

Graduate Course Descriptions

Graduate courses are open to graduate students only. Exceptions require department chair and advisor approval.

Buddhist Chaplaincy

Enrollment in Buddhist Chaplaincy courses is restricted to students enrolled in the Buddhist Chaplaincy and Buddhist Ministry programs. Any exceptions must be approved in advance by the chair of this department.

MDIV 510

Communication Skills for Chaplaincy

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing

Introduces fundamental relationship skills in the context of professional chaplaincy. Explores such topics as basic attendance, active listening, body language, nonviolent communication, teamwork, feedback, conflict resolution, and group process.

MDIV 515

Power, Privilege, & Difference

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): MDIV 655

Expanding on MDIV510, explores how to effectively relate with groups and systems. Examines such topics as male privilege, racism, multicultural competency, mediation, diversity, responsibilities, roles and relationships, and communication patterns.

MDIV 525

Chaplaincy Roles & Competencies

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing

Introduces professional chaplaincy, personal & professional ethics, as well as values, standards, competencies, & responsibilities required in clinical settings. Examines current trends & issues in chaplaincy. Includes integrated group process practice.

MDIV 530

Interfaith Rituals for Chaplaincy

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): MDIV 645

Examines the ritual components and qualities of competencies required for professional care and counseling today. Students develop the awareness and tools to work within the multicultural and multi-religious environment of today's hospitals, prisons, etc.

MDIV 540

Sacred Abrahamic Texts in Spiritual Care & Counseling

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): MDIV 510

Provides a macroscopic view of sacred Abrahamic texts and their content, as well as resources for further exploration in order to help the Buddhist practitioner develop some comfort working with these texts in the context of Buddhist chaplaincy.

MDIV 565

Buddhist Homiletics: Writing & Giving Dharma Talks

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): MDIV 655

Introduces the art of writing and giving dharma talks. Students identify styles and methods to help them in their own homiletic work while exploring how to relate the professional imperatives of chaplaincy with the imperatives of a Buddhist faith.

MDIV 590 Service Practicum

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing

Examines various types of service, from community to international. Special attention is given to Buddhist concepts of service and social engagement and how these are similar to and different from those coming from the Abrahamic traditions and secular contexts.

MDIV 599 Directed Reading & Research

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing

Open to Chaplaincy graduate students. Requires the consent of the supervising professor. A paper is required.

Pass/No Pass only. Advisor approval required.

Credit limits: 3 units DR&R in one semester; 6 units DR&R towards degree.

MDIV 601 Buddhist Ministry & the Prison Industrial Complex

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing

Examines the historic participation of Buddhists in ministry activities within the prison-industrial complex in the US, India, Great Britain, and other countries. Students gain a robust knowledge of providing care within specialized settings.

Students may take either MDIV 601 or 675.

MDIV 640 Seminar in Buddhist Ministry

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): MDIV 515

Explores unique and particular issues in Buddhist chaplaincy. Attention is given to an overview of scriptures across Buddhist traditions that have informed ministry, spiritual care and counseling techniques, and the chaplain's personal spiritual practice.

MDIV 645 Spiritual Care & Counseling

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): MDIV 510

Introduces theories and practices for clinical spiritual care and counseling work. Special attention is paid to literature in the field of healthcare chaplaincy about medical ethics, measuring effective care, and working in diverse settings.

MDIV 650 Pastoral Theology

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): MDIV 655

Introduces the history, key texts, and practice of pastoral theology. Students gain background and methods necessary to make their own contributions to this area of writing. Students explore important texts for the particular chaplaincies in which they work.

MDIV 655 Spiritual Formation for Buddhist Chaplains

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): MDIV 645

Examines the ways influential thinkers have understood stages of transformation in spiritual development. Students explore the ways in which significant works may deepen their own personal practice as well as their approach to chaplaincy.

MDIV 661 Organizational & Legal Issues in Ministry & Spiritual Care

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing

Introduces institutional administration and organization a professional chaplaincy context. Considers best practices, roles and responsibilities, resources, nonprofit administration, legal issues, and management for spiritual leaders.

MDIV 670

Spiritual Leadership

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): MDIV 515

Introduces spiritual leadership and social ethics and considers values, responsibilities, functions, and resources for spiritual leaders. Students explore spiritual leadership in the Buddhist traditions and in the context of professional chaplaincy practice.

MDIV 675

Advanced Topics in Professional Chaplaincy

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): MDIV 645

Provides the opportunity to explore unique and particular issues in professional chaplaincy work. Special attention is paid to pastoral diagnosis, working with a care team, and current concerns in the various fields of chaplaincy

Group Process

MDIV GP 501

Group Process 1

MDIV GP 502

Group Process 2

MDIV GP 503

Group Process 3

Units: 1 unit each

Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing

Explores “present moment” experiences, including roles, dynamics, feelings, responses happening in the present moment. Discuss and apply concepts and skills; foster social support, cohort and community connections.

Pass/No Pass only.

Service Learning

Apply chaplain skills in real-world settings through service-learning projects, written reflections, reading, instructor check-ins, and class-based discussion/ reflection groups.

MDIV SL 501

Service Learning in Buddhist Chaplaincy I

Units: 1

Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing

Application of chaplain skills in real-world settings.
SL1: Work with one's fears; practice chaplain communication skills.

MDIV SL 502

Service Learning in Buddhist Chaplaincy 2

Units: 1

Prerequisite(s): SL501

Application of chaplain skills in real-world settings.
SL2: Bring spiritual practice to personal challenges; use spiritual care & counseling skills appropriately.

MDIV SL 503

Service Learning in Buddhist Chaplaincy 3**Units:** 1**Prerequisite(s):** SL502

Application of chaplain skills in real-world settings.

SL3: Personal spiritual formation and interfaith understanding.

MDIV SL 504

Service Learning in Buddhist Chaplaincy 4**Units:** 1**Prerequisite(s):** SL503

Application of chaplain skills in real-world settings.

SL4: Self-reflection on privilege, power, and difference in one's life, community, and organization.

MDIV SL 505

Service Learning in Buddhist Chaplaincy 5**Units:** 1**Prerequisite(s):** SL503

Application of chaplain skills in real-world settings.

