

Master of Arts in Buddhist Studies (MA, 44 credits)

Required Courses

Maitripa College faculty and staff are committed to periodic review and revision of this curriculum in light of new findings and methods in the fields of study, feedback from alumni and professionals, and faculty expertise. Maitripa College does not guarantee all courses will be offered as listed in the coming years. An individual student's course of study will vary according to concentrations, language studies, pace of study, and elective options.

For more information, please see your academic advisor or contact us at education@maitripa.org. add download....

SCHOLARSHIP PILLAR Course Groupings

Required: 6 courses (12 credits)

PHL301	Introduction to Buddhist Thought
PHL302	Foundations of Buddhist Thought: The Medium and Great Scope
PHL303	Madhyamaka Philosophy: Where is the Middle Way? <i>or</i>
PHL307	Madhyamaka Buddhist Philosophy: India to Tibet
PHL304	Madhyamaka Philosophy: A Dose of Emptiness <i>or</i>
PHL308	Mahamudra: Realizing the Nature of Mind
HIS301	History of Buddhist Thought in India and Tibet
PHL450	Theories and Methods in Buddhist Studies

Required: 2 courses (4 credits)

PHL404	Fundamentals of the Vajra Vehicle
THL410	Buddhist Rituals, Ethics, Services, and Ceremonies
THL320	Contemporary Buddhist Thought and Theology
THL305	Socially Engaged Buddhism <i>or</i> Special topics on race, women, death and dying, etc.

MEDITATION PILLAR Course Group

Required: 4 courses (8 credits)

MDT301	Introduction to Buddhist Meditation
MDT302	Techniques of Buddhist Meditation: The Medium and Great Scope
MDT303	Techniques of Meditation: Madhyamaka <i>or</i>
MDT307	Madhyamaka Buddhist Meditation: Lineage of India into Tibet
MDT304	Madhyamaka Meditation: Preparation for Vajrayana <i>or</i>
MDT308	Techniques of Meditation: Mahamudra

SERVICE PILLAR Course Group

Required: 4 courses (8 credits)

CS301	Foundations of Buddhist Service
CS302	Finding Your voice: Communication and Context

CS303 Chaplaincy and Models of Spiritual Care
CS304 Servant Leadership in Buddhist/Spiritual Communities

FINAL MASTERY DEGREE REQUIREMENT

Required: 2 courses (4 credits)

ARP502 Action Research Project I
ARP504 Action Research Project II

OPTION TIBETAN TRACK: Classical Tibetan Language Course Group

Required: 2 courses (4 credits)

Graduate students in the Tibetan Track MA program are required to complete a minimum of four credits in Classical Tibetan language on-site at Maitripa College; the exact courses to meet the minimum may vary depending on prior study or availability of the student for summer enrollment. Students with interest in doctoral studies, translation, and practice and philosophic texts are encouraged to take as many credit hours as possible, with both Western and Tibetan teachers.

TIB101 Introduction to Classical Tibetan Language I(2 credits)
TIB102 Introduction to Classical Tibetan Language II (2 credits)
TIB108 Classical Tibetan Language Course Summer Intensive (4 credits)
TIB201 Intermediate Classical Tibetan Language I (2 credits)
TIB202 Intermediate Classical Tibetan Language II (2 credits)
TIB301r Seminar in Tibetan Translation (2 credits)

OPTION EDUCATION TRACK: Education Course Group

Required: two courses (4 credits)

Graduate students in the Education Track MA program are required to complete a minimum of four credits in Education on-site at Maitripa College. Key components of the curriculum include:

- Foundations of Buddhist Studies
- Foundations of Buddhist Meditation and Contemplative Practices
- Stages of Human Development: Learning, Teaching, and Faith
- Educational Theory and Practice
- Buddhist Ethics and Values
- Instructional Strategies and Models
- Curriculum Development
- Educational Leadership
- Research in Education

ED310 Stages of Human Development: Learning, Teaching, and Faith

GENERAL ELECTIVES and Curricular Planning

Students may select non-required courses from the course catalogue and new courses as they are offered to build specific competencies or concentrations of study according to their educational interests and goals. Students are advised to consider both breadth and depth of training, as well as requirements or expectations for post-graduate needs. The number of total electives is variable, and students are advised to generate an individual plan with their advisors.