



Dear Nitartha Institute participant,

We are excited to announce that this Spring, for the first time, all the courses of our Foundation and Intermediate Curriculum will be available online, which will be appealing to those who wish to progress through our curriculum more quickly. We continue to offer our flagship summer program and our regional programs, which can be mixed with the online courses in any combination.

The online courses can be taken either as self-paced courses or as live streaming courses based on the summer or regional inclass programs. The live streaming courses are offered in two formats: 1) spread out in a semester-long format that fits well in one's weekly schedule or 2) a 9 to 13 day intensive format based on the summer or regional programs for those with the time. The self-paced courses are offered in video and/or MP3s. A faculty member who is usually one of the original instructors of the course is assigned to support the individual students of a self-paced course. Please see below for a list of Foundation, Intermediate, and Advanced courses being offered this Spring, Summer, and beyond. When choosing a program, we would like to stress the special value of attending the live inclass courses.

For several years now, all the courses in our Advanced Curriculum have been offered online. Anyone may take the Advanced courses, though you will be more equipped to understand them once you have completed the Foundation and Intermediate Curriculum. This Spring semester, Acharya Lama Tenpa Gyaltzen will be teaching Aryadeva's important Madhyamaka text, the 400 Verses, while Khenpo Dr. Karl Brunnhölzl will teach the second installment on Maitreya's Ornament of Clear Realization.

To see detailed course descriptions and where a course fits into the overall curriculum, please see the Nitartha Institute Course Catalog at:

<http://www.nitarthainstitute.org/Nitartha-Institute-Course-Catalog-2012.pdf>

To register for a course, please go to:

<http://www.asaponlinereg.com/Default.aspx?org=773>

Enjoy your studies!

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LIST OF UPCOMING COURSES:

I. Foundation Curriculum:

Students should first take BUD 501 Mind and Its World I and BUD 502 Clear Thinking together, since the first course uses traditional tools for analysis taught in the second course. After that, we recommend taking the three remaining courses of the Foundation Curriculum in sequential order, though students may take them in any order if that is better for their schedules.

- BUD 501 Mind and Its World I: Valid Cognition & BUD 502 Clear Thinking (See comments above.)
 - Summer Program, Bellingham, WA: Live inclass and live streaming online. 13-day format. Session I: July 15 – 27, 2012.

- Hartford, CT: Live inclass. 9-day format. Dates to be announced.¹
- Vancouver, BC: Live inclass. 9-day format. Dates to be announced.¹
- Self-paced online format: Anytime. Original Instructors for Mind and Its World I: Scott Wellenbach & Stuart Horn. Original Instructors for Clear Thinking: Stuart Horn & Linda Patrik.
- BUD 510 Mind and Its World II: Mental Events & Causality
 - Summer Program, Bellingham, WA: Live inclass and live streaming online. 13-day format. Session II: July 29 – August 10, 2012.
 - Self-paced online format: Anytime. Original Instructors: Stuart Horn & Israel Lifshitz.
- BUD 520 Mind and Its World III: Modes of Engagement
 - Summer Program, Bellingham, WA: Live inclass and live streaming online. 13-day format. Session I: July 15 – 27, 2012.
 - Self-paced online format: Anytime. Original Instructors: Stuart Horn and Kim Colwell.
- BUD 530 Mind and Its World IV: Vaibhāshika and Sautrāntika Philosophical Traditions
 - Summer Program, Bellingham, WA: Live inclass and live streaming online. 13-day format. Session II: July 29 – August 10, 2012.
 - New York City, NY: Live inclass. 9-day format. April 6 – 15, 2012. To be confirmed.¹
 - Halifax, NS: Live inclass. Semester format. Dates to be announced.¹
 - Morales, Mexico: Includes BUD 555 Foundational Debate III. Live inclass and live streaming online. Semester format. Dates to be announced.¹ Instructor: Israel Lifshitz. Taught in Spanish.
 - Self-paced online format: Anytime. Original Instructor: Jirka Hladis.

II. Intermediate Curriculum:

We recommend taking the four courses of the Intermediate Curriculum in sequential order, though students may take them in any order if that is better for their schedules.

- BUD 601 Chittamātra Philosophical Tradition: Appearances Are Mere Mind
 - Summer Program, Bellingham, WA: Live inclass and live streaming online. 13-day format. Session I: July 15 – 27, 2012.
 - Self-paced online format: Anytime. Original Instructor: Phil Stanley.
- BUD 610 Madhyamaka Philosophical Tradition: Not Even a Middle
 - Summer Program, Bellingham, WA: Live inclass and live streaming online. 13-day format. Session II: July 29 – August 10, 2012. Self-paced online format: Anytime. Original Instructors: Phil Stanley & Jirka Hladis.
- BUD 620 Paths and Bhūmis: The Path to Enlightenment
 - Summer Program, Bellingham, WA: Live inclass and live streaming online. 13-day format. Session II: July 29 – August 10, 2012.
 - Self-paced online format: Anytime. Original Instructor: Phil Stanley.
- BUD 630 Buddha Nature: Luminous Heart of the Tathāgata
 - Summer Program, Bellingham, WA: Live inclass and live streaming online. 13-day format. Session I: July 15 – 27, 2012.
 - Boulder, CO: Live inclass and live streaming online. Semester format. January 23 – April 9, 2012. Instructor: Jirka Hladis.
 - Self-paced online format: Anytime. (Available June 2012). Original Instructor: Jirka Hladis.