SL5: Engage in intensive, contemplative, self-care retreat as preparation to enter the workforce.

MDIV SL 506

Service Learning in Buddhist Chaplaincy 6**Units:** 1**Prerequisite(s):** SL504

Application of chaplain skills in real-world settings.

SL6: Spiritual leadership and social engagement.

Buddhist Ministry

BMIN 600

Seminar: Buddhist Issues & Frameworks**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** MDIV650

Introduces applied Buddhist perspective on contemporary ministerial issues. Prepares students to develop the purpose and framework for their applied doctoral project contextualized through a critique of scholarly, religious, and ministerial sources.

BMIN 607

Research Methods I**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Develops essential skills for engaging in community-based, applied doctoral project work including qualitative and quantitative research methods, research ethics, and project design considerations.

BMIN 608

Research Methods II**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** BMIN607

Continues development of essential skills for engaging in community-based, applied doctoral project work, including research ethics, designing and completing a community needs assessment, analyzing results, and developing plan for conducting project.

BMIN 610

Ethics in Buddhist Ministry**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** MDIV670

Advanced examination of the relationship between professional and personal ethics in the area of ministry.

BMIN 620

Engaged Compassion**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** MDIV655

Examines the aspects of spiritual maturity as defined by developed meditation and ritual life, understanding of edge states, perspective taking, and spiritual bypass as seen in traditional and contemporary texts.

BMIN 698A

Dissertation Proposal Seminar**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Chair's approval

Focuses on development of the dissertation proposal.

Topics include: selection of a topic, development of an original argument, situating the topic in relation to existing scholarship, and Buddhist-inspired strategies for writing and completing project.

Applicable to research requirement.

Pass/No Pass only

BMIN 698B

Dissertation Writing Seminar**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Candidacy status

Reviews and develops strategies for dissertation writing. Topics to be discussed include Buddhist-inspired strategies for writing and completing the dissertation. Students are expected to complete a solid draft of one chapter of their dissertation.

Applicable to research requirement. May be repeated for credit with chair's approval. Pass/No Pass only

BMIN 705

Qualifying Examination Preparation**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Chair's approval

Individual study for qualifying examination preparation.

Not degree applicable. This course may be repeated once with chair's approval. Pass/No Pass only

BMIN 710

Dissertation Research**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Candidacy status

Research for the dissertation. Upon advancement to candidacy and after the completion of coursework, students maintain continuous enrollment by registering for this course each semester until successful completion of the 12-unit research requirement.

Pass/No Pass only

BMIN 715

Continuous Enrollment Research**Units:** 1 to 4.5**Prerequisite(s):** Candidacy status

Required for doctoral candidates who have completed all course and research requirements but must remain in continuous enrollment each semester until completion of exam, dissertation, etc.

Units are not applicable to graduation.

Pass/No Pass only

Business Administration

MBA 501

Business Law**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Examines laws and regulations affecting business environment and managerial decisions, including the legal system and methods of dispute resolution. Incorporates ethical considerations and international perspectives.

Pass/No Pass only

MBA 502

Business Programming**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Development of current and relevant business programming skills and their application to improving organizational efficiency.

MBA 504 Management

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing

Reviews different theories of management; focuses on managerial functions, including planning, organizing, controlling, and leading. Emphasizes how to apply management theory/methods to solve problems of organizations.

Minimum passing grade: C

MBA 507 Managerial Economics

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): BUS201, BUS202, or MBA503; BUS 303

Develops micro-economic concepts and employs them to examine decision making under uncertainty. Topics include optimal choices, quantitative analysis and estimation of demand, production and cost functions, and market structures and firms' pricing strategies.

Minimum passing grade: C

MBA 508 Qualitative Research Methodologies

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing

Advanced study of research methodologies used in the social and behavioral sciences and the application of those methodologies to education, business, management, religion, and other fields of study.

MBA 509 Business Forecasts

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): MBA505 w/C or higher

Principles and applications of forecasting in an accessible way; methods and processes in business forecasting, including time series, univariate, multivariate, and qualitative methods.

MBA 510 Predictive Analytics

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): BUS 303

Develops technical knowledge and problem-solving skills needed to understand large and complex datasets. Students apply predictive analytic techniques, including modeling, data visualization, and effective business communication of analytical insights.

MBA 511 Nonprofit Accounting

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): MBA513 w/C or higher

Examines core principles and practices of nonprofit accounting. Reviews accounting requirements and practices of nonprofit organizations such as educational institutions, hospitals, health and welfare organizations, religious groups, and public institutions.

MBA 513 Managerial Accounting

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): BUS210

Use and interpretation of financial statements; evaluation of accounting information systems; accounting for and analysis of costs; managerial use of accounting data for planning and decision making.

Minimum passing grade: C

MBA 514 Advanced Managerial Accounting

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): MBA513 w/C or higher

Advanced accounting theory as applied to modern business practice; background of accounting and its place in society and the economy; current development in accounting theory.

MBA 515

Corporate Finance

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): BUS303

Advanced study of the financial management function of the corporation with special attention to cash flows and value, capital structure, cost of capital, capital budgeting, project evaluations, and issues in mergers, acquisitions and restructuring.

Minimum passing grade: C

MBA 516

International Finance

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): MBA515 w/C or higher

Advanced study of the environment and tools of international financial management. Covers financial, tax, economic, political, potential legal issues, foreign exchange rates, risk assessment, balance of payment, and financial alternatives and tradeoffs.

MBA 517

Investment & Portfolio Management

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): MBA515 w/C or higher

Advanced study of modern portfolio and investment management theories with emphasis on how to evaluate and diversify different types of risk, illustrated by case studies.

MBA 518

Cost Analysis & Budgeting

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): MBA513 w/C or higher

Advanced study of cost analysis for decision making in pricing, product mix, capacity building and budgeting for operations and capital expenditures. Special emphasis on using budgeting as a planning and control tool of performance.

MBA 519

Management Science

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): BUS303

Application of scientific methods, techniques, and tools to provide optimum solutions to problems involving the operation of systems; focuses on analysis and solution of managerial decision-making problems.

MBA 520

Organization & Management

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing

Study of techniques and human behavior involved in managing an organization toward efficiency and effectiveness. Focus on job and organization design, motivation, problem solving, and diversity and change management.

