3.70
60 - 64	B+	3.30
55 - 59	B	3.00
50 - 54	B-	2.70
45 - 49	C+	2.30
40 - 44	C	2.00
35 - 39	C-	1.70
30 - 34	D+	1.30
25 - 29	D	1.00
00 - 24	E	0.00

07. Grading System

In the evaluation of Academic activities, the following letter Grades and Non grade letter System are used.

Letter Grades	Interpretation
A+, A, A-	These Demonstrate a full competency in the Subject. A+ shows excellencies.
B+, B, B-	Shows sound understanding and a proper skill on the subject matter of the Course Unit and a full time engagement in the requirements and activities of the Course Unit.
C+, C, C-	Shows an adequate satisfactory Understanding on the subject matters of the Course Unit. The basic requirement of completing assignments provided and participation in the educational activities has shown.
D+,D, D-	Unsatisfactory Grades. Shows a minimum participation in academic activities. These are referred grades.
E	Unsatisfactory Grade. Not considered as a Grade that support for passing the Degree. Demonstrate a failure.

08. Non Grade Letters

Non Grade letters	Interpretation
ABS	This Symbol, which is considered as a symbol denoting failure will be issued to students, who do not sit the Final Examination without prior approval. The symbol ABS obtained without accepted reasons for not sitting Examination is considered as a failure.
DFR	Getting time for sitting the Examination on accepted reasons.
EXL	Sitting the Examination or releasing results has been suspended.
MED	Not sitting the Examination on Medical Grounds.
PASS/FAIL	Grades A+ to B- are considered as Pass Grades and C+ to all the grades below C+ are considered as Fail grades.

09. Computation of Grade Point Average (GPA)

The following formula is used to compute the GPA Value.

$$GPA = \frac{\sum^N = 1(\text{Credit Value}) * (\text{Grade Point Earned})}{\sum^N = 1(\text{Credit Value})}$$

GPA can be obtained by multiplying the values of marks obtained by the Candidate in each Course and numerical values applicable to Grades earned by Candidate as mentioned in the Formulae.

10. Outstanding Achievement

- Minimum of 30 Course Credits should have been obtained for all the Subject.
- Candidate should have obtained B or higher Grades to B in the Overall Degree Course.
- Candidate should have obtained Grade Point Average not less than 4.00 in the overall Degree Course.
- The Overall Course should have been completed within one year.

Pass

- Candidate should have obtained B- or higher grades to B- Grade for all the Course Units or for 05 Course Units.
- Candidates should have obtained C+ Grade for the remaining Course Unit.
- Candidate should have obtained Grade Point Average of 2.7 in the overall Degree Course.

Unsatisfactory Performance (Referred)

The Candidates, who have obtained Grade Point Average not less than 2.7 in the overall Degree Course while obtaining C+ or lower Grades to C+ for one or two Subject Units of the Course, are considered as Candidates with Unsatisfactory (Referred) performance. Such Candidates can sit only for subjects, who are failed and they should complete such unsatisfactory grades within the next two years.

Fail

The Candidates, who have obtained Grade Point Average less than 2.7 for the overall Degree Course, are considered as Candidates, who have failed the Course. Such Candidates should sit for all the subjects of the Examination within the next 02 years and should complete the Course.

11. Repeat Examination

B- Grade is the maximum Grade that can be obtained by a Candidate, who have failed in a Course Unit and sit the Repeat Examination. In case the Grade obtained by the Candidate in the Repeat Examination is lower than the Grade obtained earlier, the Candidate is entitled to get the higher Grade that he had obtained earlier.

12. Non sitting the Year-end Examination

The reasons for not sitting the year-end Examination are mentioned below.

- i. Not sitting the Examination on Medical Grounds. (MED)
- ii. Getting time for sitting the Examination on accepted reasons. (DFR)
- iii. Not sitting Examination without accepted reasons. (ABS)
(This situation is considered as a failure in a Course Unit.)

13. Reports Submitted for Not Sitting the Examination

If Candidate is sick and as a result he is unable to sit the entire Examination or part thereof, the Candidate should inform it to the Centre for Post Graduate Degrees and External Examinations in writing. The Candidate has to submit a medical related to that within 14 days after the end of the Examination, obtained from a District Medical Officer or from a Medical Officer registered in a Government Hospital or from a registered Indigenous Medical Officer. It is essential to include the dates that the Candidate could not sit the Examination in the Medical.

In case the Medical can be accepted, MED Grade is offered to the Candidate for the Course Unit. This Grade is a qualification for sitting the Course Unit again as the first sitting.

Even though a Candidate sits for the yearend Examination without submitting the specified Continuous Evaluation specified for a certain Course Unit, the Candidate is deemed to be failed from the Subject Unit.

However, in case a Candidate is unable to duly sit the year-end Examination, subsequent to submitting the Continuous Evaluation and if the Candidate submits accepted medical reports (MED) or any other reports (DFR) before the lapse of 14 days after the end of the Examination, it is considered as the first sitting for the Examination. It is only applicable for sitting the Examination in the ensuing year.

