



**Sri Lanka International Buddhist Academy (SIBA)**  
**Revised B.A. Special Degree Programme in Buddhist Leadership**  
**(Sri Lankan Syllabus)**

**1. Aims and Objectives**

The BA Degree programme in Buddhist Leadership aims at producing graduates who acquire a sound knowledge of Buddhism inclusive of its historical background, philosophy and religion, aspects of culture and civilization and the historical development of the tradition through a thorough study of the primary as well as secondary sources. Students are expected to acquire the ability to apply the doctrinal principles of Buddhism for understanding and seeking solutions to problems of individual life as well as the current social and ethical issues confronting mankind.

In the learning process, it is intended to impart to the students language and communication skills and ability to engage in original, critical and clear thinking and in global context. The objective of the degree programme is not merely to provide theoretical knowledge but also to produce graduates who are capable of benefitting themselves and the society from the inherent values and humanizing principles they have imbibed through the learning of Buddhism and its culture.

The new curriculum places equal importance to the development of Information Technology Skills, English Language Skills and Understanding of contemporary Global Issues. Satisfying these requirements, the proposed Special Degree has four major subjects.

- 1. Buddhist Studies**
- 2. Information Technology**
- 3. Communicative English Language**
- 4. Contemporary Global Issues**

- **A 1<sup>st</sup> class will not be awarded unless the student has completed mandatory Meditation Practice, Dhamma Preaching and Service Projects.**

## 2. Curriculum of the Degree Course

### 2.1. Structure of the Curriculum

<b>Subjects</b>		<b>Credits</b>
<b>Main Category</b>	<b>Subject Area</b>	
Foundation Subjects	English	30
	Information Technology	30
Major Subjects	Core-Subjects in Buddhist Studies	40
	Global Issues	20
Total		120

## 2.2. Semester-based Study Plan

**C- Compulsory, O- Optional, M- Mandatory, NC- Non-credits, E- Elective**

<b>Sri Lankan Syllabus</b>			
<b>Semester 1</b>			
<b>Course Code</b>	<b>State (C/O/M/ NC)</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
BST 1101	C	Buddhist Terminology	1
BST 1102	C	Elementary Pali	1
Total Credits in BST			02
ENG 1101	M	Basic English Grammar & Vocabulary	0
ENG 1102	M	Basic Speaking & Listening Skills	0
ENG 1103	M	Basic Writing & Reading Skills	0
Total Credits in ENG			00
IT 1101	M	Concepts of Information Technology & Computing	0
IT 1102	M	Operating Systems & Personal Computer Software tools	0
IT 1103	M	Computer Networks and Data Communication	0
IT1104	M	The Internet, E-Mail and Computer Protection	0
Total Credits in IT			00
Total Credits should be completed in the Semester			02

<b>Semester II</b>			
<b>Course Code</b>	<b>State (C/O/N C)</b>	<b>Course title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
BST 1201	O	Dhamma in English	2
BST 1202	C	Intermediate Pali	2
BST 1203	M	Meditation Practice	2
BST 1204	M	Service Projects	1
Total Credits in BST			02
ENG 1201	M	Comprehensive English Grammar & Vocabulary Development	0
ENG 1202	M	Comprehensive Speaking skills & Listening Skills	0
ENG 1203	M	Comprehensive Writing & Reading Skills	0
Total Credits in ENG			00
IT1201	M	Computer 2D Animations and Graphic designing	0
IT1202	M	Image Editing	0
IT1203	M	Web site designing	0
IT1204	M	Data Structures and Algorithms for System Designing	0
IT1205	M	System design and development	0
IT1206	M	Object Oriented Programming and design	0
IT1207	M	Project Work and viva	0
Total Credits in IT			00
Total Credits should be completed in the Semester			02