Minimum passing grade: C

MBA 521

Business Analytics

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): BUS303

Application of scientific methods, techniques, and tools to provide solutions for the operation of systems, especially managerial decision-making problems. Major topics include decision analysis, statistical inference, regression, and linear programming.

MBA 522

Comparative Management

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): MBA504 or MBA520 w/C or higher

Studies behavior in organizations around the world and develops mental sensitivity to working in organizations. Explores similarities and differences in organizational values, practices and structures in firms between developed and developing countries.

MBA 523

Advanced Analytics

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): MBA521

Application of techniques of quantitative analysis to business functions such as finance, marketing, operations, and human management cases. Topics include simulation models and advanced regression techniques.

MBA 524 Data Science

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): MBA502 & MBA521

Concepts and skills of data-mining tools, such as penalty-based variables, regression and classification trees, clustering, and analysis of data. Surveys data-mining tools in real-world situations, software for analysis, high-dimensional data sets.

MBA 525 Chinese Management Philosophy

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing

Advanced study of Chinese management philosophies and practices, especially in areas of decision making, leadership and human resources management with an emphasis on how these apply to modern organizations. Illustrated by practical cases.

MBA 526 Risk Management & Insurance

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): BUS303

Studies theories of insurance; explores special features of different lines of insurance; emphasizes main elements of insurance, including determinants of premiums, coverage, deductibles, and co-payments.

MBA 527 Human Resources Management

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): MBA504 or MBA520 w/C or higher

Advanced study of the basic elements of human resources management, such as compensation, motivation, performance appraisal, staffing, grievance handling and discipline, policy setting, and planning in today's labor market.

MBA 528 Seminar: Organizational Change

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): MBA504 or MBA520 w/C or higher

Analyzes theories of change and their applications with special emphasis on planned organizational change, development and intervention methods, and current trends in organization design and change.

MBA 529 Seminar: Leadership

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): MBA504 or MBA520 w/C or higher

Examines the effectiveness of different approaches to leadership from both managerial and psychological viewpoints. Discusses issues in leadership and leadership training through case studies, workshops, and guest lectures.

MBA 530 Marketing

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing

Studies the processes involved in the creation, distribution, and sale of products and services. Explores the tasks and decisions facing marketing managers, market and competitive analysis, consumer behavior, and design and implementation of marketing strategies.

Minimum passing grade: C

MBA 533 International Marketing

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): MBA530 w/C or higher

Focuses on further development of concepts learned in marketing and their application to an international setting. Concentrates on strategic decisions pertaining to the marketing mix as they apply to specific regions, nations, and cultures.

MBA 534 Consumer Behavior

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): MBA530 w/C or higher

Explores through examples of consumer buying how consumer behavior concepts are used by marketing practitioners to develop and implement marketing strategies. Discusses public policy issues and future consumer behavior research priorities.

MBA 536

Small Business & Entrepreneurial Marketing**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** MBA530 w/C or higher

Surveys practical and cost-effective strategies and methods to generate leads and new customer acquisition. Topics include strategic partnerships, local marketing, search engine optimization, social networking, crowdfunder funding, and niche marketing.

MBA 540

Management Information Systems**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Managerial discussion of types of systems that support individual, work-group, and corporate goals and reviews hardware/software, the design, implementation, and management of information systems, and how to compete in the internet-based business environment.

Minimum passing grade: C

MBA 542

Project Management**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Topics include definition of project objectives, identification of project activities, cost and time estimates, and control and performance measurement issues.

MBA 543

Real Estate Finance & Investments**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** MBA515

Discusses the risks and rewards associated with investment and financing of residential and commercial real estate, including investing, development financing, appraising, consulting, and managing of portfolios, leasing, and corporate real estate.

MBA 545

Advanced Financial Statements Analysis & Valuation**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** MBA513

Provides tools to analyze & exploit information in corporate financial statements; emphasizes use of financial accounting information in equity valuation & issues that managers face as they design & implement financial reporting strategies.

MBA 547

Tech. & Fundamental Analysis of Financial Securities**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** MBA515 w/C or higher

Advanced technical analysis of securities using graphs and equations; advanced fundamental analysis of securities based on corporate accounting data and business prospects.

MBA 548

Financial Security Trade & Analysis**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** MBA515 w/C or higher

Applied investment analysis using modern computer/ data facilities to conduct fundamental and technical analysis, security portfolio tracking, performance measurement, and trading simulation/ strategies. Students in this class manage UWest's special endowment.

MBA 550

International Business**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Examines the global business environment and trends. Discusses management functions and external influential factors that shape a global business operation such as investment decision, monetary exchange, and competition strategy and structure.

**MBA 551
Importing & Exporting****Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** MBA550

Explores challenges and opportunities of imports/exports. Topics include intermediaries, cross-border relationships, the role of governments and international organizations, and regulatory and other trade barriers. Also addresses controversial trading issues.

**MBA 552
International Business Law****Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** BUS200

Studies US business law. Examines international arbitration of investment disputes, the impact of nationalism on traditional ownership strategies, establishing a corporation in civil law countries, antitrust laws, and international business transactions.

**MBA 556
Global Economy****Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** BUS201 or BUS202

Surveys international trade theory, commercial trade policy, international finance, and open-economy macroeconomics. Discusses international flow of goods, services, assets, and payments and regulating policies. Evaluates government policies and current trends.

**MBA 557
Social Entrepreneurship****Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Focuses on how a business can produce positive social change, including skills, beliefs, and character traits of the social entrepreneur and how to become a great founder. Covers team building and getting started: ownership, message, business model, and funding.

**MBA 558
Seminar: Doing Business in Asia****Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Advanced study of opportunities for and barriers to doing business in Asia. Discussion of successful and failed cases of doing business in Asia from linguistic, cultural, social, economic, and political perspectives.

**MBA 559
Seminar: Doing Business in the US****Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Examines the US business environment including practices and culture of corporate America, business law, labor organizations, and markets. Discusses how to plan, start, and operate a US business including capital, financial and strategic management, and more.

**MBA 560
Managing Nonprofit Organizations****Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Compares and contrasts for-profit and nonprofit organizations, major strategic management issues specially associated with nonprofits, and exposes students to the various management styles commonly found in the nonprofit sector.