14. Temporary Certificates

Candidates can apply to obtain a temporary Certificate through an application obtained from the External Examinations Division, subsequent to releasing the result of the Examination. Candidates are allowed to obtain temporary certificates within a period of 02 weeks.

15. Payments for obtaining Degree Certificates

- For a temporary Result Sheet - Rs. 100/-
- For Additional Result Sheet - Rs. 250/-
- For Academic Transcript - Rs. 450/-
- For Degree Certificate - Rs. 4500/- (These Charges may be revised from time to time.)

The Degree certificate can be obtained by forwarding the receipt obtained by paying money in favour of '**Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka**' to be credited to the Account No. 711202 from any Bank of Ceylon Branch of Sri Lanka, to the office situated at the following address or by arriving at the University.

Assistant Registrar,
Faculty of Graduate Studies and Centre for External Examinations,
Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka,
No.214, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07.

If you are willing to obtain the Degree Certificate by Post,

- You can obtain the same by completing “the Application for obtaining the Degree Certificate” available in the Web site of the University, www.bpu.ac.lk of the Internet and sending a Rs.45/- valued stamped envelope of 9”x4” size indicating name and address of the candidate along with the receipt obtained by paying the charge related to the Certificate at any Bank of Ceylon Branch of Sri Lanka in favour of ‘**Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka**’ to be credited to **the Account No. 711202**. Cheques or Postal orders are not entertained.
- The title of the Course and ‘Obtaining Post Graduate Degree Certificate’ should be mentioned on the left hand corner of the envelope sent for obtaining the Certificate.

16. Degree Certificate

Degree Certificates are issued subsequent to approving the results of the final Degree examination by the Senate. In addition to the Degree Certificate, a certificate including Subject titles and Grades will also be issued.

17. Effective Date of the Degree

The last date of the month when the entire written Examination is concluded is considered as the effective date of the Degree.

18. Extension of the Registration Period

The period of registration can be extended on the grounds that are admitted by the Senate. However, all the requirements of the Course should be completed within three years from the year of registration.

Two Year Master of Arts Degree Course

01. SLQF 10 – 60 Credits

02. Qualifications for the Registration

- Candidates should have passed a Degree Course not less than 03 years under any of the subject streams from a recognized University or an Institution recognized by the University Grants Commission.
Or
- Candidates should have passed one-year Master of Arts Degree from a recognized University.
Or
- Candidates should have fulfilled other qualifications deemed by the Senate of this University to be equivalent to the Master of Arts Degree and Special Bachelor of Arts Degree.

03. Structure of the Course

- The Course Credits assigned for the Two year Master of Arts Degree Course is 60.
For 06 written Papers of One Year Master of Arts Degree Course - 30 Course Credits
For Second Year Dissertation - 30 Course Credits

04. Specifications for Examination

- The Course consists of two parts such as Buddhist Studies and Language Studies. The First year consists of 06 Course Units. (The Course Units of this Course are equivalent to the Course Units of the One Year Master of Arts Degree Course)
- The Examinations of this Course are mentioned below.
 - (1) Written Examination
 - (2) Forwarding of the Research Schedule
 - (3) Assessment of the Independent Research Dissertation
 - (4) Presentation of the Dissertation
- The Scholars, who are getting through the First Year Written Examination can complete the Second Year Research Dissertation.

05. Registration

The date of Registration for the First year of the Master of Arts Degree Course is considered as the date of registration for the Two Year Degree Course.

06. Period of Study

- The duration of the course is two years. Applicants have to get registered for the two years of this course at the same time. However, if a candidate registered for the One-year course is willing to register for the two-year course, he has to make a request prior to conducting the written examination of the First year. Candidates should fulfill all the requirements of the Course within 05 years from the date of registration.
- Time will not be extended under any circumstances.

07. Extension of the Registered Period

- Registration will be extended only for 03 years. Time will not be extended under any circumstances after the lapse of five years from the date of registration.
- In case any Candidate is unable to complete his research within the prescribed period, time can be extended as per the recommendation of the Instructor. (The extension will be for a maximum of 03 years.)
- The request of the Candidate should be forwarded through the Instructor. Extension of time is valid for one year for one time. Hence, this request has to be made 03 months prior to the end of every year of registration.

08. Appointment of Dissertation Instructors and Examiners

Appointment of Instructors

- Dissertation Instructors proposed by the Faculty of Graduate Studies should be approved by the Senate.
- The Candidates reserve the right of proposing an Instructor for his Research Dissertation and the Faculty board of Graduate Studies reserves the right of considering the request.

