

Sub Committee for Philosophy Curriculum Development for Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Name of Institute: Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts

Course Name: Buddhist Philosophy: The Indian Tradition

(UG/PG): UG, Elective

Number of Credits: 4 (60 Hrs)

Level: 2

Introduction

This course will introduce students of any academic background to the fundamentals of Buddhist thought and philosophy. Given the sheer breadth of Buddhist philosophy, this course will only endeavour to understand the faction of Indian traditions. The syllabus will include the origins of Buddhism, the Mahayana Buddhism, and Vajrayana (tantric) Buddhism. The philosophical context in which the Buddha taught is something the students will come upon in the course of the topic, after which they will study basic philosophical and soteriological concerns as seen in the writings of Indian Buddhism. The course is an introduction to the subject, and does not presuppose any prior subject knowledge on the part of the student.