



 **STA SCHOOL OF
TRADITIONAL ASTROLOGY**
Founded in 1996 by Deborah Houlding, STA DipH



**STA Practitioners Level Horary
20-week ONLINE COURSE**

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STA Practitioners Level Horary Course

About horary astrology and its benefits

Horary astrology has a very ancient origin and plays an extremely important role in both the traditional and contemporary practice of astrology. This branch of astrology uses a chart drawn for the time that a question is asked about a matter of significant concern. The techniques used to interpret the chart allow a judgement that is descriptive, focused, and very detailed; the intention being to make a reliable and accurate assessment of any situation so that the questioner (querent) is better informed to know how to proceed or what to expect. Some of the proven client-charts that are demonstrated within our course include the questions:

- *What are the future prospects of this relationship?*
- *Will I gain or lose money by pursuing the lawsuit?*
- *Will it be profitable to invest in this property?*
- *Where is my partner, who went missing– is he alive and when will I know?*
- *Where is my missing ring?*

Although often described as being the most predictive branch of astrology (because of its ability to answer questions like this) there is nothing in horary's philosophy or practice that is essentially fatalistic. In fact, some of the most respected theologians of history, such as Saint Albertus Magnus, were outspoken in supporting the use of horary as a tool which allows better-informed choices and so demonstrates the importance and power of human free will. In all good horary practice, the consultant will begin by using the chart to gain insight into things that have already happened, and it is often the case that establishing a deeper understanding of past-events proves key to opening up new, unrealised options for the future, (or appreciation of how best to deal with things that cannot be changed).

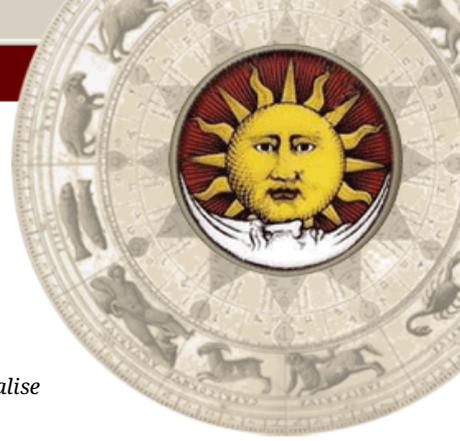
To use horary astrology effectively, astrologers need to undertake a committed study of its traditional principles and interpretation procedures. The practical benefits of these techniques; their established position in the astrological tradition; and the powerful way in which they enrich our use of symbolism, give

them unquestionable value when used by an astrologer who has also been trained to understand the metaphysical principles and ethical implications of horary practice.

Although often employed to give straightforward answers to mundane matters, horary is a consultation device and counselling tool; hence, learning the traditional principles of horary will not clash against any modern astrologer's personal inclination or respect for psychological analysis, but provide a firmer basis for it. The STA Practitioners Level Horary Course has been taken by some of the world's finest astrologers, who have gained outstanding reputations as leading proponents for a broad spectrum of astrological approaches, all of them recognising that no personal astrological training is complete without an understanding of how horary works, and when it is the best tool to serve the interests of their astrological clients.

The sorts of questions that are judged by horary analysis are wide-ranging. They may relate to concerns about relationships, career matters, investments, property purchases, lawsuits, political issues, or personal conflicts and health problems. Horary is also of great value for the unique astrological guidance it provides for finding lost objects, or missing people and pets, and our course includes many example charts which demonstrate its remarkable ability to time the development of events precisely in advance.

Understanding the techniques that allow such detailed and focused astrological analysis not only results in an ability to practice horary well, but also generates knowledge of the astrology practiced in other periods of history, and has the effect of strengthening the interpretation of every other kind of astrological chart.



ABOUT THIS HORARY COURSE

The STA offers a unique tutorial format in which the principles of horary are demonstrated through client charts and informative historical examples. Explanations of philosophical principles and traditional techniques lie at the heart of the study, but the psychological significance of problems are also shown to be important and explored where appropriate. The course is highly practical and geared towards the consulting needs of today's astrologers. Whilst showing the best approach to reading a chart, it also focusses on preparing for the sensitive issues that arise in consultation.

This course is not targeted at astrological novices but it is not necessary for astrologers who wish to take the course to have previous experience in horary – the course provides a full theoretical overview and highlights the most useful and reliable principles of judgement.

Lessons take the form of tutorials with follow-up discussion, chart examples and practical exercises. Throughout, students are taught how to extract meaningful details and sharpen their judgement, and each lesson allows the opportunity to consolidate what is taught through periods of practical application. The course is designed to offer knowledge of traditional doctrines in a balanced way, so that theoretical principles enlighten and facilitate (rather than overwhelm) the creative aspect of horary interpretation.

Written by Deborah Houlding, the course includes a very comprehensive set of reference notes, tips and instructions, with numerous example chart judgements, and resources that are unavailable elsewhere. It offers practitioner-level certification, so that by the end of the course any astrologer who is already capable of offering a professional astrology service will be ready to begin offering horary to clients.



