

Iseum Musicum

The Iseum Musicum, the School of the Muse, is the education wing of the Temple of the Feminine Divine. It offers a three-year course that prepares individuals to become Pagan clergy. The course is intended to support students as they explore and develop their individual spiritual paths, and learn how to serve their communities as clergy.

The curriculum is diverse and intensive and requires homework, accomplished through reading and research. It includes segments on the history of the Goddess, Pagan beliefs and practices, psychic energy, and Pagan ministry. The classes are facilitated using the Peace and Power Process, a consensus-based format, and students take responsibility on a rotating basis for various roles, such as convener and time-keeper. Students also teach each other through weekly presentations on Goddesses, and on Sophias covering topics relevant to the weekly curriculum. Each of the three years consists of twelve weeks in the spring, and eight weeks in the fall, with a weekend retreat in the summer. The course tuition of \$500 per year can be paid up front, or apportioned throughout the semester in whatever manner is convenient. A yearly Temple membership of \$40 is also required.

The course is taught by ordained clergy of the Temple. The Iseum Advisory Committee provides additional support and guidance where needed. A class must have at least eight students enrolled before it can start, and no additional students will be accepted once the class has begun. At the end of the three years, after students have satisfactorily completed the course and sat for an exit interview, they can choose to be ordained, and can then be credentialed by the State of Maine.

How to Apply

1. Complete the application provided on the website, and print and mail two copies to the address provided. The application will be reviewed by Iseum teachers and the Advisory Committee.
2. You will then be contacted for an initial telephone interview where you will be able to ask whatever questions you may have.
3. If you decide to proceed, you will then be scheduled for an on-line interview with the class teachers and members of the Advisory Committee.
4. Following a satisfactory on-line interview, you will be accepted into the Iseum. Then, at an initial get-together with students and facilitators, everyone will decide on the class schedule for the semester.