



DSE 4: BSEC 202E: Monastic Order in China

Course Title & Code	Credits	Credits distribution of the course			Eligibility Criteria	Prerequisite of the course, if any
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical		
DSE 4: BSEC 202E: Monastic Order in China	4	3	1	0	As per admission criteria	Nil

This paper is aligned with Sustainability Development Goals 2030: 4 Quality Education

Objectives: This course will provide students with a basic understanding of the history, teachings, and practices of the Buddhist tradition: The early teachings, the founding of the monastic order, and the development of Buddhist doctrinal systems. We will then turn to the rise of Mahāyāna Buddhism, and the transformation of Buddhism as it moved from India to China, and Japan.

Course Learning Outcomes:

- Identify, analyze, explain, and appraise the key doctrines of Chinese Buddhism.
- Use Early Buddhism as a comparative tool for distinguishing early Buddhist doctrines from other early Indian religions and philosophies as well as for understanding the distinctive doctrinal developments in various Buddhist traditions.
- Students can understand the concept of lifestyles of the monks and the how Chinese Buddhist monasteries influenced the spread of Asian civilizations.

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- Unit-I: Establishment and Stages of the Development of Buddhist Sangha in China
- Unit-II: Composition and Categories of Sangha, Classification of temples, social origins of monks
- Unit-III: Sangha-state relations: Sangha officials and administration of the Sangha. Status of the Sangha in China
- Unit-IV: The Origin and development of Monastic codes in China

Suggested Reading

- Hurvitz, *Render unto Caesar in Early Chinese Buddhism Sino-Indian Studies*, vol.5.
- J. Takakusu, *Record of the Buddhist Religion as Practised in India and Malaya*



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