Students are encouraged to use this form to consult with their certificate advisor, plan for both which courses to take and for completing all certificate requirements. Students are expected to finalize this form with their certificate advisor and attach a copy of their unofficial transcript during the final semester of their senior year: no later than **November1** for fall/January graduates, and **April 1** for spring/May graduates.   
More information about certificate program requirements can be found at [www.fivecolleges.edu/buddhism/certificate](https://www.fivecolleges.edu/buddhism/certificate).   
Courses recommended for the certificate are listed at the program website: [www.fivecolleges.edu/buddhism/courses](https://www.fivecolleges.edu/buddhism/courses).

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| Campus Email:   Click or tap here to enter text. | Major:  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Permanent Email (best way to contact you after graduation):  Click or tap here to enter text. | Buddhist Studies Program Advisor Name (print):  Click or tap here to enter text. |

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# To be completed by the Advisor: The aforementioned student has completed all of the certificate requirements. I recommend to the Five College Buddhist Studies Committee that this student be awarded the certificate. Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted to Committee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The Buddhist Studies Committee reviewed this form and agreed to award the certificate on this date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# Course List

Please list seven courses fulfilling the certificate requirements. All courses must be a minimum of three credits, and the student must have received a grade of at least B for a course to qualify. At least one course must be at an advanced level (see #2 below).

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| **Institution** | **Course Title** | **Department** | **Course #** | **Semester** | **Yr.** | **Credits** | **Grade Pending? (Y/N)** | **Grade B or Better (Y/N)** |
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From the Course List above, please identify:

1. Three courses fulfilling the requirement to study in at least three different academic disciplines:

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1. One advanced level seminar (200 or above at Hampshire College, 300 or above at Mt. Holyoke College, Smith College, or UMass Amherst; courses nominated by the appropriate faculty at Amherst College):

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. One course in classical Buddhism:

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. One course in contemporary Buddhism movements (19th – 21st centuries):

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Two courses fulfilling the requirement to study at least two of the four required geographical areas (South and Southeast Asia, East Asia, the Tibet-Himalayan region, and the West):  
   Click or tap here to enter text.

Instructions to the program advisor for submitting certificate completion documents:

1. Meet with student to review requirements and ensure form is completed accurately. Verify that minimum grade requirement has been met (indicate with “yes” or “no”). Clearly mark any courses for which the grade is pending (in progress at the time the documents are submitted). Any in progress grades can be verified after the documents are submitted for processing.  
    Note: In order to protect the student’s privacy, please do not include specific grades on this form. Do not email student’s grades or   
    transcripts, as electronic communications are not considered sufficiently secure.
2. Sign and date the form to indicate the advisor’s recommendation of this student for the certificate award.
3. Submit the form **with a copy of the student’s transcript** to the Five College program Committee or Council overseeing the certificate for final review.
4. If the Five College program Committee or Council agrees to award the certificate to the student, the documents should be submitted to **fcacademics@fivecolleges.edu** for final processing by **December 15** for fall graduates and by **April 30** for spring graduates. **Please remove the student’s transcript before submitting this form to Five College staff** (**to protect student’s privacy**).
5. The certificate award will be noted on the student’s transcript by the appropriate campus registrar.