

국제불교학과

International Buddhist Studies



Educational Goals

The goal of education is to cultivate a personality equipped with wisdom and compassion based on the Buddhist spirit, and to have both the ability and knowledge to correctly look at the human nature and the essence of the world. In addition, we seek to produce leaders with Buddhist character and knowledge through providing various lectures in doctrinal and practical fields that students of various nationalities need in modern multi cultural society.



Career and Employment

College of Buddhism has produced talented and dedicated people who understand Buddhist history and culture and Buddhist doctrine and philosophy for the future 4th Industrial Era. They are now working in such fields as religious administrators, religious teachers, military chaplains, social workers, NGO activists, Buddhist academics, and religious media journalists. In addition, it is expected that talented people produced through the newly established International Master Programme in

Buddhist Studies will spread Korean Buddhism around the world and lay foundation for the internationalization of Buddhism, Buddhist Culture and Buddhist Studies. By advancing to International PhD Programme in Buddhist Studies, we plan to produce international Buddhist scholars working at research institutes, universities and various Buddhist-related areas.



Opened Major by Course

■ Master Degree Course: International Master Programme in Buddhist Studies



Department Bylaws

The purpose of these bylaws is to enhance the quality of education and research by prescribing basic matters that members of International Master Programme in Buddhist Studies must follow. They are based on the school regulations of Dongguk University and the detailed enforcement regulations of Graduate School.

Chapter 1. Bylaws Regarding Prerequisite Courses

Article 1(Purpose) The purpose of these bylaws is to set forth the details and procedures for completion of prerequisite courses international Master Programme in Buddhist Studies at the graduate school.

Article 2(Academic Credit) ① Students who are required to take prerequisite courses for each degree program must complete 9 credits (3 courses) of prerequisite courses designated by the department.

② Credits for prerequisite courses are not added to the complete credits.

Article 3(Target) ① Those who fall under any of the followings must complete prerequisite courses in addition to regular courses.

1. Those who have entered MA program whose major is different from the major of this department.
2. Applicants who are admitted to department in a similar major field and requested by the head of the department to complete the course.
3. Transfer students who are in different departments from previous graduate schools.
4. Those who are requested to complete the course by the head of the department

due to reasons such as change of affiliated department.

Article 4(Procedure) ① Students who majored in other departments before entering this department must complete prerequisite courses along with major courses.

Article 5(Method) ① Prerequisite courses cannot exceed 6 credits per semester.

Article 6(Exemption) ① Among the prerequisite courses, courses completed at the previous university or course may be exempted by the approval of the department head.

Article 7(Subjects) ① The prerequisite courses for each degree course are as follows.

1. Standard : Refer to the Prerequisite Course Table below
2. Applicability : Applicable to all students admitted from the 2013 academic year onwards / Applicable to all enrolled students

Chapter 2. Bylaws on Comprehensive Examination

Article 1(Purpose) The purpose of these bylaws is to set forth the details and procedures for

the comprehensive examination for MA in international Master Programme in Buddhist Studies.

Article 2(Purpose of Comprehensive Examination)

① Comprehensive examinations are conducted to evaluate students' basic knowledge in each major field, their ability to conduct research, and their qualifications for submitting their thesis.

Article 3(Eligibility) ① The qualifications for taking the comprehensive exam are as follows.

1. MA Programme

- A. Those who have completed regular registration for more than three semesters.
- B. Students who have completed at least 18 academic credits and their grade average is 3.0 or higher B0 or higher.
- C. Those who have been recommended by the academic advisor and department head.

Article 4(Procedure) ① Those who wish to take the comprehensive examination must submit an application form to the graduate school within the prescribed period.

Article 5(Time and Method) ① The exam is conducted in early March and early September every year, and in principle, the

department itself conducts it within the period set by the graduate school.

Article 6 (Examination Subjects)

① The number of subjects to be taken and passed for the Comprehensive Examination in each degree program is as follows and the specific subjects shall be governed by the 'Comprehensive Examination'.

1. Master's Degree Program:

1 Common subjects, 1 Major subjects

Article 7(Evaluation) ① As a general rule, Examination Committee is made under the supervision of the department head. The Examination committee members are notified to the department. Scoring is conducted at a designated place under the supervision of the department head.

Article 8(Examination time) ① In principle, the total test time is 80 minutes per subject.

Article 9(Points and Passing Criteria)

- ① The total score for the comprehensive exam is 100 points for each subject.
- ② The passing score for each subject is 70 points or higher.

Article 10(Storage of related documents)

① After the comprehensive examination, question papers, answer sheets, and related documents are kept for two years under the

responsibility of the department head.

