

Type:	Compulsory
Course Code:	SANS 32564
Title:	Theory of consciousness 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 consciousness in Buddhist Sanskrit Literature • Identify the development of <i>Mahayana</i> Buddhism • Understand the main features of Sanskrit Buddhism • Compare the theory of consciousness of <i>Mahayana</i> Buddhism with <i>Theravāda</i> Tradition

Course Content:

The *Mahayana* elements found in the early Pali scriptures, different views held on the teachings of the Buddha, the gradual development of the concepts of *nirvana* and *vijnana* (consciousness), historical trends about *dharmasangiti* and later Buddhist philosophy as represented by the Madhyamika and the Yogacara-Vijnanavada school.

Prescribed Texts: *Mulamadhyamika-karika*

1. *Prakarana 24: Arya-satya-samiksa;*

2. *Prakarana 25: Nirvana-pariksa*

Astasahasrika-prajnaparamita, i.

Yogacara-Vijnanavada Philosophy:

Vijnaptimatratā-siddhi of Vasubandhu

Lankavatara-sutra, Chapters 4-6

Methodology:

Lectures, discussions, visual aids and 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:

Singh, Jaidev, (1970). *An Introduction to Madhyamaka School*, Tharpa Publication, London.

Bhattacharji, Sukumari, (1992). *Buddhist Hybrid Sanskrit Literature*, Asiatic Society, Calcutta.

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Shcherbatskoï, F. I., Dharmottara, (1962). *Buddhist Logic*, Dover Publications, New York.

Takakusu, 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.

Dhammajothi, Kuala Lumpur, (2012). *Reading Buddhist Sanskrit Texts*. Buddha - Dharma Centre, Hong Kong.

Nariman J.K., (1919). *Literary History of Sanskrit Buddhism*, Mortilal Banarsidas publishers Pvt. Ltd.

Delhi. Sugataratana, Kahapola, (2003). *Causality: Eastern and Western Thoughts*, Godage International Publishers Pvt. Ltd. Colombo.