**MBA 561
Comparative Studies of
Nonprofit Organization****Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Compares the development of nonprofit organizations in different countries. Examines similarities and differences with respect to target markets, membership profiles, government regulations, and management of nonprofit organizations.

MBA 562

Financial Development in Nonprofit Organizations**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Discusses the trend of corporate responsibility toward society and the role of corporate philanthropy in social well-being. Practical exploration of techniques used to increase NPO resources and the principles, values, and ethics of these techniques.

MBA 563

Management of Memberships & Volunteers**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Discusses management of memberships and volunteers in nonprofit organizations. Examines the importance of membership and voluntary contributions of time and resources, effective motivation and management of volunteers, and promotion of organizational objectives

MBA 564

Advanced Auditing**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** MBA513 w/C or higher

Theory and practice of auditing as applied to control functions of an organization. Includes statements of auditing standards, ethical/legal responsibilities, statistical sampling, computer-assisted auditing techniques, and regulatory agency requirements.

MBA 565

Advanced Accounting Theory**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** MBA513 w/C or higher

Advanced topics in accounting, including business combinations, multinational operations and foreign currency transactions, liquidations, and reorganizations. Also covers partnership formation, income distribution, and liquidation.

MBA 566

Financial Reporting & Disclosure**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** MBA513 w/C or higher

An in-depth study of financial accounting, reporting, and disclosure. Examines professional accounting and reporting standards.

MBA 567

Special Topic on Federal Taxation**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** BUS210

A study of the federal tax law applicable to C and S corporations, partnerships, estates, and trusts. Addresses income tax law, major issues relating to the transfer of property through gifts and estate, and methods and procedures of tax research.

MBA 568

Special Topic on International Accounting**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** BUS210

Examines issues in international accounting: difficulty of preparing universally accepted accounting principles; social, economic, political influences on comparative accounting theory/practice; and financial reporting/ control of multinational businesses.

MBA 569

Controllership**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** MBA513 w/C or higher

In-depth study of concepts and procedures related to the controller's function. Considers management reporting systems, planning and controlling, resource allocation, general ledger-based system, departmental expense control, and investment planning.

MBA 571

Systems Design, Analysis, & Implementation**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** MBA540 w/C or higher

Reviews strategies and techniques for structured analysis and design in developing information systems. Explores general systems theory and lifecycle of information system development. Applies tools/ techniques to describe process and data flows and structures.

MBA 572

Data Structure & Database Management**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** MBA540 w/C or higher

Hierarchical, network, and relational database structures are analyzed. Stresses data modeling concepts using entity relationship and semantic object techniques, normalization, relational database implementation, and concurrent database processing.

MBA 573

Decision Support Systems**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** MBA540 w/C or higher

Explores decision-making processes, model-based development, and knowledge management. Examines design, implementation, and evaluation of decision support systems. Introduces how to encapsulate, expand, and transfer knowledge by means of an intelligent machine.

MBA 574

Cyber Security**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** MBA540 w/C or higher

Introduces cybersecurity, including its evolution, current theory, and global interaction with political and economic society. Explores technology, process, and procedure such as threat analysis, vulnerabilities, risks, and mitigation strategies.

MBA 575

Data Communications & Networking**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** MBA540 w/C or higher

Advanced study of technology and management of telecommunications and networks, the internet, intranet, extranet, and World Wide Web. Comprehensive examination of the integration of organizational systems with rapidly evolving on-line services industry.

MBA 578

Computer Security, Controls & Ethics**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Surveys technological and organizational techniques to secure computer hardware, software, and data. Studies controls for errors, natural disasters, and intentional attacks, focusing on effectiveness and cost. Reviews legal, social, and ethical environment.

MBA 580

Capstone: Strategic Management**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** MBA504 or 520; MBA513, MBA515, & MBA530

Provide an integrative perspective on strategy formation and management of an enterprise. Develops a multidisciplinary understanding of business planning and strategy by drawing on previous coursework and various functional areas of business.

Minimum passing grade: C

MBA 581

E-Business**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Shows step-by-step how to build Web commerce sites, from planning through deployment and ongoing management. Explains how to identify the best Web commerce opportunities and how to capitalize on them.

MBA 583

Financial Institutions & Markets**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Analysis of financial institutions and markets. Term structure of interest rates, portfolio theory and flow-fund analysis, deposit-type intermediaries, insurance, pension funds and investment companies.

MBA 584

Financial Derivatives**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** MBA515 w/C or higher

Develops mathematical and managerial tools necessary for analysis, pricing, and design of financial derivatives. Includes stochastic processes, Black-Merton-Scholes option pricing model, forward, futures, options, swaps, exotic options, and special topics.

MBA 587

Seminar: Business Negotiations**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Explores negotiation theory and practice with an emphasis on business aspects and cultural factors that affect process and result. Discusses participants, strategy, and styles commonly found in negotiation sessions, as well as cross-cultural business negotiations.

MBA 588

Business Philosophy & Ethics**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Reviews relevant philosophies, discusses ethics from different religious perspectives, particularly humanistic Buddhism, and emphasizes how such philosophy and ethics can be effectively used in modern organizations and management.

Minimum passing grade: C

MBA 589

Seminar: Entrepreneurship**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Examines the nature of entrepreneurship, the factors underlying success and failure in start-up and early growth phases. Hands-on practice developing a business plan and exploring the issues, constraints, and challenges facing entrepreneurial activity.

MBA 590

Internship**Units:** 1**Prerequisite(s):** Completion of core courses & chair's approval

Provides students with meaningful hands-on experience working in organizations relevant to their area of study. Completion requires written evaluation and verification from employer and internship reflection paper.

Pass/No Pass only

MBA 596

Special Topics**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Chair's approval

Covers emerging issues and special topics related to student-selected concentrations.

MBA 599

Independent Study**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Instructor & chair approval

Student selects an approved area of study and works closely with a faculty member.

Classical Chinese Language

CCHN 500A

First Year Classical Chinese I

Units: 3**Prerequisite(s):** familiarity with a language that uses Sinitic script

For students with no prior training in modern or classical Chinese but who are familiar with a Sinitic language (e.g. Japanese). Covers Pinyin pronunciation, Romanization, and orthography; composition and orthography; dictionary usage; basic syntax and grammar.

