

KARMAPA INTERNATIONAL BUDDHIST INSTITUTE
Institute of Higher Learning in Buddhist Studies



Prospectus for The Academic Year

2019/20

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About KIBI

The Karmapa International Buddhist Institute (KIBI) is an institute of higher learning in Buddhist Studies for international students, which runs under the auspices of the education and culture branch of the Karmapa International Buddhist Society (KIBS) – a charitable society founded by His Holiness the 17th Gyalwa Karmapa Trinley Thaye Dorje. It is located in the capital of India, Delhi - the country of Buddhism's origin.

Over time, KIBI has been successfully offering intensive Buddhist studies programs and other public courses. The academic course provides students and practitioners a holistic environment to further their practice and knowledge of Buddhist Philosophy and Tibetan Language. Students will be guided by experienced teachers who will explain Traditional Tibetan Buddhist philosophy and give guidance to help practitioners to apply this ancient wisdom to increase peace, happiness, and compassion in their daily lives.

Objective

As a recognized institution that now independently designs and conducts study programs, course structure, duration, etc, KIBI now offers a 3-year Diploma Course in Buddhist Studies commencing from the academic year 2019 – 2020. The Diploma Course is a comprehensive study program set over three academic years with each academic year being divided into two semesters. The Autumn Semester runs from 28th October to 6th December 2019, and the Spring Semester from 6th January 2020 to 9th March 2020. The language of instruction is English.

Autumn Semester (subject/semester – I)

- Introduction to Tibetan Reading, writing & speaking – I
- Gampopa's Jewel Ornament of Liberation (Chapter 1 – 10)
- Mipham's Gateway to Knowledge (Skandhas, Dhatus, Ayatanas)
- Dorje's The Essential Compendium of Tenets (Vaibhāṣika & Sautrāntika)

Spring Semester (subject/semester – II)

- Introduction to Tibetan Reading, writing & speaking – II
- Gampopa's Jewel Ornament of Liberation (Chapter 11 – 21)
- Mipham's Gateway to Knowledge (Pratītyasamutpāda, the Appropriate & Inappropriate, Faculties)
- Dorje's The Essential Compendium of Tenets (Cittamātra)

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Daily Routine:

Mon – Fri: Daily Classes

Sat – Sun: Weekly holiday

Examination

Full time students are required to sit for all the exams at the end of the course and to write one dissertation for each subject, instructions to be given by the teacher in the middle of the semester.

Grading

Each class is marked by a maximum of 100 marks: 35% for an assignment, 15% for attendance and 50% for written exam. The passing mark for each class is 40%. The assessment is conducted internally by the relevant faculty of KIBI. The duration of the final exam will be 2½ hours.

Divisions

First Division: 60 –100 marks

Second Division: 50 – 59 marks

Third Division: 40 – 49 marks

Attendance

Students must achieve a minimum attendance of 75% of the classes allotted to each subject and pass all examinations to be awarded the KIBI Diploma Course Certificate. Failure in the examinations will require the student to repeat the course in the next cycle as no re-examination is entertained.

Question Format of Examination

The questions will be based on the text studied and teachings. The minimum number of exam questions is 10 that includes long and short, as well as optional questions.

Class Teacher Absent (Leave Rule)

Student can avail leave in emergent situations like sick-leave and station-leave permission for some urgent work. In order to do so, students are required to inform either the coordinator or fellow students in advance.

The grading system and examining structure was formed under the close guidance of Professor Acharya Sempa Dorje Negi, and adopted with the consensus of the KIBI Academic office.

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Dissertation Writing Instruction

The dissertation writing should be based on main subjects. The examiner will confer credit based on its value.

Length: 1000 – 1500 words (APA format style, 12 font sizes, 1.5 gap, Times new roman. Page number: right upper corner)

To be submitted by the day before self-study date.

The examiner will also assess the English language skill, and it is imperative that all the answers - of the dissertation or exam, must be understandable to the examiner.

