

# Syllabus

<b>Program Title:</b> Oakdale Grove's Druid Training Program <b>Program Type:</b> Self-Study, Distance Learning <b>Prerequisites:</b> N/A <b>Meeting Times:</b> N/A <b>Cross-Accreditation in other Druid Orders:</b> N/A <b>Course Duration:</b> No minimum or maximum <b>Cost:</b> N/A	<b>Facilitator Contact Info:</b> MNdruids@gmail.com  Oakdale Grove C/O OBF Program PO Box 28821 Oakdale, MN 55128
<b>Facilitators:</b> The Reformed Druids of North America: Oakdale Grove's Council of Dalon Ap Landu	

## Required Materials and Texts

- Oakdale Grove's Druid Training Program digital workbook (this PDF)
- Device and software for viewing and entering text into PDF forms (Adobe Reader, Foxit, Javelin, Nitro, et cetera)
- A journal or blog designated for your druidry
- A functional, regularly maintained email address
- Access to nature
- [A Reformed Druid Anthology](#), 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (ARDA 2)

## Recommended Materials

- Camera
- Walking staff
- Chalice
- Sickle
- Ritual garb

## Program Overview, Goals, and Objectives

The Reformed Druids Of North America (RDNA) has no formal requirement for training in the path of modern druidry. Nor does the RDNA have any training requirements for ascending to the First, Second, or Third Orders. Nevertheless, there is a demand for an RDNA training program and this course is designed to meet that demand on a rudimentary level. Since this training program is not prerequisite to ordination in the RDNA hierarchy, we have created a new *honorary* order within the RDNA called the *Order of Bradán Feasa (OBF)* for those who complete the program. Upon completion of this training program, you will be inducted into the OBF and shall have a working understanding of the following topics:

- Overview of the ancient druids from Classical Antiquity to the Early Middle Ages
- Overview of the Druidry Revival movement in the Age of Enlightenment
- History, customs, rituals, and philosophy of Reformed Druidism
- Various practices and philosophies of broader druidism and nature-based spirituality
- Enhanced Awareness of the patterns of Nature and seasonality in your environment
- *Specifically among members of Oakdale Grove*, members shall successfully complete this course as prerequisite to ordination to the Third Order.

## Course Methodology

This training program depends predominantly on reading, writing essays, short answer questions, creative projects, and other activities with attestations to demonstrate that you are developing an understanding of the workbook content. When you have completed the program requirements, you must submit this workbook via email to program facilitators who will review it and determine that the requirements have been sufficiently satisfied.

## Units

- 1 This workbook of lectures, activities, attestations, and essays – see Table of Contents for all topics in this unit
- 2 ARDA study course
  - 2.a Short-answer and numerous small essays to demonstrate ARDA comprehension
  - 2.b ARDA Exam

## Grading

Your path to druidism is unique. This program asks for a significant amount of subjective content from you in both course units. There will be no traditional grading methodology employed in Unit 1. Instead, Unit 1 will ultimately have an *Incomplete* or *Complete* status. Unit 2 is the ARDA Study Course and will be validated on *completion* of short answer and essay prompts, as well as a graded exam. A passing grade on the exam as well as *completion* of Units 1 & 2 is prerequisite to OBF certification. Since there is no formal testing environment, time allotment, or proctorial supervision, **the exam is open-book**. Therefore, a higher score is required in order to pass. There is no limit on the number of attempts to pass the exam.

Program Segment	Grading Criteria
Unit 1 Lectures, Activities, Essays	Incomplete/Complete
Unit 2 Short Answers and Essays	Incomplete/Complete
Unit 2 ARDA Exam	Passing score of 80% or higher

## Outcome After Completion

After you pass the exam and course completion has been validated, the facilitators will send you a digital Certificate of Induction to the Order of Bradán Feasa (OBF). If desired, a high-quality printed certificate can be purchased and mailed.

## Academic Policy

For all sections that require short answers or essays, everything should be in your own words. Entries should be of sufficient length to demonstrate that you understood the content and the questions or essay prompts. You may work together in study groups, but your work should be written independently by you. To receive a *Complete* status you must provide answers (or check the Attestation box when applicable) for all questions and essays except Extra Credit items. Extra Credit items can be completed in groups if applicable. Some course content is subjective, and in some cases the facilitators don't have a method of verification that it is you completing the work. In these cases you are subject to the Honor System. Please complete the final test on your own. All we can ask is that you complete this program with integrity and honesty.