CCHN 500B

First Year Classical Chinese II

Units: 3**Prerequisite(s):** CCHN500A

Phonology, morphology, and syntax of Classical Chinese with emphasis on reading selected texts. Students focus on improving linguistic and research skills introduced in CCHN500 and engage directly in reading Classical Chinese texts.

CCHN 501A

Second Year Classical Chinese I

Units: 3**Prerequisite(s):** CCHN500B

Advanced-level study in Classical Chinese grammar and syntax involving translation from Classical Chinese.

CCHN 501B

Second Year Classical Chinese II

Units: 3**Prerequisite(s):** CCHN501A

Continuation of upper-level Classical Chinese. Selected readings from various sources. At the end of the course, students are able to read and translate a sutra.

Contemplative Practice

CONT 510

Topics in Comparative Contemplative Practice

Units: 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Seminar in special area of interest in the comparative study of contemplative practice. Topic to be announced each semester. Chaplaincy students may take course three times for credit. Students in other programs may take the class once for credit.

CONT 520

Topics in Contemplative Practice

Units: 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Seminar in special area of interest in the study of Buddhist contemplative practice. Topic to be announced each semester.

Religious Studies & Buddhist Chaplaincy students may take this course a maximum of three times for credit. Students in other programs may take the class only once, unless approved by their advisor.

CONT 540

Contemplation: Pali Canon

Units: 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Investigates Buddhist contemplative methods, views, and practices as they are articulated within the Pali canon.

CONT 550

Contemplation: Chinese Canon

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing

Investigates Buddhist contemplative methods, views, and practices as they are articulated within the Chinese canon.

CONT 560

Contemplation: Tibetan Canon

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing

Investigates Buddhist contemplative methods, views, and practices as they are articulated within the Tibetan canon.

CONT 599

Directed Reading & Research

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing

Open to Religious Studies and Buddhist Chaplaincy graduate students. Requires the consent of the supervising professor. A paper is required.

Pass/No Pass only. Advisor approval required.

Credit Limit: 3 units DR&R in one semester; 6 units DR&R towards degree.

Interdisciplinary Studies

IDS 585

Contemplative Practice & Mindful Leadership

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing

Interdisciplinary course focused on the breadth and depth of contemplative practice, its ethical context in Buddhist and other traditions, and its application to business management and leadership development

Pali Language

PALI 500A

First Year Pali I

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing

Introduction to the history and basis of the Pali language including pronunciation, vocabulary, grammar and script, and minor translations.

PALI 500B

First Year Pali II

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): PALI500A

Phonology, morphology, and syntax of the Pali language with emphasis on reading selected Pali texts.

PALI 501A
Second Year Pali I

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): PALI500B

Advanced level of studies in Pali grammar and syntax involving translation to and from Pali.

PALI 501B
Second Year Pali II

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): PALI501A

Continuation of upper-level Pali. Selected readings from various sources. At the end of the course, students are able to read and translate a sutra.

Psychology

Graduate courses in psychology are open to graduate students only. Exceptions require department chair and advisor approval.

PSYCH 500
Graduate Research & Writing Practicum

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing

Introduction to basic writing and research skills required for successful graduate work. This includes APA format style, searching for relevant literature, thesis structure, citation of sources, and use of references.

Not degree applicable. Requirement based on chair's recommendation

PSYCH 501
Experimental Design & Statistical Analysis

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing

Introduces the creation of sound research questions. Students review advanced quasi-experimental and experimental design methods (quantitative and qualitative), examine methods to analyze research data, and discuss implications of data interpretation.

PSYCH 504
Counseling Children & Adolescents

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing

Surveys contemporary, multicultural, & contextual approaches to counseling theory and intervention. Covers legal, ethical, & cultural considerations. Explores mindfulness-based approaches, role play, & art & play therapy techniques.

PSYCH 505
Multicultural/Buddhist Community Mental Health

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing

Introduces the MFT program, focusing on values exploration and acculturation/orientation to UWest, professional identity, and community mental health. Covers core learning areas while orienting students to Buddhist wisdom in the context of Western MFT.

PSYCH 505A
Pre-Practicum

Units: 0

Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing

This not-for-credit course meets one hour each week for a total of 15 hours. All second semester psychology students are required to enroll in this course. Provides first-year cohort continuity, support, and process during the second semester.

Not for credit. Pass/No Pass only

PSYCH 529
Drug & Alcohol Theory & Intervention

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing

Examines alcohol- and drug-related disorders from the resiliency, recovery, and medical models. Also addresses the impact of environmental factors and contemporary controversies on development and treatment of addictive disorders.

PSYCH 530

Psychopathology**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Reviews the current taxonomy of Western psychopathology across the lifespan. Introduces etiologies, prevalence, symptoms, and treatments. Opportunities to interact with various consumers and families of consumers of mental health services are provided.

PSYCH 531

Theories I**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Explores counseling and helping skills with an emphasis on traditional counseling and psychotherapy theory and skills. Discusses cultural sensitivity and limitations of traditional approaches for diverse populations, with a focus on recovery-oriented practice.

PSYCH 532

Law & Ethics**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Grounding in relevant ethical codes, practice standards, legal issues, and expectations of professional conduct. Ethical decision-making skills are honed using case studies and vignettes. Also addresses professional writing.

PSYCH 533

Multicultural Counseling**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Fosters understanding of the human experience through the values and beliefs of multicultural and cross-cultural identities to help students work with California's diverse populations. Students gain awareness of their own and others' cultural perspectives.

PSYCH 536

Marriage & Family Therapy I: Families**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Surveys contemporary, multicultural, and contextual analyses of major models of couples and family therapy, the integration of various approaches in relationship therapy, and the process and outcome research that document the state of MFT effectiveness.

PSYCH 537

Motivational Interviewing**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Introduces the principles of motivational interviewing and the research supporting MI as evidence-based treatment. Students use role play to learn how to provide information and guidance as they elicit and reinforce the client's movement toward change.

PSYCH 538

Psychological Testing**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Covers psychological assessment procedures such as clinical interviewing, evidence-based diagnostic assessment, and behavioral assessment. Addresses test administration ethics, psychometrics, and cultural limitations of assessment practices.