No matter what type of APA (American Psychological Association) paper you are writing, you should include those key sections:

- **Title Page:** Your title page should contain a running head, the title of the paper, your name and your school affiliation. This page provides important details for your readers, so it is important to learn how to write a title that accurately yet briefly relates your paper's theme.
- **Body:** You have 3 distinct sections: The introduction, where you will highlight some key background points and present your thesis. The main body, you will detail your main ideas that support your thesis. Finally, your conclusion will briefly reiterate your points and clarify how these ideas support your final position.
- **Reference Section:** The reference section is where you include any and all references that were used to write your APA paper. Remember, if you cited something in the main body of your paper, it must be included in the reference section, with all entries put in alphabetic order. This section should begin on a new page, with the word “References” and center the title text at the top of the page,

More Tips on Writing APA Papers

- While writing an APA paper may seem difficult or confusing, start by breaking it down into more manageable steps. As you research your topic, creating an outline and a working bibliography can help you structure your paper and keep track of all of the references you use.
- Begin by doing your research and writing your paper, but be sure to keep a careful record of all your references. Finally, put all of your references together and create a title page. Once you have completed these steps, spend a little time editing your paper and reviewing your finished APA paper to be sure that all of the formatting is accurate.
- Here is the link to get more information: <https://apastyle.apa.org/index>

Examination Dates for 1st semester 2019

Date	Time	Subject	Location
Dec, 03	9:00 – 11:30	<i>Jewel Ornament of Liberation</i>	Classroom – 3
	2:00 – 4:30	<i>Introduction to Tibetan Reading, writing & speaking – I</i>	
Dec, 04	9:00 – 11:30	<i>Gateway to Knowledge</i>	
Dec, 05	9:00 – 11:30	<i>The Essential Compendium of Tenets</i>	

Examination Dates for 2nd semester 2020

Date	Time	Subject	Location
Mar, 2	9:00 – 11:30	<i>Jewel Ornament of Liberation</i>	Classroom – 3
	2:00 – 4:30	<i>Introduction to Tibetan Reading, writing & speaking – I</i>	
Mar, 4	9:00 – 11:30	<i>Gateway to Knowledge</i>	
Mar, 6	9:00 – 11:30	<i>The Essential Compendium of Tenets</i>	

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Group Discussion for 1st semester 2019

Oct/Nov.	Time	Led by Löpon	Topic	Venue
01	14:00 – 15:00	Karma Sherab	All three subjects, Question Answer session	CR – 3
08		Gedon Darjay		
15		Gompo Tashi		
22		Rabsel Dawa		

Group Discussion for 2nd semester 2020

Jan/Feb.	Time	Led by Löpon	Topic	Venue
10	14:00 – 15:00	Karma Sherab	All three subjects, Question Answer session	CR – 3
17		Gedon Darjay		
24		Gompo Tashi		
31		Rabsel Dawa		
14		Karma Sherab		
21		Gedon Darjay		
28		Gompo Tashi		

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Term	Field	Course	Reference book	Code	h/week
1 st Semester	Tibetan Language	Introduction to reading and writing	Beginner's Step-By-Step Guidebook for Learning Tibetan by Dorje Khedak	LMT 01 - 101	3h
	Religion	Lamrim (Stages of the Path)	Jewel Ornament of Liberation by Gampopa	RJO 01 - 102	3h
	Philosophy – I	Abhidharma (Inner Science: Skandhas, Dhatus, Ayatanas)	Gate Way to Knowledge (vol. I) by Mipham	PDO 01 - 103	4,30h
	Philosophy – II	The Four Tenets Vaibashika	The Essential Compendium of Tenets by Acharya Sempa Dorje	PFS 01 - 104	4,30h
2 nd Semester	Tibetan Language	Introduction to reading and writing	Beginner's Step-By-Step Guidebook for Learning Tibetan by Dorje Khedak	LMT 02 - 201	3h
	Religion	Chapter 11-21	Jewel Ornament of Liberation by Gampopa	RJO 02 - 202	3h
	Philosophy – I	Pratityasamutpada, The appropriate & inappropriate, Faculties	Gate Way to Knowledge (vol. I) by Mipham	PDO 02 - 203	4,30h
	Philosophy – II	The Four Tenets Sautrantika	The Essential Compendium of Tenets by Acharya Sempa Dorje	PFS 02 - 204	4,30h
3 rd Semester	Tibetan Language	Basic grammar	Class material	LMT 03 - 301	3h
	Religion	Ven. Rendawa's Commentary	Letter to Friend by Nāgārjuna	RLF 03 - 302	3h
	Philosophy – I	Time, Four Noble Truths & the Yanas	Gate Way to Knowledge (vol. I) by Mipham	PDO 03 - 303	4,30h
	Philosophy II	Overview	Madhayamaka-lamkara by Shantarakshita	PMK 03 - 304	4,30h

