

***What the Buddha Spoke?
Entering the Words of the Buddha &
Understanding Buddhism Through Pāli Texts***

Theme: This course provides the rare opportunity to learn understand and reflect on the key Buddhist principles and practice through learning the exact words of the Buddhist teachings in the Pāli language.

Objective: Equip and empower students in Buddhist theory, language, and practice towards training them to be confident Buddhist practitioners and spiritual caregivers

Target audience: Those with a serious interest in getting to the textual and contextual understanding of Buddhism whilst learning foundational Pāli.

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Content Lectures:

Pāli: Buddhist terminology, language, recitation and chanting

Design: This e-Course will run through semester 2 (Feb-June) on

Tuesday evenings, 18:30-21:00 (CET/CEST local time in Amsterdam)

in the form of contextual language tutorials, interactive exercises, and lectures. Assessment/examinations optional.

Amount of days: min. 14, max. 17 sessions of 2h30

Online or offline: Online

Self study: 5hours/week

Certification: Participation certificate; optional: weighted examination certificate

Dates:

8, 15, 22	February 2022
1, 8, 15, 23	March 2022
5, 12, 19, 26	April 2022
10, 17, 24	May 2022
(7, 14, 21	June 2022)

Location: Online/Zoom

Cost:

The costs for this course are

€ 149 per individual participant.

€ 398 for CPD participants with employers' contribution.

FREE for students currently enrolled at the Buddhist Spiritual Care trajectory at the VU (BA minor Buddhism, pre-master, MA Spiritual Care, Buddhism track and post-academic *Ambtsopleiding*)

The fee covers for the whole course and non-refundable.

Interested in this course but can't afford the fee? Contact us for concessions.

Literature: A New Course in Reading Pali by James W. Gair and W.S. Karunatilake

All other course materials literature will be sent digitally after registration and prior to the course.

This course is not officially yet officially externally accredited as CPD but is validated at the VU MA/PG level and could also be used as postgraduate training within permanent education for professionals. Ask your employer for recognition!

Number of credits:

6 ECTS (MA/PG/CPD – validated at VU Faculty of Religion and Theology)

Contact and Registration:

For more information and registration please contact

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