

# 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> Reformed Druids of North America: Oakdale Grove's Council of Dalon Ap Landu	

## Required Materials and Texts

- Oakdale Grove's RDNA Druid Training Program digital workbook
- Device and software for viewing and entering text into PDF forms
- A journal or blog designated for your Druidry
- A functional, regularly maintained email address
- Access to Nature
- [A Reformed Druid Anthology](#), Special 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (ARDA II)

## Recommended Materials (totally optional)

- Camera or smartphone
- Walking staff
- Chalice
- 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, as interpreted by members of Oakdale Grove and some external contributors. 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, will receive a certificate stating such, 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
- The ability to compare and contrast the RDNA against other modern Druid orders
- Enhanced Awareness of the patterns of Nature and seasonality in your environment
- Among members or external mentees of Oakdale Grove, individuals would be expected to complete Units 1 & 2 as prerequisite to consideration for elevations to the Second Order, as well as Unit 3 for Third Order candidacy.

## 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. Required: This workbook of lectures, activities, attestations, and essays
2. Required: ARDA II study course (separate workbook)
  - (a) Short-answer and numerous small essays to demonstrate ARDA comprehension
  - (b) ARDA Exam
3. Optional: RDNA Clergy Prep Course & Grove Governance Guide (GGG)

## Grading

Your path to Druidism is unique. This program asks for a significant amount of subjective content from you in all course units. 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 2A: Short Answers and Essays	Incomplete/Complete
Unit 2B: ARDA Exam	Passing score of 90% or higher
Optional Unit 3: RDNA Clergy Prep Course	Incomplete/Complete
Optional Unit 3A: Grove Governance Guide (GGG)	Incomplete/Complete

## 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). Following certification is the optional Unit 3: RDNA Clergy Prep Course and Grove Governance Guide (GGG).

## Academic Policy

For all short answers or essays, everything should be in your own words. Your entries should demonstrate that you understand the content and the essay prompts. You may work together in study groups, but your answers should be written independently by you. To receive a *Complete* status you must provide answers (or check an Attestation box when applicable) for all questions and essays except Extra Credit items. Extra Credit items can be completed in groups if applicable. Much of the 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.