Appointment of Dissertation Instructors

- The Dissertation should be examined by the two visiting Examiners proposed by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.
- Maximum of three (03) months will be provided to the Examiners appointed for examining the Dissertation. If Examination Reports are not received within the relevant period, 02 reminders are referred within another three months. If the visiting Examiners are unable to examine the Dissertation during the period allowed, the head of the the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Centre for External Examinations should report the matter to the Faculty of Graduate Studies.
- The Faculty of Graduate Studies should consider the matter and other visiting Examiners should be appointed by the Committee.

09. Submission of Progress Reports

Progress Reports should be submitted to the Centre for Post Graduate Degrees and External Examinations with the recommendation of the Instructor once in every 06 months.

10. Change or Transfer of Instructors

Instructor can be changed when the instructor is going abroad or on another valid reason. This request has to be submitted in writing to the Registrar of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Centre for External Examinations. The request is referred for the approval of the Senate on the recommendation of the Faculty board of Graduate Studies.

11. Size of the Independent Research Dissertation

- A Research Dissertation with words not less than 40,000 should be submitted. The Research dissertation should assist in the broadening of the contemporary knowledge on the relevant subject field and should be of novelty.
- Three copies of the Research Dissertation should be submitted to the Centre of Post Graduate Degrees and External Examinations with the recommendation of the instructor.

12. Submission of the Independent Research Dissertation

- The Centre for Faculty of Graduate Studies and Centre for External Examinations should be informed in writing 03 months prior to the specified date of submitting the Independent Research Dissertation.
- In case the Independent Research Dissertation cannot be submitted on the due date under any circumstances, it should be notified in writing.
- Progress Reports, Presentations and all the other requirements should have been completed before submitting the Independent Research Dissertation.
- All the payments should have been made at the time of submitting the Independent Research Dissertation.
- Three (03) Copies of Independent Research Dissertation should be submitted after binding with the **Spirals code**.
- In case the Instructor is gone abroad or deceased at the moment of submitting the Independent Research Dissertation, the Authority of recommending another Instructor or Instructors for the former instructor is entrusted on the Head of the respective Department of Study.

13. Evaluation of the Independent Research Dissertation

- Conferring of the Degree on the consent of two dissertation Examiners as stated in the Report of Examination provided on the Independent Research Dissertation.
- In case both of the Examiners have recommended that the conferment of this Degree is not appropriate, the conferment of the Degree should be rejected.
- In case one of the two Examiners has indicated it is not appropriate to confer the Degree, the final decision should be taken after consulting a third Examiner.

14. Viva Examination

The Viva Examination regarding the Independent Research Dissertation is conducted subsequent to receiving reports from the Dissertation Examiners.

Composition of the Board of Viva Examination

- ✓ Chairman of the Committee on Faculty of Graduate Studies
 - ✓ Dean of the relevant Faculty
 - ✓ Head of the relevant Department of Study.
 - ✓ Instructors
 - ✓ Dissertation Examiners
 - ✓ Registrar (The Centre for Post Graduate Degrees and External Examinations)
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- Candidate should conduct a Presentation for 20 minutes on the Entire Research before the Committee, after the Reports submitted by the Examiners are considered by the Committee.
 - Subsequently, the Viva Examination on Independent Research is conducted.
 - The relevant Board takes the decision on the appropriateness of conferring the Degree for the Independent Research Dissertation / the appropriateness of conferring the Degree for the Independent Research Dissertation subjected to making revisions in case such revisions should be made/ the inappropriateness in conferring the Degree for the Independent Research Dissertation after taking in to consideration the Reports of Examiners, Presentation, Written Examination and Viva Examination.
 - The Independent Research Dissertation should be submitted with the recommendation of the Instructor subsequent to making revisions recommended by the reports of the Examiners and revisions prescribed at the Viva Examination within the period proposed by the relevant Committee.

General Revisions

When it is recommended to accept any Independent Research Dissertation subjected to revisions, the Researcher should make necessary revisions adhering to the instructions of the Committee of Examiners within a period of 03 months.

Later, Instructors should certify that revisions required for this have been duly made.

Major Revisions

When it is recommended that major revisions to a considerable scale have to be made in the Independent Research Dissertation, the Candidates should duly make such revisions and submit the dissertation within a one-year period from the date of presenting himself at the Viva Examination. Then, the Independent Research Dissertation is submitted again to the Examiners and a Viva Examination is repeated as per the reports of the

Examiners. If the Dissertation is accepted for conferring the Degree as per their decision, the date of submitting the revised Dissertation to the Institution is considered as the effective date of the Degree. The additional cost to be incurred by the Institution in this regard has to be paid by the Candidate.

If the Research Dissertation submitted by the Post Graduate Candidate is accepted as appropriate in the relevant Examination, 03 copies of the Dissertation permanently bound should be submitted to the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Centre for External Examinations through the Instructor/Head of the relevant Department of Study.

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18. Effective Date of the Degree

The date of submitting the Independent Research Dissertation is considered as the effective date of the Degree.

The date of submitting the Independent Research Dissertation by students, who have not submitted the Independent Research Dissertation by that date is considered as the effective date of the Degree.