

About Discovering Buddhism: 04 Spiritual Teacher

This is the *fourth* module offered by Kadampa Center in the 2019 - 2021 Discovering Buddhism cycle and the *fourth* module in the order that FPMT presents the course. The teacher is Robbie Watkins.

Classes, Readings and Books

Class attendance, meditations, and readings are required for all students wishing to obtain a Kadampa Center completion certificate for this module.

Classes: There are five classes beginning July 8, 2019 and ending August 5, 2019. Class meets from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

Online Readings (required): Available online in pdf format; refer to the “Resources” section below to learn how to access. [Discovering Buddhism at Home, Subject Area 4, The Spiritual Teacher](#) contains:

- Practicing Guru Devotion, by Lama Zopa Rinpoche
- The Kindness of the Guru, by Lama Zopa Rinpoche
- Seeing the Guru as Buddha, by Lama Zopa Rinpoche
- The Blessings of the Guru, by Lama Zopa Rinpoche

Books (recommended): Can be found in our bookstore or online sites.

- Relating to a Spiritual Teacher, by Alex Berzin - available online at www.berzinarchives.com
- Heart of the Path, by Lama Zopa Rinpoche - published by LYWA
- Liberation in the Palm of Your Hand, (1997 gold edition, pp. 251-306, or 2006 blue edition, pp. 217-269)

Integration Practices

Additional integration practices are required for FPMT. In order to receive the certificate for the FPMT Discovering Buddhism Course (which includes this module, 12 other modules like this, and a fourteenth module of Special Integration Experiences) you must complete all of the additional FPMT requirements. We recommend you begin your Integrated Practice as early as possible.

- Follow the instructions in the FPMT online course for the two-day weekend deity retreat with meditation on lam-rim OR attend an equivalent retreat at the Kadampa Center (not currently scheduled)
- FPMT online course Final Exam

Resources

Use the Kadampa Center website to access the course Readings	The FPMT website has the Readings plus an introductory video and Suggestions for Further Study.
- Go to https://www.kadampa-center.org/ - Click Spiritual Program - Beginner Programs - Discovering Buddhism Material	- Go to https://onlinelearning.fpmt.org/ - Create an account -OR- Login (if you have an account) - Click Discovering Buddhism - Enroll in DB Module 3 using the enrollment key guruyoga88

Watching Class Online

If you cannot make it to class in person, you may watch from home at www.kadampa-center.org/streaming. If streaming goes down for any reason, you will still be able to access the recording later. If you miss a class, you may make it up by accessing the audio recording on the Kadampa Center website (www.kadampa-center.org). Click on the “Recordings” tab.

Contact Info

Linda Saah is the Discovering Buddhism Program Assistant. She can help you with accessing online materials as well as answering questions about class logistics. You may also email program.db@kadampa-center.org.

Completion Card - Available on Last Day of Class

You are encouraged to record your meditations, practices, and class readings. Turn in the completion card on the last day of class to receive a Kadampa Center completion certificate for this module. To receive an overall Discovering Buddhism Course completion certificate from FPMT, complete the additional requirements and the requirements for the 13 other modules.

Use the space below to record your progress to be able to fill out the completion card:

Class Lectures: July 8 July 15 July 22 July 29 August 5

Readings and Books are listed on the front page.

Final Class Requirements, if assigned (essay, exam, etc.): _____

Record your Meditations and Dates here:

Giving

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2. **TEXT GIVING!** Send KC108 to 73256 and select Dharma Class Donations from the drop down menu. After you enter your financial data one time, the next time will be quick and easy!
3. Drop cash or checks in the 2 donation boxes located outside the gumpa door and on the entry concierge desk.
4. Snail mail checks to: The Kadampa Center, 5412 Etta Burke Ct. Raleigh, NC 27606.

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