¹ For updated information on course dates, see http://www.nitarthainstitute.org/programs_overview.shtml.

III. Advanced Curriculum:

The courses of the Advanced Curriculum can be taken in any order. The advanced courses of the summer program are listed first, and the remaining courses are listed by the date they are offered.

- 2012 Summer Program. Bellingham, WA
 - Instructor: Dzogchen Ponlop Rinpoche. Text to be announced. Live inclass and live streaming online. Session II: July 29 – August 10, 2012.
 - Instructor: Acharya Lama Tenpa Gyaltzen. BUD 770.1 *Dharmadharmatāvibhāga*: The Distinction between Phenomena and the Nature of Phenomena, Part 1 of 2. Live inclass and live streaming online. First two weeks of full month format. Session I July 15 – 27.
 - Instructor: Acharya Lama Tenpa Gyaltzen. BUD 770.2 *Dharmadharmatāvibhāga*: The Distinction between Phenomena and the Nature of Phenomena, Part 2 of 2. Live inclass and live streaming online. Second two weeks of full month format. Session II July 29 – August 10, 2012.
 - Instructor: Khenpo Dr. Karl Brunnhölzl. BUD 712: *Abhisamayālamkāra*: The Noble One Resting at Ease III. Live inclass and live streaming online. Full month format. Session I July 15 – 27
 - Instructor: Khenpo Dr. Karl Brunnhölzl. BUD 713 *Abhisamayālamkāra*: The Noble One Resting at Ease IV. Live inclass and live streaming online. Full month format. Session II July 29 – August 10, 2012. This is the final course on this text.

- BUD 704.1 *Chatuhshataka*: The Four Hundred Verses on the Yogic Conduct of a Bodhisattva, Part 1 of 2
 - Instructor: Acharya Lama Tenpa Gyaltzen. Boulder, CO. Live inclass and live streaming online. Semester format. January 25 – May 9, 2012.
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- BUD 704.2 *Chatuhshataka*: The Four Hundred Verses on the Yogic Conduct of a Bodhisattva, Part 2 of 2
 - Instructor: Acharya Lama Tenpa Gyaltzen. Boulder, CO. Live inclass and live streaming online. Semester format. Fall 2012.

- BUD 711: *Abhisamayālamkāra*: The Noble One Resting at Ease II
 - Instructor: Khenpo Dr. Karl Brunnhölzl. Seattle, WA. Live inclass and live streaming online. Semester format. February 20 – April 9, 2012. See above for courses III-IV on this text.

Advance Notice of New 2013 Advanced Courses:

- BUD 681.1-2 *Abhidharmakosha*: Bestowing the Fulfillment of Accomplishment and Happiness I, Parts 1 & 2 of 4.
 - Instructor: Acharya Kelzang Wangdi. Seattle, WA. Live inclass only. Full month format. January 3 – February 1, 2013.

- BUD 681.1 *Abhidharmakosha*: Bestowing the Fulfillment of Accomplishment and Happiness I, Part 1 of 4
 - Instructor: Acharya Kelzang Wangdi. Seattle, WA. Streaming online. Semester format. February to May, 2013, exact dates to be announced.¹ Presents Part 1 from the January 3 – February 1, 2013 live inclass.

- BUD 681.2 *Abhidharmakosha*: Bestowing the Fulfillment of Accomplishment and Happiness I, Part 2 of 4.

¹ For updated information on course dates, see http://www.nitarthainstitute.org/programs_overview.shtml.

- Instructor: Acharya Kelzang Wangdi. Seattle, WA. Streaming online. Semester format. September to December, 2013, exact dates to be announced.¹ Presents Part 2 from the January 3-February 1, 2013 live inclass.

Self-Paced Advanced Courses: Available Anytime

The following advanced curriculum courses can be taken from the online archive in a self-paced manner:

- BUD 700 Madhyamakāvatāra: The Chariot of the Takpo Kagyü Siddhas I. Instructor: Acharya Lama Tenpa Gyaltzen. Self-paced online format: Anytime.
- BUD 701 Madhyamakāvatāra: The Chariot of the Takpo Kagyü Siddhas II. Instructor: Acharya Lama Tenpa Gyaltzen. Self-paced online format: Anytime.
- BUD 702 Madhyamakāvatāra: The Chariot of the Takpo Kagyü Siddhas III. Instructor: Acharya Lama Tenpa Gyaltzen. Self-paced online format: Anytime.
- BUD 703 Madhyamakāvatāra: The Chariot of the Takpo Kagyü Siddhas IV. Instructor: Acharya Lama Tenpa Gyaltzen. Self-paced online format: Anytime.
- BUD 710 Abhisamayālamkāra: The Noble One Resting at Ease I. Instructor: Khenpo Dr. Karl Brunnhölzl. Self-paced online format: Anytime. See above for courses II-IV on this text.
- BUD 760 Madhyāntavibhāga: The Distinction Between the Middle and Extremes. Instructor: Khenpo Dr. Karl Brunnhölzl. Self-paced online format: Anytime.
- BUD 770 Dharmadharmatāvibhāga: The Distinction between Phenomena and the Nature of Phenomena. Instructor: Khenpo Dr. Karl Brunnhölzl. Self-paced online format: Anytime.

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