

## Curriculum Plan (Department of Buddhist Studies)

| Year of Study         |                        | First Year | Second Year   | Third Year   | Fourth Year   |  |
|-----------------------|------------------------|------------|---|--|---|--|
| Type of Training      |                        | Course     |   |  |   |  |
| Cultivation of Wisdom | Academic Understanding | Discipline | Novice Monk Precepts & Essentials of Buddhist Sila and Vinaya | Vinaya for Daily Practice, Sutra on the Buddha's Bequeathed Teachings, Sutra on the Eight Realizations of the Great Beings & Sutra of Forty-two Sections | Bodhisattva Precepts  | Dharmagupta Vinaya   |
|                       |                        | Meditation | Introduction to Chan Studies                                  | Meditation in Chinese Buddhism   | Silent Illumination Practice (1 <sup>st</sup> semester); Huatou Practice (2 <sup>nd</sup> semester) | Methods of Chinese Chan School**   |
|                       |                        | Wisdom     | Introduction to Buddhist History (I): Chinese Buddhism        | Introduction to Buddhist History (II): Indian Buddhist Thought   | -----   | Introduction to Buddhist History (III): Dharma Lineage of Chinese Chan School* |
|                       |                        |            | Guided Reading: the Agamas                                    | (elective)<br>Pure Land School Studies (1 <sup>st</sup> semester); Mind-Only School Studies (2 <sup>nd</sup> semester)                                   | Introduction to Tien-tai & Huayen / Middle Way School*  | (elective)<br>Awakening of Faith in the Mahayana                               |

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|  |                      |                                  | Introduction to Buddhism & Five Lectures on Buddhism | Commentary on Daily Liturgical Texts                  | Guided Reading: Chinese Buddhist Scriptures | Graduation Project                                   |
|  |                      |                                  | Noble Deeds of Eminent Monks                         | Guided Reading: Abhidharma (1 <sup>st</sup> semester) |   |  |
|  |                      | Liberal Education                | Thinking and Expression                              | English Conversation                                  | Vision of Dharma Drum Mountain (English)    | Religious Teacher's Education                        |
|  |                      |                                  | Moving Meditation                                    | Chinese Calligraphy Meditation                        | -----                                       | (elective) Tea Meditation (2 <sup>nd</sup> semester) |
|  | Practice             | Meditation Practice (I)          | Meditation Practice (II)                             | Meditation Practice (III)                             | Meditation Practice (IV)                    |  |
|  |                      | Buddhist Hymns & Ceremonies (I)  | Buddhist Hymns & Ceremonies (II)                     | Buddhist Hymns & Ceremonies (III)                     | Buddhist Hymns & Ceremonies (IV)            |  |
|  |                      | Monastic Mentality & Manners (I) | Monastic Mentality & Manners (II)                    | Monastic Mentality & Manners (III)                    | Monastic Mentality & Manners (IV)           |  |
|  | Cultivation of Merit | Service & Dharma Propagation (I) | Service & Dharma Propagation (II)                    | Service & Dharma Propagation (III)                    | Service & Dharma Propagation (IV)           |  |
|  |                      | Class Meeting (I)                | Class Meeting (II)                                   | Class Meeting (III)                                   | Class Meeting (IV)                          |  |

\* Juniors choose **either** Introduction to Tien-tai & Huayen **or** Middle Way School.

\*\*Seniors choose **either** Methods of Chinese Chan School **or** Dharma Lineage of Chinese Chan School.