<b>Semester III</b>			
<b>Course Code</b>	<b>State (C/O/NC)</b>	<b>Course title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
BST 2101	C	Buddhist Meditation and Mind Culture	2
BST 2102	C	Advanced Pali	2
BST 2103	C	Background of Early Buddhism	2
BST 2104	O	Elementary Sanskrit	2
BST 2105	M	Service Projects	1
Total Credits in BST			06
CGI 2101	C	Introduction to Leadership	3
CGI 2102	O	Logic and Scientific Methods	2
Total Credits in CGI			02
ENG 2101	M	Practical English Grammar & Vocabulary Development	0
ENG 2102	M	Practical Speaking skills & Listening Skills	0
ENG 2103	M	Practical Writing Skills & Reading Skills	0
Total Credits in ENG			00
IT2301	C	Foundation of Mathematics and Statistics for Computing	2
IT2302	C	System Analysis and Design	2
IT 2303	C	Programming Methodology and Technology	2
Total Credits in IT			06
Total Credits should be completed in the Semester			15

<b>Semester IV</b>			
<b>Course Code</b>	<b>State (C/O/N C)</b>	<b>Course title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
BST 2201	C	Pali Translations and Composition	2
BST 2201	C	Early Buddhist Doctrines	2
BST 2203	C	Buddhist Social and Political Philosophy	2
BST 2204	O	Introduction to World Religions	2
BST 2205	O	Buddhist Education	3
BST 2206	O	Introduction to Philosophy	2
BST 2207	O	Intermediate Sanskrit	2
BST 2208	M	Service Projects	1
BST 2209	M	Meditation Practice	1
Total Credits in BST			06
CGI 2201	C	Man and Society	2
Total Credits in CGI			02
ENG 2201	C	Advanced English Grammar & Vocabulary Development	4
ENG 2202	C	Advanced Speaking skills & Listening Skills	4
ENG 2203	C	Advanced Writing Skills & Reading Skills	4
Total Credits in ENG			12

IT2401	C	Database Management Systems	2
IT2402	C	Web Development with Emerging Web Technologies	2
IT2403	C	Project Management	2
Total Credits in IT			06
Total Credits should be completed in the semester			26

<b>Semester V</b>			
<b>Course Code</b>	<b>State (C/O/NC)</b>	<b>Course title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
BST 3101	C	Buddhist Ethics for Leadership	2
BST 3102	C	History of Buddhism I (Pre-Ashokan Era)	2
BST 3103	C	SuttantaPitaka	2
BST 3104	O	Buddhist Economics and Management	3
BST 3105	O	Buddhist Leadership	3
BST 3106	O	Advanced Sanskrit	2
BST 3107	M	Service Projects	1
BST 3108	M	Meditation Practice	1
BST 3109	M	Dhamma Preaching I	1
Total Credits in BST			06
CGI 3101	C	Man and Environment	2
CGI 3102	O	Current World Affairs	2
Total Credits in CGI			02
ENG 3101	C	Advanced English Literature Study Skills	3
ENG 3102	C	Advanced English Pronunciation Skills	3
ENG 3103	C	Advanced English -Creative Writing Skills	3
ENG 3104	C	Business Communication Skills	3
Total Credits in ENG			12



IT3501	C	Computer Hardware and Communication	2
IT3502	C	Object-oriented Programming Concept	3
IT3503	C	Software Engineering Application Programming with VB.NET	3
Total Credits in IT			08
Total Credits should be completed in the semester			28

<b>Semester VI</b>			
<b>Course Code</b>	<b>State (C/O/NC)</b>	<b>Course title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
BST 3201	C	Abhidhamma Studies	2
BST 3202	C	History of Buddhism I (Post-Ashokan Era)	2
BST 3204	O	East Asian Religions and Culture	3
BST 3205	O	Engaged Buddhism	2
BST 3206	O	Buddhist Institutions and Organizations	3
BST 3207	M	Service Projects	1
BST 3208	M	Meditation Practice	1
BST 3209	M	Dhamma Preaching II	1
Total Credits in BST			04
CGI 3201	C	Contemporary Social Problems	3
CGI 3202	O	Primary Health Care	2
Total Credits in CGI			03
ENG 3201	C	Public Speaking Skills	2
ENG 3202	C	Academic Essay Writing Skills	2
ENG 3203	C	Academic Essay Writing Skills	2
Total Credits in ENG			6
IT 3201	C	Programming with C#.NET	3
IT 3202	C	Advanced topics in Information Technology	2
IT 3203	C	Project Work and viva	2
Total Credits in IT			07

