Course Description

The Independent Research Project offers students an opportunity to explore in depth a subject of special interest, particularly one not offered in the regular curriculum. The focus of the research project should be a specific topic rather than general issues in Buddhist Studies. Research projects are supervised by faculty members or other experts in the field of interest. Advisors assist in planning projects, but responsibility for the design and the execution of the project lies with the student. A written report of approximately 4,000 words is expected upon completion of the project.

Course Objectives:

By the conclusion of this course, students will be able to:

- Develop a thesis and assess and analyze its validity (or not) through conducting research on the topic.
- Write an essay that demonstrates the research done, the conclusions, and how the conclusions were reached.