PSYCH 540

Counseling Through the Lifespan**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Explores lifespan development from a bio-psychosocial perspective from conception to death, including age- change theories and human adaptations. Emphasizes research-based best practices and ethics of working with diverse older adults.

PSYCH 545

Psychopharmacology**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Reviews current drug therapies for psychological problems. Discusses philosophical, ethical, and legal concerns regarding biological factors and drug treatment, along with the risks and benefits of drug therapies. Emphasizes cultural and ethical concerns.

PSYCH 551

Theories II: Buddhist-Inspired Evidence-Based Practice**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** PSYCH531

A follow-up course to PSYCH 531, designed to expand students' knowledge and experiences in counseling and helping skills.

PSYCH 556

Marriage & Family Therapy II: Couples**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** PSYCH536

A continuation of PSYCH 536, expanding students' systemic understanding of the major models of couples and family therapy.

PSYCH 600

Group Psychotherapy**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** 18 units graduate work in Psychology or Buddhist Chaplaincy

Provides clinical understanding of group development, dynamics, and counseling theories. Discusses group leadership styles, basic and advanced methods and skills, and approaches to conducting group counseling as well as cultural/ethical issues and limitations.

PSYCH 602

Advanced Couples Counseling**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** 18 units graduate work in Psychology

Offers an in-depth look at the current modalities of couples counseling including process and outcome effectiveness studies, as well as advanced assessment and intervention techniques. Cultural and ethical issues will also be discussed throughout.

PSYCH 604

Advanced Child & Adolescent Interventions in Therapy**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** PSYCH531

Offers an in-depth look at the various theories, assessment, and intervention techniques specific to child and adolescent populations, including play therapy. Culture and legal/ethical issues are also discussed.

PSYCH 607

Advanced Seminar in Culture & Psychotherapy**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** 18 units graduate work in Psychology

Expands awareness, knowledge, and skills in multicultural MFT competency and sensitivity, with a focus upon psychotherapeutic processes honoring diverse identities/ experiences such as race, ethnicity, spirituality, sexual orientation, gender, and disability.

PSYCH 614

Religion & Psychology Seminar**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Examines spiritual and religious experience using psychological methods and theories, including the integration of spirituality and psychology as seen in counseling practice.

PSYCH 617

Application of Mindfulness in Western Therapy**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Introduces the concept of mindfulness and its influence on Western psychotherapeutic research and practice and historical and contemporary literature on the efficacy and effectiveness of mindful-based therapeutic approaches on the process and outcome of treatment.

PSYCH 623

Poverty, Dislocation, & Stigma

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): 18 units graduate work in Psychology

Seminar on the impact of poverty, deprivation, dislocation, social stress, and stigma upon mental health and recovery, with a focus upon culturally congruent therapeutic orientations and interventions.

PSYCH 633

Sex, Sexuality, & Gender

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): 18 units graduate work in Psychology

Seminar on human sexuality: the physiological, psychological, and sociocultural variables associated with sexual identity and sexual behavior, with an emphasis upon sexual dysfunctions.

PSYCH 643

Trauma & Resiliency

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): 18 units graduate work in Psychology

Seminar on community disaster and trauma response, emphasizing developmental and multigenerational effects of trauma, and resiliency models for recovery.

PSYCH 650

Directed Reading

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): PSYCH501; chair's approval

Hands-on experience with the research process; from investigating research questions, writing literature reviews, designing studies and analyzing results, as well as interpreting results and discussing the related implications.

PSYCH 651

Buddhist Psychology & Addiction

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): 18 units graduate work in Psychology

Examines the theories, etiology, assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of alcohol and substance use disorders and addiction through the lenses of resiliency, recovery, medical, and Buddhist psychology models, with special attention to co-occurring disorders.

PSYCH 696

Special Topics in Psychology

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): 18 units graduate work in Psychology

Study of a Buddhist and/or multicultural topic in psychology. Topics are announced each semester.

PSYCH 699A

Thesis

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): Completion of all course requirements. Chair's approval required.

Hands-on research experience where the student identifies an appropriate research question, drafts the literature review, designs and analyzes results, as well as interprets results and related implications.

May be repeated once. Units are not applicable to graduation.

Pass/No Pass only

PSYCH 699B

Comprehensive Exam (0 to 1 units)

Units: 0 to 1

Prerequisite(s): Chair's approval

Completed in final semester. Required for graduation unless thesis option is approved.

Pass/No Pass only

PSYCH 699C

Masters Capstone Project

Units: 3 units

Prerequisite(s): Permission of department chair and advisor. Student must be in final semester.

Non-thesis option for the 42-unit non-licensure Masters. Students complete a capstone seminar project resulting in a final product tailored to the future goals/plans/needs of the student.

PSYCH 700 Practicum

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): 18 units & chair's approval

Clinical experience at an approved practicum site with a focus on multicultural psychotherapy theory and related interventions. Coursework focuses on group consultation, assessment, case conceptualization, intervention, self-of-the-therapist, and self-care.

Approved practicum placement must provide quality supervision & training. PSYCH 700 & 710 must be taken in consecutive semesters.

Pass/No Pass only

PSYCH 702 Intersession Practicum

Units: 1

Prerequisite(s): Chair's approval

Fulfills BBS guidelines requiring that students seeing clients are enrolled in a supervised practicum with no break in excess of 90 days. Provides required instructor contact, feedback, and supervision/consultation during the summer break.

Units not applicable to graduation. Pass/No Pass only

PSYCH 710 Advanced Practicum

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): PSYCH700

Provides continued support for students' hands-on clinical experience.

PSYCH 700 & 710 must be taken in consecutive semesters.

Pass/No Pass only

PSYCH 712 Continuing Practicum

Units: 1 to 3

Prerequisite(s): Chair's approval

Provides continued support for supervised clinical experience beyond the 6 units required for graduation. Units do not count toward graduation.

Units not applicable to graduation. May be taken twice. Pass/No Pass only

Religious Studies

REL 500 Proseminar on the Study of Religion

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing

Orientation to Religious Studies as a scholarly discipline in the Humanities and Social Science. Introduces systematic approaches scholars use to understand the religious world, including historical development of major faith traditions.