Total Credits should be completed in the semester	20
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<b>Semester VII</b>			
<b>Course Code</b>	<b>State (C/O/NC)</b>	<b>Course title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
BST 4101	C	VinayavPitaka	2
BST 4102	C	Buddhist Logic and Epistemology	2
BST 4103	O	Buddhism and Science	2
BST 4105	O	Buddhist Festivals and Tradition	2
BST 4106	O	Mahayana Buddhism	3
BST 4107	O	Indian Philosophy	3
BST 4108	M	Service Projects	1
BST 4110	M	Meditation Practice	1
BST 4109	M	Dhamma Preaching III	1
BST 4104	C	Dissertation	3
Total Credits in BST			07
CGI 4101	C	Gender and Equity Issue	2
CGI 4102	C	Human Rights	2
Total Credits in GLI			04
IT 4101	C	Communicative English I	2
Total Credits in IT			02
Total Credits should be completed in the semester			13

<b>Semester VIII</b>			
<b>Course Code</b>	<b>State (C/O/NC)</b>	<b>Course title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
BST 4201	C	Buddhist Psychology and Counseling	2
BST 4202	C	Expansion of Buddhism	2
BST 4203	O	Buddhist Art	2
BST 4204	O	Text Reading on Buddhist Leadership (Theravada & Mahayana)	3
BST 4205	O	Buddhist Positive Thinking and Action	3
BST 4206	O	Buddhist Environmental Philosophy	2
BST 4207	C	Dissertation	3
BST 4209	M	Dhamma Preaching IV	1
BST 4210	M	Meditation Practice	1
Total Credits in BST			07
CGI 4201	C	War and Peace	3
CGI 4202	C	Law and Ethics	3
Total Credits in GLI			06
IT 4201	C	Communicative English	1
Total Credits in IT			01
Total Credits should be completed in the semester			14
Total Credits should be completed for the Degree			120

### 03. Admission Requirements

- A pass in G.C.E. A/L Examination in three subjects or intermediate level of oriental examination in three subjects. Or
- Minimum A pass in G.C.E. O/L Examination in six subjects and a Higher Diploma in Buddhist Studies with 30 credit hours with a minimum GPA of 2.0

### 04. Examination and Evaluation

1. All courses will follow Continuous Assessments and Formal Examinations at three levels in each of the courses.
2. The Continuous Assessments (Mid Semester Examination, Presentation Discussions, Assignments, Viva, Practical Works and Project Works) will carry 40% towards the final grade and the formal end of Level Exams will contribute the balance 60%.
3. 80% Attendance will be required as a pre-requisite to examinations.
4. Evaluation Criteria of BA General Degree in IT & English.

### 05. Grading System and Award of Merits

Marks	Grade	Grade Points	Results	Cut of levels for class passes at the Degree
100 – 90	A+	4.00	Excellent	CGPA $\geq$ 3.70 First Class
89 - 80	A	4.00		
79 - 70	A-	3.70		
69 - 65	B+	3.30	Good	3.30 – 3.69 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Upper Division
64 - 60	B	3.00		
59 - 55	B-	2.70		3.00- 3.29 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Lower Division
54 - 50	C+	2.30	Pass	
49 - 45	C	2.00		

44 - 40	C-	1.70		
39 - 35	D+	1.30	Fail	
34 - 30	D	1.00		
29 - 00	F	00		

### 06. GPA Calculation

$$\text{GPA} = \text{GP} \times \text{No of Credits}$$

$$\text{SGPA} = \frac{\text{Total Number of GPA}}{\text{Number of Credits}}$$

Number of Credits

**(GPA = Grade Point Average, SGPA = Semester Grade Point Average)**