Article 11(Results Notification)

① Comprehensive Examination result must be submitted to the graduate school within 7 days after the Examination.

Article 12(Substitute Pass Recognition) ① In the case of obtaining A0 or higher by taking the relevant course in the comprehensive examination, Comprehensive examination for the subject is treated as a substitute pass. (Applicable to students admitted from the 2013 academic year onwards)

Article 13(Published Paper Substitution Criteria) ① In accordance with Article 41 of the Enforcement Rules of Graduate School Regulations, the pass of MA and PhD comprehensive examination can be recognized as a substitute for one or more publications in KCI for MA with achievements published prior to the dissertation request. In this case, the comprehensive examination is exempted.

Article 14(Pass Approval) ① The final pass of the comprehensive examination is determined by the approval of the results by the Graduate School Committee.

Chapter 3. Bylaws for degree thesis

Article 1(Qualifications for Submission of Thesis)

① In order to submit a thesis, certain requirements must be met.

1. Those who have completed regular registration (planned) for 4 or more semesters (3 semesters or more for those eligible for early completion)

2. A person who has acquired (expected) the minimum grade required for completion with an average of 3.0 or higher.

3. A person who has acquired (expected) a prerequisite course with an average of 3.0 or higher.

4. A person commissioned by a thesis supervisor.

5. A person who has submitted a dissertation research plan and a pledge of compliance with research ethics.

6. Those who have passed the comprehensive examination.

7. Those who received “A” as a result of abstract presentation of requested thesis.

8. Those who have not passed 6 years since the date of admission.

Article 2(Thesis Supervision)

① In order to receive supervision for thesis, students must appoint one supervisor from among full-time professors in their major field and submit the prescribed documents.

② As a rule, application for the selection of an advisor is made within the second semester.

Article 3(Submission of research plan) ①

Students must prepare a thesis research plan within 3 months of being appointed by the thesis supervisor and submit it to the dean of College after approval from the supervisor and the department head.

Article 4(abstract presentation) ① In order to present the abstract or research plan of the thesis, the requirements of Article 16 (Completion) must be met.

② The acceptance of the abstract presentation is determined by the department head as “yes” or “no” after collecting the opinions of the thesis supervisor and participating full-time faculty members.

Article 5(Thesis Reviewer) ① The thesis review committee for MA consists of three members, including supervisor.

② The appointment of thesis reviewer is commissioned by the dean of College after collecting the opinions of the department head.

Article 6 (Thesis Review) ① The thesis review for MA is conducted more than once.

Article 7(Pass of thesis) ① The master's thesis is evaluated as “Yes” or “No” by each reviewer and the “Yes” decision is subdivided into 3 grades. “Yes” is judged as pass.

Article 8 (Substitution of MA thesis) ① MA thesis can be replaced with two papers published in a renowned academic journal (KCI).

② Publication of a thesis in a renowned academic journal (KCI) is done after the

application and approval of the thesis replacement, and the student must be the leading author (first author) and The advisor must be the corresponding author. In addition, it is not recognized as overlapping with the Substitute Pass of the comprehensive examination.

③ The appointment of the supervisor, the thesis research plan, thesis abstract presentation, and the review application process are the same as MA thesis submission process. Thesis abstract will be presented even if it has already been published.

④ A separate review is not conducted by forming review committee, and the review result is submitted with the approval of the supervisor and the department head..

Chapter 4. Other Bylaws

Article 1(Purpose) The purpose of these Bylaws is to improve the quality of education and research by prescribing the basic matters that members of international Master Programme in Buddhist Studies must follow as stipulated by Dongguk University School Rules and Graduate School Rules.

Article 2(Subject) ① MA course: international Master Programme in Buddhist Studies

Article 3(academic credits) ① Each degree course has a total of 3.0 or higher, and the minimum credits for completion are as follows:

1. MA course : 24 credits or more.

Article 4(subjects) ① Courses are opened according to the prescribed curriculum, and

students select and complete the courses under the guidance of the department head and supervisor.

Article 5(Supervisor) ① The appointment of supervisor must be requested within the prescribed period set by the department within the second semester after admission. Students must receive thesis supervision from supervisor.

Article 6(Curriculum reorganization) ① The operation of course and curriculum are decided by convening the Department Committee under the judgment of the department professors and

department head.

Article 7(registration) ① For the master's program, regular registration is 4 semesters. (In the case of MA degree, early completion is possible in 3 semesters if the prescribed criteria set forth in the Enforcement Rules of Graduate Schools are met.)

Article 8(other) ① Matters not stipulated in these bylaws shall follow the school rules and enforcement regulations.

