

Master of Arts in Buddhist Studies (MABS) – Two-Year Online Part-Time Program
Jointly Offered by RMTA (USA) and PGIPBS, University of Kelaniya (Sri Lanka)

2026-2027 Program Schedule (Each course comprises 30 instructional hours, except MABS 72)

Semester	Courses
Semester 1 (2026)	MABS 01 Buddhist Doctrines of the Pali Nikāyas: Analysis and Interpretation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor: Ven. Dr. Dhammadipa (PhD, University of Bristol) • Class Dates: March 13-14, 27-28; April 10-11, 24-25; May 8-9 • Class Time: 6:30-9:30 PM US Central Time
	MABS 64 History of Chinese Buddhism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor: Dr. Teng Weijen (PhD, Harvard University) • Class Dates: May 22-23; June 5-6, 19-20; July 3-4, 17-18 • Class Time: 6:30-9:30 PM US Central Time
Semester 2 (2026)	MABS 73 Modern Buddhism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor: Dr. Lei Ying (PhD, Harvard University) • Class Dates: Aug 15-16, 29-30; Sept 12-13, 26-27; Oct 10-11 • Class Time: 6:30-9:30 PM US Central Time
	MABS 71 Buddhist Ethics: Concepts and Philosophical Interpretations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor: Ven. Dr. Pamaratana (PhD, University of Pittsburg) • Class Dates: October 24-25; November 7-8; 21-22; December 5-6, 19-20 • Class Time: 6:30-9:30 PM US Central Time
2027	MABS 72 Research Methodology and Extended Essay (consists of two workshops) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors: Ven. Dr. Dhammadipa, Dr. Teng Weijen • Workshop Schedule: March, 2027 (exact schedule to be announced)
Semester 3 (2027)	MABS 70 Buddhist Doctrine: Modern Philosophical Perspectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor: Dr. Jingjing Li (PhD, McGill University) • Class Schedule: April–June 2027 (exact schedule to be announced)
	MABS 74 Introduction of Buddhist Chaplaincy (30 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor: Ven. Dr. Longyun (Palliative Care Chaplain, Stanford University Hospital) • Class Dates: June 5-6, 19-20; July 3-4, 17-18; July 31-August 1 • Class Time: 6:30-9:30 PM US Central Time

- Final examination schedule will be announced at a later date.
- The anticipated deadline for the extended essay is December 24, 2027.