Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka

Faculty of Graduate Studies and Centre for Open and Distance Learning
Registration for Postgraduate Degree Studies

Academic Year 2027

The applications for the below mentioned Postgraduate Degree Courses will be entertained by the university until **30.11.2026.**

01. Master of Arts Degree Course (01 year) (M.A.)
(SLQF 09 - 30 Credits)

Medium of Study : Sinhala/English

Stream of Subjects : Buddhist Studies/ Sinhala/ Pali/ Sanskrit/ English/ Archaeology

Course Fee : Local Students - Rs. 45,000/-
Foreign Students - US$ 555

Eligibility requirements:

- Should have obtained a degree of at least a duration of 03 years in any stream of subjects from a university/ a recognized institute by the UGC.
  Or
- Should have obtained a Pracina Pandit degree.
  Or
- Any other qualification considered equivalent to the above which is accepted by the senate of the university.

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02. Master of Arts Degree Course (With Research Component) (02 years) (M.A.)
(SLQF 10 - 60 Credits)

Medium of Study : Sinhala / English

Stream of Subjects : Buddhist Studies/ Sinhala/ Pali/ Sanskrit/ English/ Archaeology

Course Fee : Local Students - Rs. 74,500/-
Foreign Students - US$ 705

Eligibility requirements:

- Same Qualifications mentioned above under course No. 01.

  Or
- Should have obtained one year M.A. degree from a university/a recognized institute by the UGC.

03. Master of Philosophy Degree Course (M.Phil.) (02 years) (SLQF 11)

Stream of Subjects : Buddhist Philosophy/ Buddhist Culture/ Sinhala/ Pali/ Sanskrit/ Archaeology/ Religious Studies and Comparative Philosophy/ English

Medium of Study : Sinhala / English

Course Fee : Local Students - Rs.100,000/-
Foreign Students - US$ 1305

Eligibility requirements:

- Should have obtained a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree with a First Class or Second Class Upper Division relevant to the above stream of subjects from a university/ a recognized institute by the UGC.
  Or
- Should have obtained one year M.A. degree relevant to the above stream of subjects from a university/ a recognized institute by the UGC.
  Or
- A candidate who has obtained a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree with a First Class or Second Class Upper Division or one year M.A. degree or in any other discipline with a post graduate diploma relevant to the above subject stream can be registered for Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.)

  Or
- Any other qualification considered equivalent to the above which is accepted by the senate of the university.

04. Doctor of Philosophy Degree Course (Ph.D.) (03 years) (SLQF 12)

Stream of Subjects : Buddhist Philosophy/ Buddhist Culture/ Sinhala/ Pali/ Sanskrit/ Archaeology/Religious Studies and Comparative Philosophy/ English

Medium of Study : Sinhala / English

Course Fee : Local Students - Rs. 122,000/-
Foreign Students - US$ 1755

Eligibility requirements:

- Should have obtained a Postgraduate degree of at least 2 years duration with a research component/ MSSc Degree/ M.Phil. degree on one of the above streams of subjects from a university/ a recognized institute by the UGC.
  Or
- Any other qualification considered equivalent to the above which is accepted by the senate of the university.

Applying for scholarships

Scholarships offered

- SHINNYO EN SHINSO ITO Scholarship
- Butawatte Sri Saranankara Nayaka Thero Scholarship
- M.M. Mahaweera Mahanayaka Thera and Dr. Pathegama Gnanarama Anunayaka Maha Thera Memorial Scholarship

When applying for the above scholarships related to M.A./M.Phil./Ph.D. degrees, the scholarship application must be submitted along with the course application. Scholarship applications received after the closing date will not considered for awarding scholarships. More information about these scholarships and the application form can be obtained from the university website www.bpu.ac.lk .

N.B. :

- **All candidates applying for Master of Philosophy and Doctor of Philosophy degrees must pass MABS - 53015 Fundamental Buddhist Teaching and MARM - 53065 Research Methodology papers of Master of Arts Degree Programme conducted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies of Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka. (This condition does not apply to candidates who have completed above subjects of Master of Arts degree from Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka.)**
- **Submission of an International Conference Research Paper is mandatory for passing the Master of Philosophy and Doctor of Philosophy degrees.**

- **MA in English:**

  Candidate should have followed a special degree in English or a General degree majoring English.

  OR

  Should have a postgraduate Diploma in English Language/ Literature/ ELT from any UGC recognized University

  AND

  At first the Candidate should face the interview and then pass the written test conducted by the Department of English. (Registration take place after conducting the interview and the written test)

Application Procedure:

Application Fee:

M.A. Degree (One Year/Two Years)	-	Rs. 1000/-
M.Phil. Degree/ Ph.D. Degree	-	Rs. 1000/-

Application forms for the above courses could be obtained up to **27.11.2026 before** on weekdays by personally calling over at the Faculty of Graduate Studies of Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, No. 214, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07, by forwarding a voucher credited to the account No**. 711202**, Bank of Ceylon, Homagama of the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka or by sending a voucher obtained from the bank payment draft together with a self-addressed and stamped (value of Rs. 130/) envelope to the following address. Write the name of the course on the top left-hand corner of the envelope. **Money Orders and cheques are not accepted.**

Senior Assistant Registrar
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Please use the code number before your name when the payments are done. (M.A./M.Phil./Ph.D.)

Applications can also be downloaded from the University website www.bpu.ac.lk

The applicants, who obtain the application forms through internet, should submit the bank draft credited to the above mentioned account of the university, along with the completed applications.

Closing Date of issuing of applications

- Applications are issued for M.A. Degree (One Year/Two Year) only until **27.11.2026.**
- Applications for M.Phil. & Ph.D. Degree can be obtained at **any date of the year**.

Duly completed applications should be forwarded on or before **30.11.2026** to the address above.

Further details please contact the : 0112580609

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