



DSC 6: BSCC203: Buddhist Ethics

Course Title & Code	Credits	Credits distribution of the course			Eligibility Criteria	Prerequisite of the course, if any
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical		
DSC 6: BSCC203: Buddhist Ethics	4	3	1	0	As per admission criteria	Nil

This paper is aligned with Sustainability Development Goals 2030: 3 Good Health and Well Beings, #4, Quality Education

Objectives: This course aims at providing students with a comprehensive understanding of Buddhist ethics.

Course Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the course, students will have the basic understanding of Buddhist ethics and shall be able to go for further studies in the subject.

Contents

- Unit-I: Brāhmaṇical, Jaina, and Buddhist concept of Ahimsā. Comparison with Gandhi's conception of Ahimsā and Satyagraha (zest for truth).
- Unit-II: Buddhist concepts of Karma, Śīla, Samādhi and Prajñā with reference to Gītā's concept of Niṣkāmakarma
- Unit-III: Buddhist views on Suicide, Euthanasia, Capital Punishment. Expression of dissent: terrorism.
- Unit-IV: Equality, discrimination and preferential treatment.

Suggested Reading

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