

The International Buddhist Academy (IBA) in Kathmandu is launching a global training program that encompasses the Buddhist path in its entirety. This unique course is devised to provide Dharma practitioners of all levels of experience a systematic training focused mainly on the theory and practice of the Vajrayana path as transmitted by the founding masters of the Sakya school of Tibetan Buddhism.

His Eminence Ratna Vajra Rinpoche, the elder son of His Holiness the 41st Sakya Trizin and one of the most important lineage holders living today, was requested to teach this program at the International Buddhist Academy, an ideal setting in Kathmandu for this intensive training course. In addition, IBA is establishing partnerships with selected Dharma centers on different continents to offer the first three years of this program to be taught by qualified lamas and guest teachers. Please contact IBA for more details.



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THE COMPLETE PATH
A SYSTEMATIC TRAINING
FROM SUTRA TO TANTRA

HIS EMINENCE RATNA VAJRA RINPOCHE

7-YEAR PROGRAM FROM 2017-2023

2017 August 1 - August 26 *Clarifying the Sage's Intent*

August 1 - August 5 *Introductory course* with Khenpo Ngawang Jorden

August 7 - August 26 *Clarifying the Sage's Intent* by the Great Sakya Pandita Kunga Gyaltsen

This text by Sakya Pandita, one of the founders of the tradition, is a complete presentation of the theory and practice of the Mahayana, covering the topics of Buddha nature, refuge, bodhicitta, the six paramitas, the stages of the path and the qualities of the resultant state of buddhahood.

2018 * Tentative dates: July 27 - August 16

***The Beautiful Ornament of the Three Visions* by Ngorchen Khönchog Lhundrup**

The Beautiful Ornament of the Three Visions, taught in preparation for the Vajrayana path, is the meditation manual for the sutra path according to the Lamdré cycle of teachings. It covers all the practices from going for refuge and bodhicitta up to the cultivation of calm abiding and special insight, culminating in a description of the qualities of enlightenment manifesting as a result of the perfection of these practices.

2019 * Tentative dates: August 15 - September 4

Hevajra cause empowerment and preliminaries - teachings and practice

Hevajra is the main deity of the Sakya tradition and its practice is the focus of the Lamdré teachings. The practice of the preliminaries or ngöndro (Refuge, Bodhicitta, Vajrasattva, Mandala, and Guru Yoga) is an indispensable foundation for the higher tantric yogas.

2020 *A General Presentation of the Tantras* by Lopön Sönam Tsemo, and the first part of *The Tree of Clear Realization* by Lopön Sönam Tsemo

A General Presentation of the Tantras is one of the principal texts for the study of tantra in the Sakya tradition and was composed by Lopön Sönam Tsemo, one of the tradition's founding masters. It includes a general presentation of the subject, explanations of the titles of the tantric scriptures and of the manner in which the tantras are taught.

The Tree of Clear Realization is the second key text on tantra studied in the Sakya tradition. Its first part, composed by Lopön Sönam Tsemo, includes a presentation of the refuge and other pratimoksha vows, bodhicitta, the four Indian schools of Buddhist philosophy, and an overview of the four classes of tantra.

2021 The second part of *The Tree of Clear Realization* by Jetsün Dragpa Gyaltsen

The second part of *The Tree of Clear Realization* was composed by Jetsün Dragpa Gyaltsen, the younger brother of Sönam Tsemo. This part focuses on the highest yoga tantra, and in particular on the practice of Shri Hevajra. It explains the process of empowerment and the eleven clear realizations (view, creation stage, completion stage, conduct, and immediate cause - to accomplish the supreme siddhi; mantra recitation, tormo offering, fire ritual, consecration, and various activities - to accomplish the common siddhis; and the samayas and vows necessary for the accomplishment of both the supreme and the common siddhis), up to the qualities of perfect enlightenment.

2022 *The Hevajra Root Tantra*

The Hevajra Root Tantra is one of the most important Indian Buddhist scriptures of the Vajrayana. It is one of three tantras on the deity Hevajra and the root of Sakya Lamdré teachings. Due to the profound nature of this text, instructions on it are rarely given, which makes this occasion particularly precious.

2023 *Hevajra meditation instructions based on the Lamdre teachings*

The heart of the Sakya tradition is the Lamdre cycle of teachings based on the Hevajra Tantra. In this course, His Eminence will teach the uncommon view of khordé yermé, 'the non-differentiation of samsara and nirvana', and give detailed practice instructions for the practice of Hevajra, the central tantric deity in the Sakya tradition.

Participation & Certification

- The full 7-year program will be taught by His Eminence Ratna Vajra Rinpoche at the International Buddhist Academy in Kathmandu.
- Selected partner centers will host the first three years of this program to be taught by qualified lamas and guest teachers.
- His Eminence will teach directly in English with the possibility of translations into other languages for groups. (Simultaneous translation into Chinese is confirmed for 2017)
- The first year (2017) is open to everyone. Participation from the second year (2018) onward requires completion of the previous levels.
- At the end of each year's course, participants will receive a certification attesting their qualification to continue the program. This will help students gain an authentic understanding of the entire path.
- A special certificate will be awarded to participants for completion of the full 7-year program.

