Syllabus - Bachelor of Arts General [External] Degree

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Course Number and Name	BPHE 301 Social and Political Philosophy of Buddhism
Intended Learning Outcomes	At the end of this course the students will be able to identify the differences between the philosophical basis of the teachings of early Buddhism and that of the Theravada Abhidhamma and explain the philosophical significance of the new Buddhist concepts that emerged in the Abhidhamma.
Course Contents	Differences between the philosophical basis of the teachings of early Buddhism and that of the Theravada Abhidhamma; Theravada Abhidhamma philosophy to present the ontological characteristics of existence in terms of the fourfold categorization into mind; constituents of mind, matter and Nibbana.
Assessment Strategy	 i. Time of Assessment - End of the Year ii. Assessment Methods - Written examination Assigned Percentage of Marks for each Component - 100%
Recommended	Recommended Reading:
References	 A History in Indian Political Ideas. Bombay: Oxford University Press. Gnanarama Thero, P. An Introduction to Buddhist Social Philosophy, Singapore: Tisarana Buddhist Association. Gokuldas, D. 1955. Democracy in Early Sangha. Calcutta. University of Calcutta. Jayatilleke, K. N. Aspects of Buddhist Social Philosophy. Kandy. Malalasekara, G. P. and Jayatilleke, K. N. Buddhism and Race Question.
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