

The Compass Academy

Overview

Long before the Camarilla's founding, numerous Kindred societies arose among those who followed the Road of Humanity. Known collectively as "The Academy," these early networks united philosophers, scholars, and thinkers devoted to *Via Humanitatis*. Drawing inspiration from these ancient traditions, the Camarilla formally re-established this ideal in 2023 as **The Compass Academy**.

While the modern incarnation retains the spirit of its predecessors, its focus has evolved from pure scholarship to **practical application** — ensuring that Humanity is not merely studied but lived.

Members of the Compass Academy must demonstrate personal commitment to the Path of Humanity and work actively to promote it within the Camarilla. They aid those who have faltered close to their Beasts, helping them regain mastery, and will never turn away anyone who sincerely seeks to climb the Path.

Many within the Academy also dedicate themselves to **shielding mortals** from vampiric manipulation. They encourage humane solutions and minimize mortal casualties whenever possible. Princes and other officers of the Camarilla frequently call upon the Academy to advise on **nonviolent resolutions** to political and moral crises.

Source Material: Road of Humanity p.51-53

Nicknames: The Academy

Role and Authority

- Role within the Camarilla: Promote Humanity, guide Kindred toward moral awareness, and protect mortal life.
- Authority: The Academy holds no official power but commands moral influence. Many elders quietly discount it, yet others hold it in high regard for preventing the fall of countless Kindred to their Beasts.
- Honorary Title: *Conservator*
- Honorary Status: *Humane*

Members may join one other Camarilla Society but must choose which Honorary Status to claim.

Structure and Ranks

The Compass Academy values egalitarianism. Every member bears the title *Conservator*. Only the original founders, known as Cornerstones, possess greater influence by virtue of their role in maintaining Justicarial recognition.

Recruit

This is the first rank of the Compass Academy. Anyone wishing to go through the admissions process starts here. Once they complete all the steps and show their dedication to Humanitas they can be elevated to the next rank. Notification to the Camarilla Coordinator

Conservator

Prerequisites

- Humanity 4+ (5-point scale) or 7+ (10-point scale)
- Empathy 3, Academics 3, Kindred Lore 3
- Simple majority vote by existing members

Advantages

- Mentorship in the Merits *Calm Heart* and *Slowed Degeneration*
- Instruction in Combination Disciplines: *Beast's Communion* and *Mortal Skin* (*Road of Humanity*, p.70–71)
- Mentorship in the Combos: *Beseech the Soul*
- Herd Coordination: The *Herd* background functions at double value due to collective support networks.
- Moral Fortitude: Members of the Compass Academy gain a free retest vs any supernatural phenomenon which would cause them to anger frenzy, violate the Path of Humanity or otherwise corrupt them. If such a phenomenon does not require a test members of the Compass Academy get a simple test to resist.
- Guided Redemption: Kindred working with Conservators recover Humanity twice as quickly.
- Path Conversion Aid: Those seeking to convert from other Roads to Humanity gain an additional monthly retest during their transition period.

Expectations

- All Conservators of the Compass Academy gain the Flaw: Special Responsibility: Humanitas as they may never turn away any member of the Camarilla that is seeking guidance to grow or maintain their Humanity
- Members dropping below Humanity 4 (or 7) must seek aid to regain it from the Facilitator of their region. The Facilitator can in turn assign another Conservator to them, but must regularly review progress.

- Members failing to demonstrate ongoing dedication may be voted out.
- Humanity 2 (or 4) is grounds for immediate expulsion, with readmittance possible only by unanimous vote.

The Board

The Board consists of the Chairperson, a North America Facilitator and a South America Facilitator. Together the three comprise The Board. Each position is voted into office and can only be removed from office by a similar vote or by a Cornerstone.

Chairperson

- Provides direction and ensures procedures are followed.
- Responsible for organizing referendums and certifying votes.

Facilitators

- Serve as regional liaisons between Conservators.
- Coordinate communication, project sharing, and collaborative initiatives.
- Oversee inter-domain efforts and help translate proposals into action.
- Assists those conservators who are struggling with their humanity.
- Can create and assign people to lead various committees within their region as they feel is needed.

Cornerstone Members (NPC Only)

- Founders and philosophical anchors of the Academy.
- Hold collective veto power if unanimous, though rarely exercise it to preserve democratic integrity.

