



Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka

## Specifications for Post Graduate Degree

### 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 and one independent dissertation have been included. There are 60 lecture hours for each subject Unit. This Course is conducted as a weekend Course for a period of 36 weeks with 06 hours each per week.

#### Buddhist Studies

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| 01. | Philosophical Trends in Buddhism        | - MABS 93014 |
| 02. | Buddhism and Inter-Religious Philosophy | - MABS 93024 |
| 03. | Buddhist Principles of Management       | - MABS 93034 |
| 04. | Buddhist Psychiatry                     | - MABS 93044 |
| 05. | Buddhist Social Philosophy              | - MABS 93054 |
|     | <b>Or</b>                               |              |
|     | Buddhist Art and Architecture           |              |
| 06. | Research Methodology                    | - MARM 93064 |
| 07. | Independent Dissertation                | - MABS 93076 |

## Pali

01.	Philosophical Trends in Buddhism	- MABS 93014
02.	Study of Prescribed Texts - 1	- MAPL 93024
03.	Study of Prescribed Texts - 11	- MAPL 93034
04.	Interdenominational Pitaka Literature	- MAPL 93044
05.	Pali Poetry and Literary Criticism	- MAPLS 93054
06.	Research Methodology	- MARM 93064
07.	Independent Dissertation	- MAPL 93076

## Sanskrit

01.	Philosophical Trends in Buddhism	- MABS 93014
02.	Study of Prescribed Texts - 1	- MASN 93024
03.	Study of Prescribed Texts - 11	- MASN 93034
04.	Study of Prescribed Texts – 111	- MASN 93044
05.	Indian Culture and Civilization	- MASN 93054
06.	Research Methodology	- MARM93064
07.	Independent Dissertation	- MASN 93076

## Sinhala

01.	Philosophical Trends in Buddhism	- MABS 93014
02.	Ancient Sinhala Verse Literature	- MASI 93024
03.	Ancient Sinhala Prose Literature	- MASI 93034
04.	History and Grammar of Sinhala Language	- MASI 93044
05.	Current Sinhala Literature and Literary Criticism	- MASI 93054
06.	Research Methodology	- MARM 93064
07.	Independent Dissertation	- MASI 93076

### **04. Specifications for Examination**

- Candidates should sit for 06 written question papers for the duration of 03 hours and they should also get a Pass for the Independent Dissertation.
- Independent Dissertation should be submitted prior to the date of the commencement of the Examination.
- The maximum period granted for the submission of the Dissertation is 02 years from the date of registration.
- Independent Dissertation should be not less than 7500 words.
- Scholars, who do not complete the independent dissertation within the specified period can make a request pertaining to the award of the Post Graduate Diploma and they have to conduct a presentation before a Board of Interviewers appointed by the Higher Degrees Committee for the completion of the number of Course Credits required for the completion of the Post Graduate Diploma Course.

## **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.

## **14. Independent Dissertation**

It is compulsory for the Scholars following the Master of Arts Degree Course to complete the Independent Dissertation as a requirement for the completion of their Post Graduate Degree. It should be not less than 7500 words.

### **I Selection of the Title:**

An appropriate Title should be selected within the subject field related to the Course. The Title should not be extended within a broad range.

It is compulsory to submit the Title of the Dissertation and the rough design within 08 weeks after the commencement of the Course.

### **II Preparation of the rough design of the Independent Dissertation:**

The rough design should be submitted in triplicate including the background of study, research problem, objective, limitation of the subject, research methodology, matrices, paragraphs, conclusion, bibliography of the Independent Dissertation.

### **III Submission and Obtaining approval for the Design of the Independent Dissertation:**

Independent dissertation should be submitted to the Centre for Post Graduate Degrees and External Examinations of the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka within 02 months after the commencement of the relevant academic year. Candidate will be notified of the approval subsequent to granting approval by the relevant Faculty/Board of Study.

## **15. 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.

These specifications are effective for scholars, who register from 01.01.2017.



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## Specifications for Post Graduate Degree

### 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

- Candidates, who are registered for the Two Year Master of Arts Research Degree are exempted from the Independent Dissertation – MABS 93076 to be completed in the First year of the One Year Master of Arts Degree Course and such Candidates should conduct 02 Presentations in relation to the title of their Research Dissertation to be submitted in the Second Year.
- The first Presentation should be conducted within first three months of submitting the Title and the Second Presentation should be conducted within the first three months of submitting the Dissertation.
- 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	-	24 Course Credits
For 02 Presentations	-	06 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 fulfil 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 Higher Degree Committee should be approved by the Senate.
- The Candidates reserve the right of proposing an Instructor for his Research Dissertation and the Higher Degree Committee reserves the right of considering the request.

### **Appointment of Dissertation Instructors**

- The Dissertation should be examined by the two visiting Examiners proposed by the Higher Degree Committee.
- 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 Centre for Post Graduate Degrees and External Examinations should report the matter to the higher Degree Committee.
- The Higher Degree Committee 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 Centre of Post Graduate Degrees and External Examinations. The request is referred for the approval of the Senate on the recommendation of the Higher Degree Committee.

## **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 Post Graduate Degrees and 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. Viva Examination**

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

## **14. 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.

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