REL 505 Women in Buddhism

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): REL500 or 600; Waived for BC

History of women in Buddhism, including their roles, status, education, value, and leadership. The course examines changes in the status of Buddhist women over time and examples of the female sacred and of women regarded as exemplary models.

REL 506 Buddhism & Gender

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): REL500 or 600; Waived for BC

Examines gender as a socially-constructed category across Buddhist traditions and through various theoretical perspectives.

REL 515 Religions of China

Units: 3

Prerequisite(s): REL500 or 600; Waived for BC

Comparative study of the complex religious developments within China, including Daoism and Confucian thought. Studies Buddhism from its place within the sphere of popular religions and syncretic patterns.

REL 520

Religions of India*Units: 3**Prerequisite(s): REL500 or REL600; Waived for BC*

Examines/compares Brahmanic/Hindu and Sramana/Samana traditions from earliest accounts to present. Buddhism and Jainism are viewed as heterodox traditions against the backdrop of Vedic practices and the revival/ continuation of pre-Aryan beliefs and practices.

REL 521

Buddhist Meditation Practicum*Units: 3**Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing*

Lab-comparable component to the study of Buddhist meditation, providing a hands-on approach to understanding traditional and/or contemporary methods of mental cultivation in a live setting.

Pass/No Pass only

REL 530

Topics in Buddhist Meditation*Units: 3**Prerequisite(s): REL500 or 600*

Buddhist approaches to and paradigms of meditation and the training of the mind. Discusses theories and practices of mental developments across Buddhist traditions, with special emphasis on how these practices pertain to foundational Buddhist teachings.

REL 540

Buddhist Hermeneutics*Units: 3**Prerequisite(s): REL500 or 600; Waived for BC*

Examines the methods that Buddhists have developed for the interpretation of sutras. Students are also introduced to modern historical and literary approaches to criticism and their application to Buddhist texts.

REL 545

Sacred Time & Sacred Space in History of Religions*Units: 3**Prerequisite(s): REL500 or 600; Waived for BC*

Explores two fundamental ways in which human beings have provided structure and order for their lives, by distinguishing between sacred time and sacred space, exemplified in Australian religions, Judaism, Christianity, Hinduism, and Buddhism.

REL 585

Religion & Environmentalism*Units: 3**Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing*

Examines the renegotiation of existing traditions and emergence of new religiosities as a response to the threat of global environmental catastrophe.

REL 590

Comparative Study of Religion*Units: 3**Prerequisite(s): REL 500 or 600*

A comparative study of two or more religions. Topics to be announced each semester.

May be taken three times for credit with advisor approval.

REL 592

Myth & Mythology*Units: 3**Prerequisite(s): REL500 or 600; REL601; Waived for BC*

Explores the nature and function of myths and mythology in the history of religions with a focus on mythical expressions of a variety of themes, such as origin of the universe, origin of humans, death, evil and suffering, time and eternity, salvation.

REL 597

Service Learning Practicum**Units:** 1 – 3 units**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing; Chair's approval required

Hands-on experience with a recognized religious organization. Requires specified hours of service and a paper in which students reflect upon about how Buddhist concepts of service and social engagement they have studied are observed and applied in their work.

All practica must be completed through approved placement within the community with quality supervision & training.

Religious Studies students may apply a maximum of 6 units to graduation.

REL 599

Directed Reading & Research**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing; Advisor approval required.

Open to Religious Studies graduate students. Requires the consent of the supervising professor. A paper is required.

Pass/No Pass only.

Credit Limit: 3 units DR&R in one semester; 6 units DR&R toward degree.

REL 600

History & Theory of the Study of Religion**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Explores how scholars have approached religious practice and thought within the traditions and within the academic community. Religion is examined in relation to cross-cultural studies as well as the competing claims of objective data and subjective awareness.

REL 601

Seminar: Historical & Textual Methodologies**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Examines the nature and function of history and hermeneutics within religious traditions and modern critical theory. Covers methods of historical research and scripture criticism, their value, and their limitations.

REL 603

Philosophy of Religion Seminar**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** REL500 or 600; Waived for BC

Surveys issues in the philosophy of religion, including the nature of religion, the relation of philosophy to religion, the nature of religious language, problems of the verification of religious beliefs, and the interpretation of religious experience.

REL 607

Research Methods**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Develops skills essential for engaging in research at the doctoral level. Covers the full process of writing a research paper through final presentation of research results.

Introduces library-based and electronic resources and relevant software applications.

REL 610

Seminar: Religion & Ethics**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** REL500 or 600

Examines the relationship of religion and ethics and of religious issues in ethics.

REL 622

Developments in Buddhist Philosophy**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** REL500 or 600

Conducts philosophical and critical analysis of Buddhist thought, including topics such as philosophical justification and/or critiques of Buddhist ideas, Buddhist epistemology, ontology, and phenomenology.

REL 627

Buddhism & Ritual**Units:** 3**Prerequisite(s):** REL500 or 600

Explores the role of ritual within Buddhism, emphasizing Buddhist traditions of East Asia and Tibet. Introduces the most prominent theoretical frameworks and methodologies for understanding and analyzing religious ritual.

REL 630

Seminar: Buddhist Texts in Canonical Languages*Units: 3**Prerequisite(s): REL500 or 600 (waived for BC); Language proficiency required for all students*

A study of selected texts in Pali, Sanskrit, Classical Chinese, or Tibetan, supplemented with relevant secondary scholarship. Topic to be announced each semester.

May be taken three times for credit with advisor approval.

REL 636

Seminar: Buddhist Texts in Translation*Units: 3**Prerequisite(s): REL500 or 600; Waived for BC*

Analysis and close reading of one or more Buddhist literary works in English translation, supplemented with relevant secondary scholarship. Topic to be announced each semester.

May be taken three times for credit with advisor approval.

REL 639

Topics in the Study of Religion*Units: 3**Prerequisite(s): REL500 or 600*

Seminar in special area of interest in religious studies. Topic to be announced each semester.

May be taken three times for credit with advisor approval.

REL 640

Topics in Comparative Religion*Units: 3**Prerequisite(s): REL500 or 600; Waived for BC*

Comparative study of a religious concern or topic and examination of theoretical issues that emerge in comparative work. Topic to be announced each semester. May be taken three times for credit with advisor approval.

