

# Statement of Accreditation Status Institute of Buddhist Studies

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**Current Accreditation Status:** Accredited

**Most Recent Commission Action:** April 15, 2025

**First Accredited:** 2019

**Undergraduate FTE:** 0

**Graduate FTE:** 18

**Financial Structure Type:** Non-Profit

**Sponsorship:** Other

**Academic Calendar:** Semester

**Distributes Federal Financial Aid:** No

## Commission Actions

\*Commission Action Letter, Seeking Accreditation Visit 2, February 2020 action

\*Commission action letter, seeking accreditation visit 1, June 2017 action

\*Team report, seeking accreditation visit 1, June 2017 action

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## Locations

OPEID	Location Name	City	Location Type	Status
00000000	JSC	Berkeley	Main Campus	active

## Degrees

Degree	Degree Level	Year Implemented	Modality
Certificate in Buddhist Chaplaincy	Non-degree	2013	On-Site
Certificate in Buddhist Studies	Non-degree	2019	Distance Education
Certificate in Shin Buddhist Studies (Online)	Non-degree	2020	Distance Education
Certificate in SÅ• tÅ• Zen Buddhist Studies (Online)	Non-degree	2020	Distance Education
Certificate in Theravada Buddhist Studies	Non-degree	2015	On-Site
Master of Arts in Buddhist Studies	Masters	1996	On-Site
Master of Arts in Buddhist Studies	Masters	2025	Distance Education
Master of Divinity	Masters	2012	On-Site

## Upcoming Reviews

Season	Year Level	Review Type
Fall	2025	Accreditation Visit