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| Type: | Compulsory |
| Course Code: | SANS 31534 |
| Title: | Theory of Emptiness in Buddhist Sanskrit Philosophy |
| Pre-Requisites: | Completion of the courses of Special Level I |
| Learning Outcomes: | At the end of this unit, the students will be able to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyze the concept of Buddhist Sanskrit Literature • Identify the development of <i>Mahayana</i> Buddhism • Understand the basic concepts of Sanskrit Buddhism • Compare the concepts of <i>Mahayana</i> Buddhism with <i>Theravāda</i> Tradition |

Course Content:

A general survey of the literary genre known as Buddhist Sanskrit literature together with a comprehensive knowledge of the sections selected from the prescribed texts and the language and style of each work prescribed. The students will be introduced to the basic concepts of *Mahayana* Buddhism, such as the *Trikaya* doctrine and the concept of Bodhisattvahood, as depicted in the works prescribed.

Prescribed Texts: *Lalitavistara*, xx.
Saddharmapundarika-sutra, iii
Bodhicaryavatara, ix. *Mahavastu*:
Punyavanta Jataka & Trisakuniya Jataka.

Methodology:

Lectures, discussions, Tutorials & presentations

Scheme of Assessment:

Assignments, classroom tests, oral presentations and end of the semester examinations. (For written examination 60%, for assignments, Presentation, in class tests 40% .

Recommended Reading :

Mtra, R., (1971). *The Sanskrit Buddhist Literature of Nepal*, Sanskrit Pustak Bhandar, Calcutta.
Bhattacharji, Sukumari, (1992). *Buddhist Hybrid Sanskrit literature*, Asiatic Society, Calcutta.
Cowell, E, B., Muller, F.M., Takakusu, (1969). *Buddhist Mahāyāna Texts*, Dover Publications, New York.
Shcherbatskoï, F, I., Dharmottara, (1962). *Buddhist Logic*,Dover Publications, New York.
Takakasu, J., Chan, W., & Moore, C.A, (1973). *The Essentials of Buddhist Philosophy*, Greenwood Press, Westport.
śhāntideva, Bendall, C., & Rouse, W. H. D., (1971). *śikshā samuchchaya: A compendium of Buddhist doctrine*. Mortilal Banarsidas, Delhi.
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සීලකිත්ති, වැව්ගෙදර, (2005). *බෞද්ධ සංස්කෘත මූලාශ්‍රය අධ්‍යයනය 1*, සමයවර්ධන පොත්හල, කොළඹ 10.