

The Rum University Announces the Release of Its Newest 12-Lesson Course: “The History and Science of the Barrel”

Rum Runner Press, Inc. Established in 2004, The Rum University’s mission is to educate consumers and rum producers about all facets of the wonderful sugarcane spirit known as rum. For almost a decade, the University has held in-person classes and has offered on-line material on topics including fermentation, distillation, aging and blending.

Round Rock, Texas ([PRWEB](#)) November 30, 2012 -- The Rum University’s newest course, “The History and Science of the Barrel” is now available through the University’s official website. The course is designed to turn novice and casual readers into oak barrel and rum aging experts.

The 12 easy-to-read lessons take the student through the following topics:

- Lesson 1: The Art of Cooperage
- Lesson 2: Why Oak?
- Lesson 3: Physical Properties of Oak
- Lesson 4: Chemical Properties of Oak
- Lesson 5: Understanding Tannins
- Lesson 6: Curing the Wood
- Lesson 7: Components and Manufacture of the Barrel
- Lesson 8: Toasting and Charring
- Lesson 9: Rum Transformation inside the Barrel
- Lesson 10: Oak Alternatives, Unacceptable Shortcuts
- Lesson 11: Soleras, Single Barrels and Specialty Barrels
- Lesson 12: Choosing the Perfect Barrel for your Rum

“The material represents many years of research and study” says Luis Ayala, University Founder and head of Curriculum Development. He adds “this is must-read material for anyone currently aging or who is planning to age rum.” The only way to have access to this material prior to its publication was to attend an in-situ training class or to hire Mr. Ayala as a consultant, but due to class size limitations and general availability, these options didn’t always work for everyone.

“The History and Science of the Barrel” is now the third course available through The Rum University, the other two courses are:

The Classifications of Rum (8 lessons) and
Rum Appreciation in the 21st Century (12 lessons)

The Rum University has been a sponsor of international rum conferences in the Americas and in Europe. New in-person classes will soon be held in South America and in Spain. For up-to-date information, please visit the [university’s official website](#).

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