Prerequisite Subjects and Comprehensive Examination

■ Prerequisite Subjects : 3 subjects / 9 academic credits

No.	subject No.	subjects	academic credits
1	BIS2021	Abhidharma Buddhism	3
2	BIS2010	Early Buddhism	3
3	BIS4017	Seon Culture Theory	3
4	BIS2008	History of Indian Buddhism	3

■ Comprehensive Examination

Course	Exam Subject	International Master Programme in Buddhist Studies	note
MA	Common subjects (1)	Abhidharma Buddhism Early Buddhism Seon Culture Theory History of Indian Buddhism	Choose one
	Major subjects (1)	Yogacara Buddhism Early Indian Buddhism Indian Buddhist Meditation Buddhist Literature and Hermeneutics Buddhist Psychology Tibetan Buddhism	Choose one

HWANG Soonil			
M a j o r	Early Indian Buddhism		
Interests	Sanskrit, Pali, Early Buddhism, Buddhist Culture Content, Southeast Asian Buddhism		
B A	Dongguk University	Dept. of Indian Philosophy	BA
M A	Dongguk University	Dept. of Indian Philosophy	MA
P h D	University of Oxford	South Asian Studies	DPhil
S u b j e c t	Early Buddhism		Southeast Asian Buddhism
B o o k s	Metaphor and Literalism in Buddhism (Routledge, 2006)		
	Sermon of One Hundred Days Part One (Equinox, 2009)		
A r t i c l e s	'Dāna of One's Own Body and the Dāna Perfection (Pāramitā)' in <i>Buddhist Narrative in Asia and beyond</i> , Thai Studies Institute, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. (2012)		
	'Middle Path and Modernity of Korean Buddhism' in Korean Journal of Buddhist Studies, Seoul. (2015)		
	'Saving Animals and Winning a war: Buddhist way of dealing with conflict' in Korean Journal of Indian Philosophy, Seoul (2015)		

PARK Cheonghwan			
M a j o r	Indian Buddhist Meditation, Buddhist Narratives		
Interests	Buddhist Narratives		
B A	Seogang University	Dept. of French Language and Literature	BA
M A	Dongguk University	Dept. of Buddhist Studies	MA
P h D	University of Oxford	South Asian Studies	DPhil
S u b j e c t	Indian Buddhist Meditation and narrative		Meditation Culture and narrative
B o o k s			
A r t i c l e s	Korean Buddhism Abroad: A Critical Examination of Overseas Propagation Strategies of Jogye Order's Hanmaum Seon Center (Religions, 2022)		
	Korean Buddhist International Aid Work: A Critical Comparison of the Join Together Society and the Global Community Association (Religions, 2022)		

KIM Kyungrae			
M a j o r	Religious Studies		
Interests	Buddhist History in Ancient India and Srilanka, Buddhist Hermeneutics, Southern Abhidhamma		
B A	Dongguk University	Dept. of Indian Philosophy	BA
M A	Dongguk University	Dept. of Buddhist Studies	MA
P h D	Dongguk University	Dept. of Buddhist Studies	DPhil
Post Doc	King's College, London	Religious Studies	Post doc
S u b j e c t	Buddhist Literature		Buddhist Hermeneutics
B o o k s	The Theravādin Doctrine of Momentariness (Korean Translation; Forthcoming)		
A r t i c l e s	Avici Hell and wujian (無間) in the cognitive process. (Journal of Indian Philosophy, 2016)		
	Observations on the term Bhavanga as described in the Jie tuo dao lun (*Vimuttimgga). (Journal of Indian Philosophy, 2018)		
	A Critical Examination of Research on the Legacy of Daehaeng, (Religions, 2021)		

MOON Hyungong			
M a j o r	Applied Buddhism		
I n t e r e s t s	Thanatology, Pedagogy, Buddhist Meditation, Buddhist Psychology		
B A	Dongguk University	Dept. of Buddhist Studies	BA
M A	Dongguk University	Dept. of Buddhist Studies	MA
P h D	Dongguk University	Dept. of Buddhist Studies	PhD
S u b j e c t	Applied Buddhism		
B o o k s	Thanatology Class (2021)		
A r t i c l e s	Mindfulness of Death as a Tool for Mortality Salience Induction with Reference to Terror Management Theory (Religions, 2019)		
	Educational Applications of Buddhist Meditations on Death (Religions, 2020)		

