THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF ARTS

Master of Buddhist Studies Programme (2023/2024)

(Please also visit the University Taught Postgraduate Admissions website at https://admissions.hku.hk/tpg before submitting your application.)

1. Applications are invited for admission in September 2023 to read for the degree of Master of Buddhist Studies. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. The application deadlines are:

   First round: **12:00 noon (GMT +8), January 20, 2023**
   Second round: **12:00 noon (GMT +8), March 17, 2023**

2. The Master of Buddhist Studies programme offers quality education and a fundamental understanding and in-depth analysis of the textual, doctrinal and historical dimensions of Buddhism. It aims to provide training in the theoretical and practical use of Buddhist teachings, and to offer a critical review of Buddhism as a religion and philosophy from different perspectives and traditions. Topics include history and doctrines of different regional forms of Buddhism, contemporary Buddhism, and Buddhism as applied in counselling, palliative care, and psychology, with particular reference to current scholarly research. The programme also serves as a foundational basis for candidates planning to obtain research degrees in the field.

   The curriculum shall normally extend over one academic year of full-time study or two academic years of part-time study (including evening and weekend sessions). Scholarships are available for application. The programme also appears in the reimbursable course list of the Continuing Education Fund of the HK-SAR Government. Detailed information on the curriculum and scholarships are available from the website of the Centre of Buddhist Studies at **http://www.buddhism.hku.hk/**.

Admission Requirements

3. To be eligible for admission to the programme, a candidate shall satisfy the University Admission Requirements as listed below:

   (a) shall comply with the General Regulations;

   (b) shall hold a good Bachelor's degree of this University; or a qualification of equivalent standard from this University or another comparable institution accepted for this purpose;

   (c) for a candidate who is seeking admission on the basis of a qualification from a university or comparable institution outside Hong Kong of which the language of teaching and/or examination is not English, shall satisfy the University English language requirement applicable to higher degrees as prescribed under General Regulation G2(b). Only TOEFL/IELTS scores recorded in the two years before the date of application are considered.

   (d) shall satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination if required. (ONLY for candidates who do not possess qualifications listed in 3(b) above.)

4. An application for exemption from the above requirements shall be considered on a case by case basis.

Application

5. Applications for this programme and payment of application fee (HK$300 per application) should be submitted online at https://admissions.hku.hk/tpg.

6. After submitting the online application, applicants are required to upload the supporting documents before the application deadline and within four weeks from the date of the creation of their application account or post the required supporting documents to the Centre of Buddhist Studies, Room 4.15, 4/F, The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus, The University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam, Hong Kong. Please mark "MBuddhStud" on the envelope. A checklist of the required supporting documents is available at https://admissions.hku.hk/tpg/programme-list-2324.

7. Applicants may contact the Centre of Buddhist Studies by email (buddhism@hku.hk) or by telephone (3917 2847) if they do not receive their application results by July 31, 2023.

Regulations and Syllabuses

8. The regulations and syllabuses for the programme can be viewed at https://admissions.hku.hk/tpg/programme-list-2324.

Concurrent Studies

9. General Regulation G6(b)(i) prohibits concurrent registration by a student of this University for any other post-secondary qualification either at this University or at any educational institution, unless approval of the Senate has been obtained in advance. Students in breach of this regulation may be required to discontinue their studies at this University.

Visa for Studies

10. If you are not a holder of a Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card, a dependent visa, a work visa or an IANG (Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates) visa, you must obtain a student visa before registration in our programmes. Normally the student visa is only granted to those admitted to full-time studies. Students are responsible for ensuring that they have a valid visa and register in the programmes before the study begins. If any student fails to register in time, the offer of admission may be withdrawn and all fees already paid will not be refunded.

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