

Course Number and Name BSCE 201 Schools of Buddhism

Intended Learning Outcomes At the end of this course the students will be able to explain the reasons behind the schism of Buddhism, identify the teachings of Sarvāstivāda, Sautrāntika, Mādhyamaka and Yogācāra, and the historical expansion of the Buddhist teachings.

Course Contents Schism of Buddhism, establishment of Mahāsāṅghika sect, Kaniska's council, development of Buddhist literature; structure and contents, philosophical and doctrinal contribution of Buddhist scholars belonging to various traditions, countries and periods; Sarvastivada, Sautrāntika, Mādhyamaka and Yogācāra, two fold truths, teachings of personality, the theory of emptiness, development of conciseness, momentariness, Bodhisattva concept.

Assessment Strategy

- i. Time of Assessment - End of the Year
- ii. Assessment Method - Written examination

Assigned percentage of marks for each component - 100%

Recommended References