Additional Internal Titles

Other positions may be created on an ad hoc basis, such as secretary, committee chair, or project lead.

Admissions Committee

The Admissions Committee ensures that new members embody the ideals of *Via Humanitas*, balancing word and deed in service to the Academy's mission.

Composition

3 rotating members per applicant:

- 1 Board member (ideally from the applicant's region)
- 1 volunteer from North America
- 1 volunteer from South America

Process

1. **Recruitment:** A recruiter gathers interest and confirms eligibility.
2. **Interview:** The Committee conducts interviews and background research.
3. **Democratic Vote:** A secret vote via digital platform (e.g., Google Form) remains open for 14 days.

The candidate's manifesto, recruiter report, and Committee opinion are reviewed by all Conservators prior to voting.

RECRUITER RESPONSIBILITIES

As a bridge between the candidate and the Society, the recruiter must maintain the line of contact between the Committee and the person interested in joining the Academy:

- Meet the communication needs between the Academy Committee and the person interested in joining the Society, gathering information when necessary;
- Understand why the candidate wishes to join the Society and ensure they know that the Academy is not just a group of highly humane Kindred, but that its members have a duty to the Camarilla as a whole;
- Ask the candidate's personal opinion on Humanity, remembering that we welcome many approaches, without defining a single path as the "right" one;
- Reiterate that we are not at the Academy simply because we dedicate ourselves to personal struggles against the Beast, but to support members who want to reconnect with their Humanity and encourage the Camarilla as a whole to act more humanely;
- Prepare a report with the recruiter's personal opinion on the candidate's profile and fit with the Academy's purpose, for submission to the Admissions Committee.

ADMISSION COMMITTEE DUTIES

Having received the candidate's manifesto and the recruiter's report, the Admissions Committee begins its research on the candidate interested in joining the Academy, including:

- A thorough analysis of the manifesto submitted by the candidate, in light of the recruiter's opinion and the Society's purpose;
- General research on the candidate's background and reputation within the Camarilla, focusing on their fit with the Compass mission;
- Questions asked by other Conservators within 7 days of the opening of the proceedings, whether submitted publicly or privately to the Committee;

- Scheduling and conducting the Committee's private interview with the person interested in joining the Academy and their recruiter;
- Issuing a report to be forwarded to the Board for inclusion in the admissions process and subsequently submitted for voting.

OMISSIONS

Any omissions are handled directly by the Board of the Compass Academy, based on the Cornerstones guidelines for fulfilling the Society's mission.

Procedures and Punishments

The Compass Academy remains **non-hierarchical**; any Conservator may call for a vote on membership, disciplinary action, or internal policy. The Cornerstones may only override these votes unanimously.

Infractions are judged by peers, ensuring collective responsibility. Negative statuses (*Admonished* or *Dismissed*) are issued by vote, reinforcing the value of mutual accountability and ethical consistency.

While all within the Compass Academy are devoted to Humanity, there is quite a variety among its members. There are strict pacifists as well as those who will not hesitate to take up arms to slay the monsters who threaten the innocent. Many are proactively involved in charity work to improve the lives of mortals, while others feel that any interference with mortal society is unethical. Some seek to proactively push the Camarilla in making laws and policies in keeping the ideals of Humanity. Others try to avoid politics and focus only on helping individual Kindred who seek the Academy's aid.

Combination Disciplines

Beseech the Soul: 7xp

Auspex 3, Potence 1 Humanity 7+, Willpower 6+

Custom Combination Power taught to the Compass Academy by Paulo Dicienza di Santeros, Cornerstone of the Academy.

The player engages their target in a conversation during which they must observe them, weigh their words and answers.

Mechanics: Spend 1(One) Willpower, Make a Contested Mental Test, retest Empathy, against the Number of Social Traits, plus the Number of Subterfuge traits the target possesses. The

User wins on Ties if they have a Path Rating of at least 8 on a Humanity related Path. Success allows the user to spend Mental Traits to learn any of the following at 1 Trait per item learned:

- *Current Path followed by the Target and their Rating*
- *The last time they lost Path Rating.*
- *The last time they Gained Path Rating.*
- *The Last Sin they committed that caused their Path to drop.*
- *If they are employing any powers, rituals, or other means that would normally hide this information.*
- *This power is unusable if the User has a path rating of less than 6 on a Humanity related Path.*