

## CURRICULUM OF BUDDHIST STUDIES

for serious students of Dhamma in the Theravada Tradition  
Barre Center for Buddhist Studies

### BASIC LEVEL

#### BASIC LIBRARY:

The Long Discourses of the Buddha (Wisdom)  
The Middle Length Discourses of the Buddha (Wisdom)  
The Connected Discourses of the Buddha (Wisdom)  
The Numerical Discourses of the Buddha (forthcoming, Wisdom)  
The Path of Purification (Nanamoli trans. recommended)  
Pali/English Dictionary (PTS edition recommended)

#### BASIC DHAMMA STUDY:

##### *Dīgha Nikāya:*

D 2	Sāmaññaphala Sutta	<u>The Long Discourses of the Buddha</u> The Fruits of the Homeless Life
D 15	Mahā Nidāna Sutta	The Great Discourse on Origination
D 16	Mahā Parinibbāna Sutta	The Great Passing: The Buddha's Last Days
D 22	Mahā Satipaṭṭhāna Sutta	The Foundations of Mindfulness (Greater)
D 31	Sigālaka Sutta	To Sigālaka: Advice to Lay People
D 33	Sangīti Sutta	The Chanting Together

##### *Majjhima Nikāya:*

M 2	Sabbāsava Sutta	<u>The Middle Length Discourses of the Buddha</u> All the Taints
M 9	Sammādiṭṭhi Sutta	Right View
M 10	Satipaṭṭhāna Sutta	The Foundations of Mindfulness
M 19	Dvedhāvitakka Sutta	Two Kinds of Thought
M 22	Alagaddūpama Sutta	The Simile of the Snake
M 26	Ariyapariyesanā Sutta	The Noble Search
M 38	Mahā Tañhāsankhaya Sutta	The Destruction of Craving (Greater)
M 77	Mahā Sakuludāyī Sutta	The Discourse to Sakuludāyīn (Greater)
M 118	Ānāpānasati Sutta	Mindfulness of Breathing
M 140	Dhātuvibhanga Sutta	The Exposition of the Elements
M 141	Saccavibhanga Sutta	The Exposition of the Truths
M 143	Anāthapiṇḍikovāda Sutta	Advice to Anāthapiṇḍika
M 148	Chachakka Sutta	The Six Sets of Six

##### *Visuddhimagga:*

The Path of Purification

Part I: Virtue

##### *Dhammapada:*

Verses of Dhamma

Entire

##### *Theragāthā:*

Verses of the Elders

Selection (random)

##### *Jātaka:*

Birth Stories

Twenty (random)

## CORE DHAMMA STUDY

### *Dīgha Nikāya:*

D 1	Brahmajāla Sutta	The Long Discourses of the Buddha
D 3	Ambatṭha Sutta	The Supreme Net: What the Teaching Is Not
D 5	Kūṭadanta Sutta	About Ambatṭha: Pride Humbled
D 8	Mahā Sīhanāda Sutta	About Kūṭadanta: A Bloodless Sacrifice
D 9	Poṭṭhapāda Sutta	The Great Lion's Roar
D 12	Lohicca Sutta	About Poṭṭhapāda: States of Consciousness
D 14	Mahā Padāna Sutta	About Lohicca: Good and Bad Teachers
D 20	Mahā Samaya Sutta	The Great Discourse on Lineage
D 25	Udumbarika Sīhanāda Sutta	The Mighty Gathering: Devas Come to See Buddha
D 27	Aggañña Sutta	The Great Lion's Roar to the Udumbarikans
D 29	Pāsādika Sutta	On Knowledge of Beginnings
		The Delightful Discourse