This course is a requisite qualification for anyone wishing to undertake the advanced level of study and tutorial mentorship offered in the STA Masters Level Horary Course (primarily designed for those wishing to teach or specialise in horary astrology).

—Testimonials—

“Taking the STA horary course was one of the most valuable astrological experiences I've had, and cleared up many years of questions I'd had from off-and-on attempts to practice horary. I heartily recommend it to astrologers and students of any level.” **Dr Benjamin Dykes, USA**

“Whether a beginner or experienced practitioner, this horary course is totally worthwhile. The course is intense, demanding, well structured, deeply satisfying, and fun!” **Melanie Reinhart, Indonesia**

“I can't recommend the online course highly enough. For anyone interested in horary, STA offers a comprehensive and engaging course. The support and encouragement, not only from my own tutor but the wider STA community, was fantastic. If you love horary, you'll love this school.” **Joel Valentine, Australia**

“The STA offers the most in-depth and practical horary course I've had the privilege of attending. The range of case studies, scholarship and research are awe-inspiring. Deborah Houlding is a passionate, erudite leader in the field who combines the horary tradition with a psychological insight that gets to the very heart of the matter. She and the STA course are truly in a class of their own.” **Frank Clifford, England**

“Considering the STA Horary Practitioner Course from the perspective of a consumer, I challenge you to find a more thorough and professional presentation of horary, complete with charts, notes, and references to both modern and ancient astrology, for what you will pay for this class. When I started I knew absolutely nothing about horary astrology. With weekly lectures, professional and compassionate instruction and answers to online questions, the ability to share charts and judgements with other students, as well as printed material to read, I was soon judging charts and I now include horary as part of my practice. I cannot say enough good things about this class. If you are at all considering taking this training just do it! You will not be sorry you did.” **Edward James, USA**

“The course was brilliant, enjoyed every moment of it. The hand out information is excellent and gives everything we need to refresh and revise. The use of real life case studies was inspiring and this provided a real world context which helped to root the theory into practice.” **Helen Naylor, England**



SYLLABUS:

This course offers the STA Practitioners Level Horary Course in a format that has been specially adapted for online delivery.

20 lessons are delivered on a weekly basis, through a combination of supplied course notes, modern media presentations, and online tutorials. Students study at their own pace and within their own time, but always with supplementary group discussion and easy access to our tutors.

A typical session will include: a live presentation (live attendance is optional: this is recorded and can be watched or reviewed in your own time); a reading exercise and self-study assignment; workbook activities or additional example charts to help you prepare for the session assignment; an online assignment which tests your understanding of the session's main principles, and a follow-up Answer Key. We also encourage students to engage in group interaction through forum discussion and additional student chart meetings, and each week one of the tutors will guide the week's course content, review student assignments, give personalized feedback and be available for questions and guidance.

Available places are limited to ensure study groups are fully supportive, with everyone able to receive a great deal of personal attention.

The course content (subject to amendment) includes:

- *Introduction to horary astrology*
- *Principles of angularity and house signification*
- *Identifying significators and using derived houses*
- *Effects of planetary motion, retrograde cycles and combustion*
- *Essential dignities and debilities*
- *Dispositorship and reception*
- *Relationship and contract charts*
- *Point-scoring and understanding accidental strengths and weaknesses*
- *A study of missing things and pets*
- *Profiling: deriving physical descriptions from planetary significations*
- *Identifying perpetrators/unknown persons*
- *Elements, humours and temperaments of signs*
- *A study of career matters*
- *Aspects and orbs*
- *Aids and impediments to perfection and aspectual 'terms of art'*
- *A study of trials and conflict charts*
- *Key principles of timing*
- *Investment, property, and financial charts*
- *Planetary hours and considerations*
- *Health and death concerns*
- *A study of pregnancy charts*

Meet Your Course Tutors: Deborah, Eve, Lee & Wade



Deborah Houlding, founder of the STA, began working as an astrological consultant in the 1980s. Author of *The Houses: Temples of the Sky*, she has been teaching the STA horary syllabus since 1996. In 2010 Deborah was awarded the Charles Harvey Award by the British Astrological Association, and in 2018 she received the Marion March Regulus Award for advancing the 'Theory & Understanding' of astrology.



Eve Dembowski, a resident of Melbourne, Australia, has been tutoring for the STA since 2013. In addition to her Master's Level Diploma from the STA, Eve's astrological qualifications include diplomas from Astro-synthesis and the FAA, and a certificate in medieval astrology from Robert Zoller. Eve consults, teaches and frequently lectures on traditional astrology and philosophy.



Lee Lehman, Ph.D is the author of eleven books, including two on horary. An early adherent of the 'traditional revival', Lee's focus has been to speak classical astrology in modern language, helping people learn how to apply ancient knowledge to modern systems. Lee was the recipient of the 1995 Marc Edmund Jones Award and the 2008 Marion March Regulus Award for advancing 'Education' in astrology.



Wade Caves is an astrological consultant and educator specializing in horary, electional & classical astrological technique. He is the editor and annotator of the 300th anniversary edition of *William Lilly's History of his Life and Times* (Rubedo Press, 2015). Wade received his certification as a horary practitioner from the STA in 2013, and now serves as a faculty member.



