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## International Buddhist Studies College (IBSC)

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# Doctor of Philosophy in Peace Studies

## Program Overview

The Doctor of Philosophy in Peace Studies degree is awarded for mastering a field of scholarship, for learning the methods of investigation appropriate to that field, and for completing original research. The program is designed to develop personnel who understands the essential terms of peace and is able to conduct research integrating Buddhism with peacebuilding sciences. During the course skills such as leadership, communication, mediation, creativity, teamwork, conflict solution and reconciliation building in society are developed through educational activities.

Although the courses and the research leading to the Ph.D. in Peace Studies are necessarily specialized, the attainment of this degree should not be an isolated event the enterprise of learning. The aspirant for the Ph.D. is expected to be a well-educated person with specialized in peacebuilding as well as integrating Buddhist approach. This program also emphasizes to produce students who achieve in-depth understanding of all aspects of mentioned sciences and integrate Buddha's dhamma into the sustainable development which is an alternative approach of human development for building human capability of conflict management as well as to build local and global peace continuously.

## Vision

### A College enriched with the beauty of multicultural

International Buddhist Studies College of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University produces intelligent graduates within a collaborative network of Buddhist educational Institutes around the world, with the aim of awakening the society and integrating Buddhist studies with modern sciences to develop Buddhist research, innovation and academic services based on projects to foster and maintain the arts and culture of a multicultural society.

## Mission

Doctor of Philosophy in Peace Studies program aims to integrate both inner and outer peace with an initiative to develop capable and skilled students to be able to learn, develop, and practically apply Peace Studies knowledge based on the ideology of mindfulness, wisdom and toleration. The goal is to equip graduates with profound knowledge of theories and practices in Peace Studies to create tools for resolving and preventing conflict at individual and social levels.

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# Curriculum

The Doctoral aspirant specifies a program area in which classes and research work are to be done and in which he or she expects to become a scholar. At least 54 credit hours of coursework should be taken at the International Buddhist Studies College (IBSC), Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, exclusive of dissertation credits and research skills. The study period should not be less than 6 regular semesters and not more than 10 regular semesters. The doctoral study aspirant, with the assistance of an advisor, constructs a doctoral program plan of coursework and research opportunities.

## 1. Required Subjects (6 Credits)

- 813 101 Concepts and Theories on Peace Studies
- 813 102 Leadership and Skills in Peace-Building

## 2. Special Subjects (Non-Credit subjects)

- 813 104 Buddhist Peaceful Means
- 813 205 Advanced Research Methodology on Peace
- 000 103 Introduction to Insight Meditation
- 000 207 Advanced Insight Meditation

## 3. Major Subjects (6 Credits)

- 813 207 Reconciliation by Buddhist Peaceful Means
- 813 309 Reconciliation Practice by Buddhist Peaceful Means

## 4. Elective Subjects (6 Credits)

Students are required to choose 2 subjects:

- 813 208 Buddhist Ethics for Peace
- 813 209 Buddhist University to the Strengthening Peace Society
- 813 210 Insight Dialogue Meditation
- 813 211 Seminar on Peace and Social Justice
- 813 212 Seminar on Peace and Human Rights
- 813 213 Multiculturalism
- 813 214 Participation and Reconciliation
- 813 215 Process of Mediation in the Integrated Buddhist Perspective

## 5. Dissertation (36 Credits)

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## **Research Skills**

The Ph.D. research skills requirement includes completion of at least 18 graduate Credits hours representing at least two of the following areas relevant to the aspirant's research area: statistics, measurement and assessment, qualitative methods, historical and philosophical methods and may include a reading knowledge in one foreign language (excluding English or one's native language).

## **Comprehensive Examination**

The comprehensive examination consists of both written and oral parts and covers the major area pursued by the student. The student passes the comprehensive examination if a majority of the official examining committee (including the chair) approves the student's performance.

## **Dissertation**

The candidate must present a dissertation showing the planning, conduct, and results of original research and scholarly creativity. The purpose of the dissertation is to encourage and ensure the development of broad intellectual capabilities as well as to demonstrate an intensive focus on a problem or research area.

## **Resident Study**

Two semesters (which may include one summer session), usually consecutive, at any time beginning with the first semester of doctoral study, must be spent in resident study at IBSC. Residence is not merely a period measured in hour. During this period the doctoral aspirant must be involved full time in academic pursuits, which may include up to half-time on-campus teaching or research, or under certain circumstances, a greater percentage of research if it is directed specifically toward the student's degree objectives.

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# Application Requirements

The application for admission to International Buddhist Studies College of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University for doctoral study has the following requirements:

1. Master's degree or equivalent with at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
2. A complete graduate application: apply [online](#) or at the Office of IBSC Student service.
3. An official transcript (not student's copy) of all previous undergraduate and graduate credit sent from the institution directly to the Office of IBSC Student service (printed transcripts or official electronic versions are both acceptable).
4. English requirement please check from the list [here](#).
5. A statement of career goals describing an area of interest in curriculum and instruction and how this degree will help meet professional aspirations.
6. Letters of recommendation from two people who can comment on the applicant's ability to complete a doctoral program of study; the master's advisor is appropriate to include.
7. A writing sample: dissertation proposal, an article, paper, or other composition originally written by the applicant. An appropriate length is ten to sixteen pages.
8. CV or a vitae or resume.

\* International applicants should check the [IBSC](#) website for additional admission requirements.

**Please note:** Meeting minimum admission standards does not guarantee admission to the program.