

CM 475: PRAXIS OF SUMMONING SYLLABUS

Credits: 3

Pre-requisite: CM 375

Welcome to CM 475: Praxis of Summoning, an advanced exploration into the art and science of summoning spirits and deities. Delving beyond the realm of mere theory, this course sets its sights on the applied practice of summoning, emphasizing hands-on rituals, tools, methodologies, and the safeguarding mechanisms essential for the proficient summoner.

The spirit realm, intricate and vast, offers manifold opportunities for connection, knowledge, and magickal workings. However, interfacing with this realm necessitates proficiency, respect, and understanding. As such, this course is structured to progressively lead the student from foundational practices to advanced summoning rituals, emphasizing the importance of preparation, consent, protection, and closure.

Through an intricate tapestry of primary texts, historical rituals, modern methodologies, and ancient traditions, students will navigate the many faces of summoning. This course encompasses varied traditions, from the ceremonial magicks of medieval Europe, the sacred rites of ancient civilizations, to contemporary eclectic practices.

Key areas of study include the ethics of summoning, understanding and crafting appropriate magickal correspondences, harnessing the power of ritual tools, and developing a deep awareness of the spirits and deities being called forth. Moreover, the course places a strong emphasis on safety, ensuring students are well-versed in the mechanisms of defense against any unforeseen complications or malevolent entities.

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be equipped not just with knowledge but with the confidence and practical skills necessary to summon and work with spirits, always emphasizing mutual respect and benefit.



Lessons

(Lesson 1): Foundations of Praxis in Summoning - The journey into praxis begins with understanding the seamless transition from theory into hands-on practice. This lesson discusses the significance of prior theoretical knowledge, setting the foundation for the intricate rituals to be explored.

(Lesson 2): Ritual Preparation – We delve into the vital preliminary stages of summoning, emphasizing the mental, emotional, and physical preparations. Explore purification rites, grounding exercises, and the importance of achieving a centered state before engaging with the spirit world.

(Lesson 3): Sacred Spaces & Circles - The creation of a protected environment is paramount. Students will learn various techniques for casting circles, invoking the quarters, and establishing a safe and sacred space conducive to successful summoning rituals.

(Lesson 4): Elemental Invocations – We explore the ancient rites associated with invoking the elemental forces. Understand the deep-seated connections between the practitioner, their intentions, and the elemental energies of Earth, Air, Fire, and Water.

(Lesson 5): The Role of Correspondences - In the realm of summoning, timing and alignment can be pivotal. Dive deep into the myriad of correspondences, ranging from planetary hours to colors, and understand how they can be strategically integrated into summoning practices for enhanced outcomes.

(Lesson 6): Sigils and Symbols - Symbols hold power, and this lesson illuminates the art of harnessing that power. From crafting personalized sigils to understanding historically significant symbols, students will gain hands-on experience in the realm of visual magick.

(Lesson 7): Summoning Ritual Tools - Tools aren't just physical entities but extensions of the magician's will. A detailed study on how to select, consecrate, and utilize ritualistic tools such as wands, athames, and chalices will be undertaken, anchoring their importance in successful summonings.

(Lesson 8): Licenses to Depart - Concluding a ritual with grace and respect is paramount. This lesson underscores the significance of formally dismissing summoned entities, ensuring they are returned to their realms safely, leaving the practitioner's space in harmony.

(Lesson 9): The Goetia & Solomonic Traditions - Enter the intricate world of Solomonic magick, focusing on the Goetia's demons and their attributes. Delve into historical rituals, understanding the intricate dance between summoner and the summoned.

(Lesson 10): The Enochian Calls - Explore the enigmatic Enochian system, heralded by many as the pinnacle of angelic summoning. With its unique language and intricate sigils, students will learn the essentials to approach this advanced form of magickal communication.

(Lesson 11): The Entities of the Grimoires - The ancient grimoires serve as a repository of esoteric wisdom, containing a myriad of spirits and their attributes. Students will study select entities from classic texts like the "Picatrix" and "The Key of Solomon," understanding their natures, preferences, and the specific methodologies to engage with them safely.

