

Curriculum Plan (Department of Chan Practice)

Year of Study		First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Fourth Year	Fifth Year	Sixth 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 st semester); Huatou Practice (2 nd semester)	(elective) Methods of Chinese Chan School	Seminar (I): Meditation Practice Methods	Seminar (II): Meditation Practice Methods
		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	Meditation Retreat Internship	Meditation Retreat Internship
			Guided Reading: the Agamas	(elective) Pure Land School Studies (1 st semester); Mind-Only School	Introduction to Tien-tai & Huayen / Middle Way School*	(elective) Awakening of Faith in the Mahayana	Meditation Project Study	

			Studies (2 nd semester)					
			Introduction to Buddhism & Five Lectures on Buddhism	Commentary on Daily Liturgical Texts	(elective) Guided Reading: Chinese Buddhist Scriptures	Graduation Project		
			Noble Deeds of Eminent Monks	Guided Reading: Abhidharma (1 st 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 nd semester)	-----	-----
	Practice	Meditation Practice (I)	Meditation Practice (II)	Meditation Practice (III)	Meditation Practice (VI)	Meditation Practice (V)	Meditation Practice (VI)	
			Discussion about Understanding & Practice	Discussion about Understanding & Practice	Discussion about Understanding & Practice	Discussion about Understanding & Practice	Discussion about Understanding & Practice	
		Buddhist Hymns & Ceremonies (I)	Buddhist Hymns & Ceremonies (II)	Buddhist Hymns & Ceremonies (III)	Buddhist Hymns & Ceremonies (IV)	Project-based Training	Project-based Training	
		Monastic Mentality & Manners (I)	Monastic Mentality & Manners (II)	Monastic Mentality & Manners (III)	Monastic Mentality & Manners (IV)	Monastic Mentality & Manners (V)	Monastic Mentality & Manners (VI)	
	Cultivation of Merit	Service & Dharma Propagation (I)	Service & Dharma Propagation (II)	Service & Dharma Propagation (III)	Service & Dharma Propagation (IV)	Service & Dharma Propagation (V)	Service & Dharma Propagation (VI)	
Class Meeting (I)		Class Meeting (II)	Class Meeting (III)	Class Meeting (IV)	Class Meeting (V)	Class Meeting (VI)		

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