HAN Jaehee			
M a j o r	Himalayan Buddhism, Mahayana Buddhism		
I n t e r e s t s	Early Mahayana Buddhist texts, Buddhist Manuscripts, Himalayan Buddhism		
B A	Dongguk University	Dept. of Buddhist Studies	BA
M A	Dongguk University	Dept. of Buddhist Studies	MA
P h D	University of Oslo	Dept. of Cultural Studies and Oriental Languages	Dr.Philos.
S u b j e c t	Himalayan Buddhism		Mahayana Buddhism
B o o k s			
A r t i c l e s	The Gaganaganjapariprccha and the Sky as a Symbol of Mahayana Doctrines and Aspirations (Religions, 2021)		
	Further Reflections on Zhi Qian's Foshuo Pusa Benye Jing: Some Terminological Questions (Religions, 2021)		
	"Buddhism for Chinese Readers": Zhi Qian's Literary Refinements in the Foshuo pusa benye jing (Religions, 2021)		

Kwon Junghyun			
M a j o r	Applied Buddhism		
I n t e r e s t s	Mind and mental factors, meditation, Buddhist education		
B A	UC Berkeley	Dept. of	BA
M A	Stanford University	Dept. of South Asian Studies	MA
P h D	Dongguk University	Dept. of Buddhist Studies	PhD
S u b j e c t	Indian Mahayana, Seon & meditation		
A r t i c l e s	"What One Feels, That One Perceives- Vedanā and Affect in Relation to the Contents of Perception _"		

Brian Somers			
M a j o r	Buddhist Psychology		
I n t e r e s t s	mindfulness meditation, philosophy, phenomenology, psychology		
B A	Dalhousie University	Philosophy	BA
M A	Brock University	Comparative Philosophy	MA
P h D	Dongguk University	Applied Seon(Korean Zen) Studies	PhD
S u b j e c t	mindfulness meditation, philosophy, phenomenology, psychology		
A r t i c l e s	Mindfulness in the Context of Engaged Buddhism: A Case for Engaged Buddhism, Religions 2022.		
	Mindfulness and Modern Mindfulness: Considering Buddhist Communities and Personal Salvation from Depression, Religions 2022.		
	「Mahasatipatthana Sutra Influences on the Practices of Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy: Considering the Contributions of Buddhist Theory」 한국불교학 제 98 집 2021.		

Course No.	Subjects	Credit	Theory	Training	target	Language	note
BIS2021	Abhidharma Buddhism	3	3	0		English	Prerequisite
BIS2010	Early Buddhism	3	3	0		English	Prerequisite
BIS4017	Seon Culture Theory	3	3	0		English	Prerequisite
BIS2008	History of Indian Buddhism	3	3	0		English	Prerequisite
IBS6001	Yogacara Buddhism	3	3	0		English	
IBS6002	Early Indian Buddhism	3	3	0		English	
IBS6003	Indian Buddhist Meditation	3	3	0		English	
IBS6004	Buddhist Literature and Hermeneutics	3	3	0		English	
IBS6005	Buddhist Psychology	3	3	0		English	
IBS6006	Tibetan Buddhism	3	3	0		English	
IBS6007	Introduction to Applied Buddhism	3	3	0		English	
IBS6008	Korean Buddhist Narratives and Stories	3	3	0		English	
IBS6009	Theravada Abhidhamma and its Philosophy	3	3	0		English	
IBS6010	Buddhism in Gandhara	3	3	0		English	
IBS6011	East Asian Buddhism	3	3	0		English	
IBS6012	Lecture on Korean Buddhism: Middle Path and Sermon of One Hundred days	3	3	0		English	
IBS6013	Crossculture Religious Studies	3	3	0		English	
IBS6014	Introduction to Buddhist Psychology	3	3	0		English	
IBS7001	Reading Pali Buddhist texts	3	3	0		English	
IBS7002	Reading Sanskrit Buddhist texts	3	3	0		English	
IBS7003	Early Buddhist Narratives	3	3	0		English	
IBS7004	Korean Buddhist Narratives	3	3	0		English	
IBS7005	Myth and History in Ancient India	3	3	0		English	
IBS7006	Murder, Goblin and Death: Buddhist Narrative Texts and Exegesis	3	3	0		English	
IBS7007	Psychology of death and Buddhism	3	3	0		English	
IBS7008	Modern applications of Buddhist education	3	3	0		English	
IBS7009	Digital Humanities and Buddhist Studies	3	3	0		English	
IBS7010	Introduction to Buddhist Manuscript Studies	3	3	0		English	
IBS7011	Being Buddhist in East Asia: Religion, Culture and Identity	3	3	0		English	
IBS7012	Buddhist Meditation: Ancient and Modern	3	3	0		English	
IBS7013	Buddhism in the Context of Modernism and Postmodernism	3	3	0		English	
IBS7014	Buddhist Meditation Before and After Mindfulness	3	3	0		English	
IBS7015	Contemporary Korean Buddhism	3	3	0		English	
IBS7016	Buddhist Art	3	3	0		English	