(Lesson 12): Spirits of Nature: Elementals and Land Spirits - Beyond the well-charted spirits of traditional texts, our natural world teems with entities of its own. Dive into the magick of gnomes, undines, sylphs, and salamanders. Discover ancient traditions that honor land spirits, from the dryads of the forests to the spirits of mountains and rivers.

(Lesson 13): Fae and Otherworldly Beings - The world of Fae is complex and multifaceted. Grasp the nuances between Seelie and Unseelie courts, understand their distinct likes and dislikes, and learn to navigate encounters with these capricious entities with a blend of respect and caution.

(Lesson 14): The Chthonic Realms: Dealing with Underworld Spirits - Not all entities reside in celestial spheres. This lesson immerses students into the darker chthonic realms, understanding spirits from mythological underworlds and methods to commune without succumbing to their intense energies.

(Lesson 15): Ancestral Spirits & Honoring the Dead - For many magicians, summoning begins at home with ancestral veneration. Learn the rich traditions of connecting with

forebearers, understanding how ancestral worship varies across cultures, and how to incorporate these practices into modern rituals.

(Lesson 16): Safety Protocols and Psychic Hygiene - Perhaps the most pivotal of all lessons, here students will understand the paramount importance of maintaining spiritual cleanliness. Delve into rites of purification, cleansing baths, and practices to sever unwanted ethereal connections post-summoning.

(Lesson 17): Ritual Failures: Diagnostics & Corrections - Every practitioner, novice or adept, may encounter ritualistic roadblocks. This lesson focuses on identifying when a summoning ritual has gone awry and the corrective steps to remedy the situation, ensuring both practitioner and entity remain unharmed.



(Lesson 18): Talismans & Amulets in Summoning - These are not mere objects but powerful tools that can be charged with the essence of the summoned. Explore the art of crafting talismans, charging them with specific spirits for various purposes, and learn the ancient methodologies of embedding them with purpose and power.

(Lesson 19): Navigating Ethical Concerns in Summoning - Every action in magick has repercussions, and summoning is no exception. Engage in thought-provoking discussions about the ethics of summoning, exploring the gray areas that often emerge when dealing with entities and their desires.

(Lesson 20): The Importance of Record Keeping - An often overlooked but vital aspect of magical practice is meticulous record-keeping. Students will appreciate the significance of

maintaining detailed records of their rituals, encounters, and experiences, facilitating growth and reflection in their magickal journey.

(Lesson 21): Astral Projection and Summoning - An in-depth exploration of how astral travel intersects with summoning practices. Students will learn to navigate the astral planes, meet entities in their own realms, and understand the intricacies of initiating spirit contact within the astral realm. Techniques to ensure a safe return and the importance of grounding after astral work will also be discussed.

(Lesson 22): Ephemeral Summons: Temporal Engagements - Not every summoning requires lasting contracts or extended engagements. Delve into the practice of calling spirits for fleeting moments, be it for insights, brief aid, or momentary companionship. This lesson also emphasizes the etiquette of such interactions and the importance of parting on amicable terms.

(Lesson 23): Crafting the Perfect Invocation - Invocation is an art, a harmonious blend of intent, emotion, and linguistic precision. Explore the nuances of crafting potent invocations, from choosing resonant words to the rhythm and cadence that captures an entity's attention. Students will analyze historical invocations and even craft their own.

(Lesson 24): Spirit Vessels & Familiars - An exploration of how entities can be tethered or connected to objects or animals, allowing for a deeper bond and constant connection. Discover the responsibilities and ethics associated with creating and maintaining spirit vessels, and the lore of magickal familiars.

(Lesson 25): High Magick vs. Folk Summoning Traditions - Compare and contrast the grand rituals of ceremonial magick with the more intimate, often improvised rites of folk traditions. By understanding both, students will gain a well-rounded view and can adopt practices from each that resonate with their personal style.