### *Majjhima Nikāya:*

M 3	Dhammadāyāda Sutta	The Middle Length Discourses of the Buddha
M 4	Bhayabherava Sutta	Heirs in Dhamma
M 5	Anangaṇa Sutta	Fear and Dread
M 7	Vatthūpama Sutta	Without Blemishes
M 8	Sallekha Sutta	The Simile of the Cloth
M 11	Cūḷa Sīhanāda Sutta	Effacement
M 12	Mahā Sīhanāda Sutta	The Lion's Roar (Shorter)
M 13	Mahā Dukkhakkhandha S.	The Lion's Roar (Greater)
M 14	Cūḷa Dukkhakkhandha S.	The Mass of Suffering (Greater)
M 15	Anumāna Sutta	The Mass of Suffering (Shorter)
M 18	Madhupiṇḍika Sutta	Inference
M 20	Vitakkasaṅṭhāna Sutta	The Honeyball
M 21	Kakacūpama Sutta	The Removal of Distracting Thoughts
M 23	Rathavinīta Sutta	The Simile of the Saw
M 25	Nivāpa Sutta	The Relay Chariots
M 28	Mahā Hatthipadopama Sutta	The Bait
M 29	Mahā Sāropama Sutta	The Simile of the Elephant's Footprint (Greater)
M 30	Cūḷa Sāropama Sutta	The Simile of the Heartwood (Greater)
M 31	Cūḷa Gosinga Sutta	The Simile of the Heartwood (Shorter)
M 34	Cūḷa Gopālaka Sutta	The Discourse in Gosinga (Shorter)
M 35	Cūḷa Saccaka Sutta	The Discourse on the Cowherd (Shorter)
M 36	Mahā Saccaka Sutta	The Discourse to Saccaka (Shorter)
M 39	Mahā Assapura Sutta	The Discourse to Saccaka (Greater)
M 41	Sāleyyaka Sutta	The Discourse at Assapura (Greater)
M 43	Mahā Vedalla Sutta	The Brahmins of Sālā
M 44	Cūḷa Vedalla Sutta	The Series of Questions and Answers (Greater)
M 46	Mahā Dhammasamādāna S.	The Series of Questions and Answers (Shorter)
M 48	Kosambiya Sutta	The Ways of Undertaking Things (Greater)
		The Kosambians

M 51	Kandaraka Sutta	To Kandaraka
M 52	Aṭṭhakanāgara Sutta	The Man from Aṭṭhakanagara
M 53	Sekha Sutta	The Disciple in Higher Training
M 55	Jīvaka Sutta	To Jīvaka
M 56	Upāli Sutta	To Upāli
M 57	Kukkuravatika Sutta	The Dog-duty Ascetic
M 58	Abhayarājakumāra Sutta	To Prince Abhaya
M 59	Bahavedanīya Sutta	The Many Kinds of Feeling
M 60	Apaṇṇaka Sutta	The Incontrovertible Teaching
M 61	Ambalaṭṭhikā Rāhulovāda S.	Advice to Rāhula at Ambalaṭṭhikā
M 62	Mahā Rāhulovāda Sutta	Advice to Rāhula (Greater)
M 63	Cūla Mālunkya Sutta	The Discourse to Mālunkyāputta (Shorter)
M 64	Mahā Mālunkya Sutta	The Discourse to Mālunkyāputta (Greater)
M 70	Kīṭāgiri Sutta	At Kīṭāgiri
M 72	Aggivacchagotta Sutta	To Vaccagotta on Fire
M 75	Māgandiya Sutta	To Māgandiya
M 86	Angulimāla Sutta	On Angulimāla
M 101	Devadaha Sutta	At Devadaha
M 103	Kinti Sutta	What Do You Think About Me?
M 111	Anupada Sutta	One by One As They Occurred
M 114	Sevitabbāsevitabba Sutta	To Be Cultivated and Not To Be Cultivated
M 131	Bhaddekaratta Sutta	One Fortunate Attachment
M 152	Indriyabhāvanā Sutta	The Development of the Faculties

<i>Visuddhimagga:</i>	<u>The Path of Purification</u>	Part II: Concentration
<i>Sutta Nipāta:</i>	<u>Collection of Discourses</u>	Entire
<i>Therīgāthā:</i>	<u>Verses of the Sisters</u>	Entire
<i>Itivuttaka:</i>	<u>Thus Have I Heard</u>	Entire
<i>Udāna:</i>	<u>Verses of Uplift</u>	Entire
<i>Jātaka:</i>	<u>Birth Stories</u>	Fifty

## ADVANCED DHAMMA STUDY

The remainder of Suttas in the *Dīgha Nikāya*

The remainder of Suttas in the *Majjhima Nikāya*

All the Suttas in the *Samyutta Nikāya*

All the Suttas in the *Anguttara Nikāya*

<i>Visuddhimagga</i>	<u>The Path of Purification</u>	Part III: Understanding
<i>Jātaka:</i>	<u>Birth Stories</u>	One Hundred
<i>Abhidhammattha Sangaha</i>	<u>The Comprehensive Manual of Abhidhamma</u>	Entire

## SECONDARY LITERATURE

### Reading List for prospective Dharma teachers:

These books provide an overview of the classical historical and doctrinal traditions in India, and thus contribute to a good context or background for the modern teaching of dharma. Such a background, we feel, is essential to basic literacy in the Buddhist tradition. This list has been culled from hundreds of similar books, and represents what we feel are the best, most complete, or most accessible of the lot. It is not necessary to read all of them, of course, but one should at least read a half dozen from the first group and most of the rest, to get a sense of the differing perspectives of various scholars.

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