REL 641

Topics in Buddhist Studies*Units: 3**Prerequisite(s): REL500 or 600*

Seminar in special area of interest in Buddhist Studies.

Topic to be announced each semester. Course may be taken a maximum of three times for credit with advisor approval.

May be taken three times for credit with advisor approval.

REL 645

Seminar: Regional Buddhist Traditions*Units: 3**Prerequisite(s): REL500 or 600; Waived for BC*

A regional study of Buddhism and Buddhist traditions. Regional focus is announced each semester and may include India, Southeast Asia, Central Asia, and East Asia.

May be taken three times for credit with advisor approval.

REL 653

Vajrayana Buddhism*Units: 3**Prerequisite(s): REL500 or 600*

Explores the development, literature, & practices of the various types of Vajrayana (e.g. 'Tantric' or 'Esoteric') Buddhist traditions found historically in India, Tibet, & East Asia.

REL 655

Perspectives in the Study of Chan/Zen Buddhism*Units: 3**Prerequisite(s): REL500 or 600*

Recent developments in the field of Chan/Zen Studies. Emphasis is placed on gaining a critical understanding of the history and context of the Chan/Zen movement through broad readings in current scholarly literature.

REL 657

Humanistic Buddhism & Current Issues**Units: 3****Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Study of Humanistic Buddhism movements in response to emergent issues encountered in modern society.

May be taken three times for credit with advisor approval.

REL 659

Buddhism in the US**Units: 3****Prerequisite(s):** Graduate Standing

Introduces the history of Buddhism in the US with special attention to key issues and methodological approaches.

REL 660

Seminar: Buddhist-Christian Dialogue**Units: 3****Prerequisite(s):** REL500 or 600; Waived for BC

Explores the similarities and differences between Buddhism and Christianity under the guidance of a lecturer in Buddhism and a lecturer in Christianity. Topics covered include God, nirvana, concepts of self, suffering and ethics.

REL 670

Spread of Buddhism to Central Asia & China**Units: 3****Prerequisite(s):** REL500 or 600; Waived for BC

Traces spread of Buddhism from India into regions in modern Pakistan and Afghanistan, over the mountain passes into Central Asia, and eastward to western China. Uses trade routes to map development and spread of Buddhist thought and practice.

REL 671

Buddhism & Globalization**Units: 3****Prerequisite(s):** REL500 or 600

Development of Buddhist traditions under the conditions of globalization. The seminar examines the junctions, border-crossings, and global entwinements that have shaped the global histories of Buddhism over the last two hundred years.

REL 690

Teaching Practicum**Units: 1****Prerequisite(s):** Chair's approval

Examines practical dimensions of teaching at the college level. Topics to be discussed include syllabus and course development, lecture and assignment preparation, pedagogy, and classroom dynamics. Students also develop a statement of their teaching philosophy.

Open to PhD students only. Credit not applicable to graduation. Pass/No Pass only

REL 698A

Dissertation Proposal Seminar**Units: 3****Prerequisite(s):** Program advisor approval

Focuses on development of the dissertation proposal. Includes selection of a topic, development of an original argument, situating one's topic in relation to existing scholarship, and Buddhist-inspired strategies for writing and completing the project.

May be applied to research requirement one time only. Pass/No Pass only

REL 698B

Dissertation Writing Seminar**Units: 1 to 3****Prerequisite(s):** Candidacy Status

Review and develop strategies for dissertation writing. Topics include Buddhist-inspired strategies for writing and completing the dissertation. Students are expected to complete a solid draft of one chapter of their dissertation or analogous goal.

May be applied to research requirement multiple times. Pass/No Pass only

REL 698C

Seminar: Research Tools**Units: 1 to 3****Prerequisite(s):** Candidacy Status

Equips students with dissertation research tools and skills. A range of topics are covered, including research design, data collection, analysis, literature review, citation management, and use of AI tools for translating and editing texts.

May be applied to research requirement multiple times. Pass/No Pass only

REL 700

Thesis Research**Units: 3****Prerequisite(s):** Chair's approval required

All MA Religious Studies students electing the thesis plan must enroll in this course. Students must maintain their enrollment by registering for this course each semester until successful completion of their thesis.

May be applied to graduation requirements once (3 units) but can be taken twice.

Pass/No Pass only

REL 705

Qualifying Examination Preparation**Units: 3****Prerequisite(s):** Chair's approval

Individual study for PhD qualifying examination preparation.

May be taken in two consecutive terms. Credit is not applicable to graduation.

Pass/No Pass only.

REL 710

Dissertation Research**Units: 3****Prerequisite(s):** Candidacy Status

Research for the dissertation. Upon advancement to candidacy and after completion of all coursework, students maintain continuous enrollment by registering for this course each semester until successful completion of 12-unit research requirement.

Pass/No Pass only

REL 715

Continuous Enrollment Research**Units: 1 to 3****Prerequisite(s):** Candidacy Status

Required for PhD students who have successfully completed all course and research requirements but must remain in continuous enrollment each semester until completion of exam, dissertation, etc.

Not applicable to graduation. Pass/No Pass only

Sanskrit Language

SNSK 500A

First Year Sanskrit I**Units: 3****Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing

Introduction to the devanagari script as well as the phonology, morphology, and syntax of the Sanskrit language with the goal of developing a reading knowledge of Sanskrit.

SNSK 500B

First Year Sanskrit II**Units: 3****Prerequisite(s):** SNSK500A

Phonology, morphology, and syntax of the Sanskrit language with an emphasis on reading selected Sanskrit texts.

SNSK 501A

Second Year Sanskrit I**Units: 3****Prerequisite(s):** SNSK500B

Advanced level of studies in Sanskrit grammar and syntax, involving translation to and from Sanskrit.

SNSK 501B

Second Year Sanskrit II**Units: 3****Prerequisite(s):** SNSK501A

Continuation of upper-level Sanskrit. Selected readings from various sources. At the end of the course, students are able to read and translate a sutra.

Work Experience

WEXP 599

Advanced Work Experience

Units: 1 to 3

Prerequisite(s): approval; F-1 students also require DSO approval

For students working to gain skills and experience integral to their course of study. Performance evaluated by site supervisor and faculty of record.

This class may be taken twice. Units are not degree applicable.

Pass/No Pass only