

DEPARTMENT OF BUDDHIST STUDIES

BA (Prog) with Buddhist Studies as Major
Category-II

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITE OF THE COURSE

Course Title & Code	Total Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility Criteria/ Prerequisite	Pre-requisite of the course, if any
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical		
Introduction to Buddhism DSC -1-A1	4	3	1	0	Class XII Passed	Nil

Learning Objectives

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.

Learning Outcomes

By studying 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.

SYLLABUS OF DSC-1-A1

Unit I **16 Hours**

1. Background of the Origin of Buddhism or Pre-Buddhist India
2. Sources of Buddhism
3. Origins of Buddhism

Unit II **12 Hours**

1. Founder of Buddhism, and his Biography
2. Date of the Buddha

Unit III **20 Hours**

1. Establishment and evolution of the Buddhist Order (Saṅgha)
2. Origin and Growth of the various sects or schools of Buddhism

Unit IV **12 Hours**

1. Patrons and Supporters of Buddhism
2. Decline and Revival of Buddhism in India

Essential Readings

- Bapat, P.V. (ed.) *Bauddha Dharma Ke 2500 Varṣa*, New Delhi, Government of India, Publication Division, 1956.
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- Sarao, KTS. *Origin and Nature of Ancient Indian Buddhism*, 4th rev edn, 2012.
- Walpola Rahula, *What the Buddha Taught* (First Published in 1978), The Corporate Body of the Buddha Educational Foundation, Taipei, 2009.

Suggested Readings

- Dutt, N., & K. D. Bajpai, *Development of Buddhism in Uttara Pradesh*, Publication Bureau, Lucknow, 1956.
- Dutt, N., *Buddhist Sects*, Reprint, Firma KLM (Pvt.) Ltd., Calcutta, 1997.
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- McGovern, M.W. *An Introduction to Mahāyāna Buddhism*, London: Kegan Paul, Trench, Trübner & Co, 1922.
- Pande, G.C., *Studies in the Origins of Buddhism*, Allahabad University, Allahabad, 1957
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- Srivastava, Srinarayan, 1981, *Bhārata Mein Baudha Nikāyon kā Itihāsa*, Kishor Vidya Niketan, Varanasi, 1981.
- Strong, J.S. *The Buddha: A Short Biography*, Oxford: Oneworld, 2001.
- Thomas, E.J. *The Life of Buddha as Legend and History*, reprint, New Delhi: Asian Educational Services, 1927.
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