Name of the Course: History of Buddhism in India

Course Code: BSCE 101

Aim of the Course
The aim of the course is to provide a comprehensive knowledge of the history of Buddhism in India and the background to the emergence of Buddhist Culture in the Indus valley.

Intended Learning Outcomes
At the end of this course students will be able to explain the historical reality of the origin of Buddhism in India and identify the impact of socio-political and economic conditions on Buddhist culture.

Course Content
The culture of the Indus Valley civilization: The Vedic Literature, the Vedic pantheon, sacrificial rituals political and economic life of the Pre Vedic and Vedic India, Life–cycle rites, karma and transmigration, despair and hope, Religious and cultural elements presented in the Brahmanas, Cultural evolution during the period of the Aranyakas and the Upanishads, Distinctive features of the Sramanic and the Brahmanic culture; Caste systems: stages of life; religious rituals and customs; asceticism and practices, Dawn of the Buddhism: socio-political, economic and religious background of the North India during the 6th century B.C.; Buddhist critique on creator God: social stratum, Buddhism and woman liberation, special characteristics of the life of the Buddha: propagation of Dhamma; services rendered by the disciples to spread and existence of Buddhism; expansion of Buddhism; Buddhist councils: first council, second council, third council, emperor Ashoka his Dharmavijaya policy; schism of Buddhism; origin of Buddhist art and architecture.

Assessment Scheme
i. Time of Assessment - End of the year  
ii. Assessment Methods - Written examination  
iii. Assigned Percentage of Marks for each Component – 100%

Recommended Reading
- Barua, B. M. 1921. A History of Pre-Buddhist Indian Philosophy. Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass  
- Davides TW Rhys, (1959), Buddhist India Calcutta.  
- Davides TW Rhys, (1931), Sakya or Buddhist Origins, London.  
- Dutt. RC. 1983.Buddhism & Buddhist Civilization in India, Seema, publications. Delhi  
- Glagenapp, H. V. 1978. Vedanta and Buddhism. Kandy: Buddhist Publication Society  
- Manijoshi Lai (1977) Studies in Buddhist culture of India. Published by Sundaralal Jain. Delhi  
- Warder, AK Indian Buddhism, (1980), Indian Buddhism, Delhi Motilal Banarsidass.
07. කතාව විශේෂී විශේෂී වේශ්වවක් අවසන්නයේදී ආකාරවන්නතුරු සම්මාන සම්පාඛකාර ඔබන්ගේ අසල්මාන මාධ්‍යයේ අරමුණු කොටස.

08. ආභාභෙකය විශේෂීය වේශ්වවක් සම්මාන සම්පාඛකාර තානික වැනි අවසන්නයේදී මාධ්‍යයේ අරමුණු කොටස.

09. ආරක්කාම අවසන්න වේශ්වවක් අවසන්න අවසන්නයේදී සම්මාන සම්පාඛකාර මාධ්‍යයේ අරමුණු කොටස. ආරක්කා ආකාරවන්නතුරු ඔබන්ගේ අවසන්නයේදී සම්මාන සම්පාඛකාර ඔබන්ගේ අසල්මාන මාධ්‍යයේ අරමුණු කොටස.