



# INSTITUTE OF BUDDHIST STUDIES

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## [Enrollment Options]

### A. Degree Programs

#### *Master of Arts (M.A.) in Buddhist Studies*

In cooperation with the Graduate Theological Union, the Institute of Buddhist Studies offers a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree with a specialization in Buddhist Studies. Applicants to the MA program must be admitted to both the Graduate Theological Union (GTU) and the Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS). Students in the program are required to take a broad range of courses in Buddhist Studies, while also gaining an exposure to other religious traditions and a variety of approaches to the study of religion.

#### *Master of Buddhist Studies (M.B.S.)*

The MBS degree is offered by IBS and designed for those who are interested in a systematic education in Buddhist Studies for professional or personal purposes. Students in the program are required to take courses focusing in Buddhist Studies, developing an understanding of the doctrinal, historical and cultural development of the tradition as a whole.

### B. Non-Degree Programs

#### *Special Students*

This status is either for students preparing to enroll at the IBS in a degree program, in which case the status is normally maintained for no more than one academic year, or for students wishing to take classes for credit to transfer to another institution. Special students are expected to be able to work at the graduate level, and are required to fulfill all academic work as expected of other students in the classes they take.

#### *Auditors*

Most courses are open to enrollment by auditors. Auditors pay an auditor's fee, which is lower than that paid by regular students. No grade is given to the auditor for the course and transcripts are not available for audited classes. IBS will keep registration records for "Auditor with Record," whereas no record of attendance will be maintained by the Institute for "Auditor without Record." Auditors are expected to be able to work at the graduate level and to participate fully in the class.

## [Application Timeline]

### A. Degree Program

Applications are accepted for either the fall or spring academic terms. Completed applications are due by February 15 for fall semester and by September 30 for spring semester enrollment. Application materials are available through the GTU Admissions Office for the MA Program, and the IBS Office for the MBS Program.

### B. Non-Degree Program

There are no admission requirements for non-degree students. Registration forms should be submitted to the IBS office during the registration period in order to be enrolled. The spring 2008 registration deadline is **Monday, January 28, 2008**. The registration form is available at the following site: <http://www.shin-ibs.edu/documents/regform.pdf>

## [Tuition and Fees for Spring 2008]

### Tuition

Full-time: \$6,655/semester  
Part-time: \$1,665/course  
Special Student: \$2,700/course  
Auditor with Record: \$1,600/course  
Auditor without Record: \$500/course

### Fees

Application fee: \$40.00 (non-refundable)  
Registration fee : \$100.00/semester (non-refundable, all students, including auditors)

## \* SPRING COURSE 2008 \*

### ONLINE COURSES

#### 1. HRHS 1518 Buddhist Traditions of East Asia

Instructor: Grumbach

This course is being offered ON-LINE. Introduces the Buddhist traditions transmitted to East Asia and the development of new traditions. Second half of the required year long introductory survey of the entire Buddhist tradition. Usually offered each spring semester.

#### 2. HR 3101 Esoteric Buddhism

Instructor: Payne

This course is being offered ON-LINE. An over view of the rise of tantric Buddhism in India, together with its spread throughout the Buddhist world. Covers history, practices, doctrines, texts, and key figures. Format: Seminar. Evaluation: Participation and term paper.

### REGULAR COURSES (JSC Class Room 130)

#### 1. HRSP 1508 Introduction to Buddhist Meditation

Instructor: Seelawimala

Thursday 9:40AM - 12:30PM

An examination of samatha and vipassana methods of Buddhist meditation found in the early sutras and viewed in light of Visudimaggā, a 4th century commentary by Buddhaghosa. Early Buddhist meditation is a carefully developed system of mental exercises for general mental health and the ultimate cure for all mental disorders.

#### 2. HR 1550 Life and Teachings of the Buddha

Instructor: Seelawimala

Wednesday 9:40AM - 12:30PM

Course examines the life and fundamental teachings of Shakyamuni Buddha, providing an understanding of the Buddha's time and world. It then follows the developments in the story of the Buddha as the popularity of Buddhism increases and spreads throughout Asia. Recommended for introductory study.

#### 3. HRP 3006 Chinese Buddhist Philosophy

Instructor: Williams

Thursday 2:10PM - 5:00PM

Study of one of the schools of Chinese Buddhist thought, such as Huayan, Tiantai, Sanlun, Chan, and Mijiao. While reading primary sources in translation will be central, attention will also be given to textual, doctrinal, historical, and social aspects of the different philosophic traditions. May be repeated for credit when a different school is being studied.

#### 4. HR 3072 Shin Buddhist Texts: Classical Japanese I

Instructor: Kurioka

Monday/Thursday 11:10AM - 12:30PM

Reading tutorial introducing the study of Shin Buddhist Texts written in classical Japanese. Course is required for ministerial aspirants. Fulfills the Area Distribution Requirement for Area I. HR 3070 Shin Buddhist Texts: Modern Japanese, or instructor's permission is prerequisite to enrollment.

#### 5. HRHS 3074 History of the Shin Buddhist Tradition I: Modern Japan

Instructor: Nasu

Mon 2:10PM - 5:00PM

Tradition forward from the seven masters, examining the formation of the tradition by Shinran and its revitalization by Rennyo, as well as further developments into the Tokugawa and modern eras. Required of ministerial aspirants. HRHS 3250 History of the Pure Land Tradition: Seven Masters recommended as background.

#### 6. HR 4542 Topics in Japanese Religions: Japanese Religious Landscape

Instructor: Grumbach

Tuesday 2:10PM - 5:00PM

This course explores Japanese Buddhism and kami worship (Shinto) through the theoretical lens of landscape. Topics will include: the influence of geography (islands, mountains, plains, oceans) on the conceptions of kami (gods) in early Japan; ideas about landscape and space in Japanese Buddhism; how Buddhist doctrine is taught through landscape art; the practical and theoretical roles of temple and shrine architecture, grounds, and gardens; pilgrimage as movement through religious space/landscape; and changing ideas about religion and nature in modern Japan.

#### 7. HRP 4556 Topics in Buddhist Thought: Contemplative Psychology -- A Buddhist Perspective

Instructor: Kinst

Friday 9:40AM - 12:30PM

Based on the work of Han de Wit, contemplative psychology is the study of the lived experience of a committed practitioner in a spiritual or religious tradition. Aspects of the path such as renunciation and engagement, solitude and community, the role and types of language, dimensions of knowing, discipleship and such specific practices as meditation/zazen, study, chanting and ritual are included. This class will focus on Buddhist understandings of contemplative psychology and the qualities of experience that emerge as one follows the Buddha Way. Course may be repeated for credit, if topic is different.

#### 8. HR 4547 Issues in the Shin Buddhist Ministry

Instructor: Matsumoto

Monday 9:40AM - 12:30PM

This course will take a look at Shin Buddhist religious organizations, past, present and future. It will focus on issues pertaining to religious orders, as organizational structure, laws, role of priests and laity, propagation, adaptation to change, challenges and so on. This investigation will take place in the context of the tension between personal religious experience and institutional agendas.

#### 9. HR 4567 Works of Shinran II: Teaching, Practice, and Realization

Instructor: Nasu

Tuesday 9:40AM - 12:30PM

Introduction to the teaching of Shinran through a study of his major treatise in English translation. Course required for ministerial aspirants. Fulfills Course Distribution Requirement for BIBL. Format: Seminar. Evaluation: Participation and term paper. HRP 1614 Intro to Shin Buddhist Thought and at least one year college level Japanese, or instructor's permission.

This course takes the history of the Shin Buddhist