








5.00 credits

30.0 h

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**This biannual learning is being organized in 2026-2027**

Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	The course introduces the teachings of Buddhism, its rituals, practices and institutions. Proper attention is given to the diversity of traditions within Buddhism, their distinct sources and their specific contributions. Other critical themes include the life and teachings of the Buddha; the organisation of the community; and the formation of the Mahayana (Great Vehicle) and its major schools.
Learning outcomes	<p><b>At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :</b></p> <p>1 consider the broad lines and distinctive features of Buddhism against the background of its history, from the origins up to and including present developments.</p>
Bibliography	<p><b>Peter Baekelmans, <i>Shingon Mysticism</i>, Koyasan Publications, Nara, 2006.</b></p> <p>Bureau, André, <i>En suivant Bouddha</i>, Paris, éditions du Félin, Philippe Lebaud, 2000. Bechert H. et Gombrich, R., <i>Le Monde du bouddhisme</i>, Paris, Thamas &amp; Hudson, 1998. Baekelmans, Peter, The "Hidden" God, Towards a Christian Theology of Buddhism, Angelico Press, NY, 2022.</p> <p>Cornu, Philippe, <i>Padmasambhava, Le Livre des morts tibétain</i>, Paris, Buchet-Chastel, 2009. Harvey, Peter, <i>Le Bouddhisme, enseignements et pratiques</i>, Paris, Seuil, 1993.</p> <p>Magnin, Paul, <i>Bouddhisme, unité et diversité</i>, Paris, Cerf, 2003.</p> <p>Osier, Jean-Pierre (trad.), <i>Dhammapada, Les stances de la Loi</i>, Paris, GF Flammarion, 1997.</p> <p>Rahula, Walpola, <i>L'enseignement du Bouddha d'après les textes les plus anciens</i>, Paris, Seuil, Points Sagesses, Sa13, 1961.</p> <p>Snellgrove, David, <i>Indo-tibetan Buddhism</i>, London&amp;Boston, Shambhala, 1987.</p> <p>Sogyal Rinpoché, <i>Le Livre tibétain de la vie et de la mort</i>, Paris, La Table Ronde, 1993/2003 ; et <i>Le Livre de Poche</i>, 2006.</p> <p>Silburn, Liliane (dir.), <i>Aux Sources du bouddhisme</i>, ouvrage collectif, Paris, Fayard, 1997. Suzuki, Shunryu, <i>Esprit zen, esprit neuf</i>, Seuil, Points Sagesses Sa8, 1978.</p> <p>Trungpa, Chögyam, <i>Le mythe de la liberté</i>, Paris, Seuil, Points sagesses Sa18, 1979.</p>
Other infos	without object
Faculty or entity in charge	TEBI

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Minor in Sciences of Religions (discipline to complement the major)	MINSREL	5		
Bachelor in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies	HOR11BA	5		
Master [120] in Sciences of Religions	SREL2M	4		
Minor in Sciences of Religions (openness) - (only available for reenrolment)	MINRELI	5		
Certificat universitaire en sciences des religions	SREL9CE	3		
Minor in Antiquity: Egypt, Eastern World, Greece, Rome	MINANTI	5		
Minor "Decentering History: Subalternities and postcolonial Studies"	MINDHIS	5		
Mineure "Appréhender le religieux depuis les sciences sociales"	MINAREL	5		