

Institute of Buddhist Studies
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Enrollment options for Buddhist Chaplaincy emphasis
at Institute of Buddhist Studies

Beginning this Fall term, students may enroll in the Institute of Buddhist Studies Chaplaincy emphasis. The emphasis opens opportunities to either:

- simply accumulate course work toward equivalency evaluation by the Association of Professional Chaplains (APC; <http://www.professionalchaplains.org/>), or
- work toward a three-year graduate level degree (MA or MBS) that is directly equivalent to an MDiv.

I. course work:

students can enroll as Special Students in specific courses, earning a grade and academic credit for completing a course. A permanent transcript of courses taken as a Special Student is maintained, and can be submitted as part of an application for equivalency evaluation by the APC. (Consult the “Buddhist White Paper” and equivalency worksheets available on the Buddhist Chaplains group website under files for more information.)

II. three year degree program:

The IBS offers two degree programs, a Master of Arts (Buddhist Studies), and a Master of Buddhist Studies.

- The MA(BS) is jointly administered with the Graduate Theological Union, and is accredited by both WASC and ATS. The requirements for this degree give greater emphasis on the study of the religions of the world. Students wanting exposure to a wider variety of religious traditions should consider this degree program. Apply through the GTU Admissions Office (<http://www.gtu.edu/admissions>), by 30 Sept. for admission to the Spring 2008 semester.
- The MBS is offered by the IBS under its license from the State of California. This program allows for more extensive study of Buddhism exclusively. Students who have adequate familiarity with other religious traditions for an interfaith chaplaincy environment may find this program more appropriate. Complete the same application form as available from the GTU Admissions Office, send directly to the IBS, 2401 Durant Avenue, Suite 30,

Berkeley, CA 94704. Although the IBS deadlines are usually identical with those of the GTU, since this is a new program, IBS will be accepting applications for the Fall semester, 2007. For admission to the Fall semester, applications must be fully completed and received in the IBS offices no later than Monday, 16th July. Incomplete or late applications will be held for consideration for admission to the Spring term.

Students who are not admitted for enrollment into the MBS for Fall, may choose to take courses as a Special Student, accrue credits/transcript and then petition for those credits to be applied to graduation requirements. Students who do not meet the background coursework requirement for admission (three courses in world religions, Asian religions, Buddhism or similar topics) may also take courses as a Special Student, and then have those apply for admission requirements. Such courses taken for admission will not also count for graduation, but if the courses taken are ones required for graduation, it will not be necessary to take those same courses over again.

Tuition for the 2007-8 academic year for

- full-time degree program students is \$6,655 (full-time is 12 units, that is, 4 three unit courses),
- part-time degree program students tuition is \$1,665 for each three unit class
- Special Students tuition is \$2,700 for each three unit class
- auditor with record fee is \$1,600 for each three unit class (permanent record, no academic credit)
- auditors fee is \$500 for each three unit class (no transcript, no academic credit)

There is also a non-refundable registration fee of \$100/semester.

For additional information on tuition and fees,

see <http://www.gtu.edu/admissions/tuition-financial-aid>

For further information on the Buddhist Chaplaincy emphasis,

see <http://shin-ibs.edu/programs/chaplain.php>

For further information regarding applications to this or other IBS programs, please contact Ms. Kumi Hadler, IBS Administrative Director and Registrar.