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4 th Semester	Tibetan Language	Basic grammar	Class material	LMT 04 - 401	3h
	Religion	Chapters 1-8	The Way of the Bodhisattva by Shantideva	RWB 04 - 402	3h
	Philosophy – I	Chapters 1-5	9 th Karmapa's commentary on Madhayamaka-Avatara by Chandrakirti	PMA 04 - 403	4,30h
	Philosophy – II	Svatantrika Madhyamaka	The Essential Compendium of Tenets by Acharya Sempa Dorje	PFS 04 - 404	4,30h
5 th Semester	Religion	Chapter 9-10	The Way of the Bodhisattva by Shantideva	RWB 05 - 501	3h
	Philosophy – I	Chapters 6-9	9 th Karmapa's commentary on Madhayamaka-Avatara by Chandrakirti	PMA 05 - 502	4,30h
	Philosophy – II	Prasangika Madhyamaka	The Essential Compendium of Tenets by Acharya Sempa Dorje	PFS 05 - 503	4,30h
6 th Semester	Religion	Overview	Uttaratantrashastra by Maitrey/Asanga, commentary by Jumeppham	RUT 06 - 601	3h
	Philosophy – I	Overview	Abhidharmakośakārikā by Vasubandhu	PAK 06 - 602	4,30h
	Philosophy – II	Introduction	Treasure on the Science of Valid Cognition by Sakya Pandita	PPV 06 - 603	4,30h

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Official Holiday Lists, Academic Year 2019/2020

Independence Day of Republic of India	Thursday, August 15
Gandhi Jayanti	Wednesday, October 02
Deepawali, Festival of Light	Sunday, October 27
KIBI's Founding Day	Thursday, November 28
New Year 2020	Wednesday, January 01
Republic Day of India	Sunday, January 26
KIBI 30 Years Anniversary	February 05/06/07
3 Day Mahakala Puja, One Day Losar	February 20 until 22nd February
Tibetan New Year (Losar)	Tuesday, February 24
His Holiness 17th Gyalwa Karmapa Birthday	Wednesday, May 06
Buddha Purnima	Thursday, April 30

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Campus Facilities

- **Lhakhang (Puja Hall):** for practices such as meditation, prostration, etc. (maintain silence).
- **Administration Office:** billing and official requirement only.
- **Course Coordinator's Office:** Contact here for any course related issues.
- **Library:** A source of Buddhist resources. Please observe library rules.
- **Classrooms:** used for teaching purpose only. Please help us to keep it clean.
- **Kitchen:** provides mainly Indian and Nepalese cuisine.
- **Dining hall:** Three meals per day. Please help us keep it clean.
- **Hostel Department:** contact for any room related issues (e. g. water leakage).
- **Hostel Rooms:** provides only basic service such as a bed and table/chair per room. Please don't stick or nail anything on the wall
- **Cafeteria:** serves tea, coffee, snacks, notebooks, and toiletries etc.
- **Laundry Service (self-service):** buy a coupon from Hostel Department and dry your cleaned laundry on the rooftop. This service temporarily inactive.
- **Media Room:** for watching audio/visuals during weekend and holiday only.
- **Wi-Fi Service:** activate password from Cyber Room. Please contact Mr. Lekjor.
- **Basketball Court:** refrain from using during late night.
- **Garden:** The best place to get sun and respite.
- **Walking or Jogging:** Sanjay Forest lies right in front of KIBI. Please observe all safety instructions.

Note: The third-floor premise in KIBI is the private residence and office of His Holiness the Gyalwa Karmapa, and is therefore a restricted zone. Prior permission must be obtained to make entry.

KIBI Faculties

1. Professor Sempa Dorje
2. Khenpo Lobsang
3. Khenpo Tsering Samdrub
4. Khenpo Ngedon
5. Khenpo Chojor
6. Dr. Tsewang Gyatso
7. Dr. Rolf Scheuermann
8. Lopon Karma Sherab
9. Lopon Gedon Darjay
10. Lopon Jinpa Namgyal
11. Lopon Ngawang Tharchin

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