

## FAQ

### What Do I need to Take a Class?

- Be a practicing Pagan
- Be able to attend classes in the Ottawa area
- Bring an open mind

Most classes require a basic understanding of Pagan terminology and prior experience of Pagan ritual. Some courses have additional requirements — see the course listing for details.

### Where Are the Classes Held?

Classes are held at various locations throughout the city of Ottawa, depending upon availability. There are four locations which include two private homes and two rented locations.

### When Are Classes Held?

Generally from 7-9 on a weekday evening. Classes are grouped into three terms through the year:

- Sept through mid-Dec (Fall)
- January through March (Winter)
- April through early June (Spring)

### How Much Do They Cost?

\$25 per course of 7 or more lessons, \$15 per shorter course; or the actual costs divided by the number of students, whichever turns out to be more.

### How Do I Apply for a Class?

If you happen to know the instructor, you can always apply directly to him or her, but the usual way is to send us an email by filling in the registration form on our website (under Registration).

## What We Do

OPS provides continuing education to lay a solid foundation for one's personal Pagan practice, starting with the basics and progressing to intermediate and advanced classes building upon that foundation.

- hands-on instruction
- minimal emphasis on Tradition-specific materials
- an open and inviting space to learn and explore Craft

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Jan.	OPS-105	Introduction to Divination \$25
	OPS-200	Intermediate Circle \$25
	OPS-220	Ritual Writing \$25
May	OPS-300	Applied Shamanism \$25
Sept.	OPS-100	Circle Basics \$25
	OPS-250	Intermediate Spellcasting \$15

New classes may be added in the Fall. Check the website for up to date scheduling and course details.



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# OTTAWA PAGAN SCHOLA



Offering magical education to  
members of the Ottawa Pagan  
community since 2003

## About the OPS

Founded in September 2003, the Ottawa Pagan Schola delivers useful, hands-on training to Pagans in the Ottawa area. Our aim is to provide our students with the basic knowledge and skills to be a strong contributing member of any ritual they attend, as well as enriching their own private practice.

A number of courses are available in a continuing education format for students to pursue their individual interests. A limited number of subsidies are available.

Our curriculum is designed to lay a solid foundation for full participation in Pagan ritual with minimal emphasis on Tradition specific materials. Where we cannot avoid Traditional materials (specifics on Circle casting, for instance) we lean to the traditions of local public Paganism or create something just for the school.

We also offer basic and intermediate classes which build upon that foundation to develop one's personal Pagan practice so you are able to practice craft as well as gain a fundamental knowledge base..

Lessons are comprised of readings, group discussion and practical exercises, and are held on a weekly (or bi-weekly) basis.

## Course Information

Students are encouraged to share their experiences and knowledge as these are intended to be experiential classes.

### Level 1

These courses lay the foundation for more advanced Schola presentations and were designed to be interesting to novices and old-hands alike.

**OPS-100:** Circle Basics — fundamentals leading to active participation in a neoPagan circle. (11 weeks)

**OPS-102:** Basic Circle Workshop — hone or refresh the skills acquired in OPS 100.

**OPS-105:** Introduction to Divination—a 10 week course on the art of finding things out using divination tools. No preq.

**OPS-110:** Introduction to the Elements—6 week course on the five 'Socratic' elements. No preq.

**OPS-150:** Elements of Spellcasting— a 5 week course on the basics of successful spell casting, using the classical Elements for our hands-on exercises. Requires OPS 100.

### Level 2

These courses build on the foundation materials and are designed to take the student deeper into their learning. Most use one or more level 1 courses as a prerequisite.

**OPS-200:** Intermediate Circle — a 10 week series on how to organise and run a

neoPagan circle. Requires OPS 100.

**OPS-202:** Circle Refresher — an opportunity to learn new skills, refresh old ones, and learn alternate methods for casting and kenning. Requires OPS 100, OPS 200 recommended.

**OPS-215:** British Traditional Wicca — 4 session detailed look at the Gardnerian and Alexandrian traditions. Requires OPS 200.

**OPS-220:** Ritual Writing Practicum — 8 classes on learning ritual writing through experience. Requires OPS 100.

**OPS-250:** Intermediate Spellcasting — 5 classes on building more complex spells and talismans with astrological forces. Requires OPS 150.

### Level 3

These are fairly advanced courses for experienced practitioners and require both level 1 and level 2 courses as a prerequisite.

**OPS-300:** Applied Shamanism — an 11 week series on applied shamanic techniques. Requires OPS 200.

**OPS-310:** Instructor's Course —basic instructional technique and how to manage an OPS class or course. Needs OPS 200 and experience as a TA.

Because we measure our success by what students can actually do rather than what they can remember, classes are taught in a highly interactive manner.