KATHMANDU UNIVERSITY
CENTRE FOR BUDDHIST STUDIES AT
RANGJUNG YESHE INSTITUTE

Web Syllabus

Course Code	BSTD 810
Course Title	MA Thesis
Credits	15
Instructors	Various Thesis Supervisors
Semester, Year	Fall 2027
Instructor's office hours	By appointment
Prerequisites	Successful completion of all MA coursework

Course Description

BSTD 810 is a semester-long course whose result is the completed MA Thesis. The course earns 15 credits toward the MA degree and its successful completion is a requirement for earning the MA degree.

During the final semester of the program, students work primarily on completing their thesis research and writing with the support of regular meetings with their thesis supervisors. When the supervisor deems the thesis is complete and of satisfactory quality, he or she will make arrangements for a defense with an outside reader (who will become the External Examiner). The defense of the thesis is carried out in examination by the Thesis Supervisor and the External Examiner appointed by the Graduate Committee at CBS as per KU policy.

The thesis should be a translation of a previously untranslated text and should have an introduction that puts the text and its translation into the appropriate historical, doctrinal, and literary context. It should be a well-informed original contribution to the field of Buddhist translation and demonstrate the student's facility with relevant translation and research methods.

Assessment

This course is assessed with an 'S' grade (satisfactory) or a 'U' grade (unsatisfactory). A grade of 'S' is required to pass the course and earn the degree