COURSE DELIVERY

Please check our website for dates of course commencement. The specific times of our live tutorials may vary throughout the course to accommodate the different needs of students across various time zones. Our detailed schedule of times and session themes is available to registered students six weeks before the course commences.

The course comprises 20 sessions, delivered weekly. We design our schedule to enable students throughout the global community to attend many of the live, interactive deliveries of the course material, with knowledge that few will be able to attend every class. It is not essential that all live sessions are attended as each is recorded and made available for later review. We recommend that students aim to attend at least six live deliveries, as this is the ideal platform for asking questions as they arise. This course also provides an active forum for discussion, which has proven very valuable.

All of the live presentation times advertised in our course syllabus refer to the GMT time zone. Students are responsible for converting advertised GMT times to their local time zone equivalent. The website timeanddate.com offers a useful world clock which shows the time difference from GMT for all of the world's major cities: www.timeanddate.com/worldclock.

NB: a few sessions do not have a live presentation but are based upon pre-recorded instruction.

COURSE POLICIES, REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Whilst previous experience of horary is not required, this course is unsuitable for students who are inexperienced in casting charts or just beginning to gain an understanding of astrology. Participants must have a good understanding of general astrological principles, including an easy familiarity with the main symbolic and theoretical principles of astrological planets, signs, houses, aspects and transits. (For more on this, see the last point below).
- This is an English language course, with over 400 A4 pages of accompanying textbook and workbook notes and approximately 40 hours of video tutorials. The tutors are American, Australian and British (with accompanying accents) so it essential that students have a fluent understanding of the English language. (Asian students should be aware that a Chinese language version of the course is regularly delivered by Jupiter Lai, who can be contacted by email at Jupiter@sta.co).
- The course materials should be accessible on all modern computers. Students are required to download a free video conference program, *Zoom*, to enable interactive online sessions with the tutors and fellow students. This can be downloaded from www.zoom.us.
- It is useful to have access to a printer, and necessary to have stable internet access, as all coursework is done online through the STA Course Portal. For any kind of video conference, it is recommended that participants have 1 Mbps upload, 4 Mbps download of available internet bandwidth. *Poor network performance, lack of memory or high CPU usage may cause audio quality to drop. If you experience this, try closing all unused applications to free up some additional bandwidth.*
- In the two weeks prior to course commencement, registered students are required to watch an introductory video which demonstrates how to navigate through our course portal, access materials and submit assignments.
- In the unlikely event that the course is cancelled or postponed, STA will refund all course fees and deposits but will not be liable for any other costs incurred by participants. If a student pays for the course and then changes his or her mind for any reason, a cancellation will be arranged and the refund of any particular payment is provided within 30 days of that payment. No refunds, or transfer of payments to other courses, are allowed after this 30-day 'cooling-off' period, or after the delivery of any formal course material has commenced. This is due to the fact that places on our courses are strictly limited and once a course is full we prevent further enrolments: therefore understand that deposits paid to secure and hold a course placement are non-refundable and non-transferable after the 30 day 'cooling off' period has expired.



- Students should expect to regularly commit approximately 6-8 hours per week to the study of this course. Our qualifying certificate is only issued to students who demonstrate their study and understanding of the material by successfully completing our set assignments. Students who fail to do this within two weeks of the completion of the course are allowed a 6-month period to revise or catch up with any missing assignments. These will only be graded once all are complete for an additional cost of £75 (no personal tuition or feedback is provided for students seeking to complete or resit assignments beyond two weeks of the formal course completion).
- Course materials are provided in a serialised form throughout the course, as PDF downloads. Our Textbook, Workbook, Answer Keys and all materials used in the delivery of our course are strictly copyrighted and provided for personal study only - no part of them whatsoever can be reproduced or recirculated in any form. Our video tutorials are not available for personal download and can only be accessed by logging in to the secure course portal. We allow graduates continued access to these videos and any other resources on the course portal for 12 months subsequent to the formal completion of the course, but we do not continue to provide tutorial support, which ceases two weeks after the formal completion of the course.
- Places on this course are limited and can be held by payment of the deposit as advertised on the website. If the full payment is not completed by the advertised deadline we reserve the right to offer the place to someone else.
- Chart calculation is not taught as part of this syllabus, except for techniques that are specific to horary astrology (such as planetary hours and the calculation of planetary dignity scores, etc). Participants are expected to have previous experience of drawing up and interpreting astrological charts. See below for an example of the format applied to study charts throughout the course. You should be able to see, just by looking at this chart, that the Moon is separating from a trine with the Sun and applying to a square with Mars, and that it is placed within 1° of the 9th house cusp. If you are not able to confidently follow that level of narrative on charts such as this, we recommend that you gain more experience of reading astrological charts before undertaking this study of horary astrology.

"I found the practitioners level horary course to be fully under-sold and over-delivering in terms of the information, insight, and intensely poignant revelations on traditional astrology. There is nothing else like this out there. Thank you for creating such comprehensive material"

Kayleigh Jean, USA

