

## UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

DEPARTMENT : BUDDHIST STUDIESCOURSE NAME: UNDERGRADUATE MULTIPLE DEGREE PROGRAM(SEMESTER - )

based on

Undergraduate Curriculum Framework 2022 (UGCF)

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Course Title	Nature of the Course	Total Credits	Components			Eligibility Criteria/ Prerequisite	Contents of the course and reference is in
			Lecture	Tutorial	Practical		
Introduction to Buddhism	DSC -1-A1	4	3	1	0	As decided by the University	Annexure-1
Introduction to Buddhist Literature	DSC -1-B1	4	3	1	0	As decided by the University	Annexure-2
Theravada Buddhist Philosophy	DSC -2-A2	4	3	1	0	As decided by the University	Annexure-3
Mahayana Buddhist Philosophy	DSC -2-B2	4	3	1	0	As decided by the University	Annexure-4

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**SYLLABUS OF COURSES TO BE OFFERED  
ELECTIVE COURSE**

**SEMESTER -1**

**DSC-1 – A1**

**COURSE NAME : INTRODUCTION TO BUDDHISM**

**Objective**

The primary objective of this course is to make students aware of the background of the different aspects related to the origin and development of Buddhism in India.

**Outcome**

Upon the completion of this course, students would be able to have a clear understanding of the background to the origin and development of Buddhism along with its founder, decline and revival in India.

**Course content**

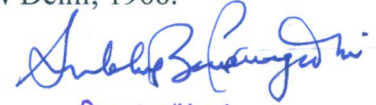
1. Background of the Origin of Buddhism or Pre-Buddhistic India
2. Sources of Buddhism
3. Origins of Buddhism
4. Founder of Buddhism, and his Biography
5. Date of the Buddha
6. Establishment and evolution of the Buddhist Order (Saṅgha)
7. Origin and Growth of the various sects or schools of Buddhism
8. Patrons and Supporters of Buddhism
9. Decline and Revival of Buddhism in India

**Suggested Readings**

- Bapat, P.V. (ed.) *Bauddha Dharma Ke 2500 Varṣa*, New Delhi, Government of India, Publication Division, 1956.
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**DSC-1 – B1**

**COURSE NAME : INTRODUCTION TO BUDDHIST LITERATURE**

**Objective**

The primary objective of this course is to make students aware of the Indian languages (Pali and Buddhist Hybrid Sanskrit) in which the Buddhist literature including the biographical texts exists.

**Outcome**

Learning of this course would make the students acquainted with the origin and development of the original language in which the Buddha disseminated his teachings in addition to developing a clear understanding among the students about the subsequently composed Buddhist literature in Sanskrit language.

**Course content**

1. Origin and Homeland of the language of Buddha's teachings
2. Buddhist Councils and the compilation of Buddha's teachings
3. Buddhist literature in Pali Language
4. Buddhist literature in Sanskrit Literature – Nava Vaipulyasūtra or Mahāyānasūtra
5. Biographical texts or Suttas of the Buddha – Mahāvagga, Suttanipāta, Mahāparinibbāna-sutta, Mahāpadāna-sutta, Ariyapariyesana-sutta, Nidānakathā, Mahāvastu, Lalitavistara, Āryabhinīṣkramaṇasūtra and etc.

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**SEMESTER- II**

**DSC-2 – A2**

**COURSE NAME : THERAVADA BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY**

**Objective**

The primary objective of this course is to make students aware of the basic teachings of Buddhism.

**Outcome**

Upon the completion of this course, students would be able to have a clear understanding of the basic teachings of Buddhism along with their relevance and application.

**Course content**

1. Four Noble Truths
2. Three Characteristics
3. No-soul
4. Dependent Origination
5. Karma and Rebirth
6. Nibbana
7. Pāramitā

**Essential Readings**

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## DSC-2 –B2

## COURSE NAME : MAHAYANA BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY

## Objective

The primary objective of this course is to make students aware of the comprehensive knowledge of the origin and development of Mahayana Buddhism, its feature and fundamental principles.

## Outcome

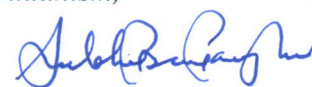
At the end of leaning this course, students would have a clear and comprehensive understanding of the Mahayana Buddhism, its feature and fundamental principles..

## Course content

1. Pre-Mahāyāna Buddhism
2. Background of the Emergence of Mahāyāna Buddhism
3. Features of Mahāyāna Buddhism
4. Difference between Hīnayāna and Mahāyāna Buddhism
5. Mahāyāna Buddhist Schools : Madhyamika and Yogācara
6. Mahāyāna Buddhist Principles – Bodhicitta, Bodhisattva-Ideal, Pāramitā, Daśabhūmi, Trikāya

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