(Lesson 26): Offerings, Pacts, and Exchanges - A summoning often isn't a one-way request; it involves mutual exchanges. Learn the art of choosing appropriate offerings, the intricacies of forming pacts, and the weight of promises made to the intangible.

(Lesson 27): Dissolution of Bonds: Ending Spirit Contracts - All relationships have their time, and this includes those with spirits. Grasp the delicate and respectful methods of

ending spirit contracts, ensuring no lingering ties remain, and parting without harboring residual energies.

(Lesson 28): Group Summoning and Collective Energies - Delve into the dynamics of performing summonings within a group, understanding how collective energies can amplify a ritual but also bring in complexities. Students will also touch upon the roles and responsibilities of each participant in a group summoning scenario.

(Lesson 29): Evaluating Success and Ritual Reflection - Post-ritual reflection is essential for growth. Learn how to evaluate the success of a summoning, decipher signs of a spirit's presence, and the importance of introspection to refine techniques for future endeavors.

(Lesson 30): Advanced Protective Measures in Summoning - Building upon earlier lessons on safety, students will now dive deeper into advanced protective techniques. Explore intricate wards, seals, and barriers to ensure the utmost safety during high-risk summoning endeavors.

(Lesson 31): Culmination: Crafting a Personalized Summoning Grimoire - Drawing from the entirety of the course, students are guided in creating their personalized grimoire of summoning, capturing their insights, reflections, preferred methods, and unique experiences. The grimoire serves as a testament to their journey through the course and as a guide for future summoning endeavors.



Exercises

(Assignment 1 - After Lesson 3): Elemental Correspondences Report - Research and write a detailed report on one of the primary elements (Earth, Water, Fire, Air). Discuss its symbolism, historical importance in summoning rituals, and suggested tools associated with it. What is the importance of the element in summoning and calling forth spirits?

(Assignment 2 - After Lesson 6): Research on Spirit's Sigil - Choose a spirit and delve deeply into the symbolism and history of their sigil. Reproduce the sigil and reflect on the energies and insights felt during this activity.

(Assignment 3 - After Lesson 9): Ritual Tool Crafting and Consecration - Create a simple ritual tool (like a wand or chalice) and consecrate it for summoning. Document the crafting process, consecration, and its significance in the ritual space.

(Assignment 4 - After Lesson 12): Enochian Script Exploration - Translate a brief ritual phrase or chant into Enochian. Discuss the unique vibrations and energies associated with this angelic language.

(Assignment 5 - After Lesson 15): Ritual Space Blueprint - Design a detailed blueprint for your ideal ritual space for summoning, describing each element's purpose and placement. We will also focus on creating a protective circle.

(Assignment 6 - After Lesson 18): Protective Measures Journal - Over a week, practice different protection techniques discussed in the lessons. Document your feelings, experiences, and any challenges faced during each protection ritual.

(Assignment 7 - After Lesson 21): Entity Research Report - Select a spirit or entity. Discuss their history, nature, and significance within their native culture. Highlight their role in historical summonings and any unique requirements or considerations.

(Assignment 8 - After Lesson 24): Personal Sigil Crafting - Design a personal sigil representing your spiritual journey in this course. Describe its components and the reasoning behind each symbol chosen.

(Assignment 9 - After Lesson 27): Astral Travel Diary - Engage in a series of astral projections to familiarize yourself with the astral plane. Document each journey, noting feelings, entities encountered, and any messages or symbols received.

(Assignment 10 - After Lesson 30): Ritual Preparation Journal - As you approach the act of summoning, document the preparations—physically, mentally, and spiritually. Detail the tools, space, and protective measures you're incorporating.

(Assignment 11 - After Lesson 33): Mock Summoning - Without intending to actually summon an entity, walk through every step of a summoning ritual. Document the process and reflect on any areas of improvement.

(Assignment 12 - After Lesson 31): Culminating Summoning Ritual - Execute a summoning ritual with an entity of your choice. Detail the steps taken, any interactions or communications received, and reflect upon the entire journey of the course leading up to this moment.