

STA SCHOOL OF TRADITIONAL ASTROLOGY

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STA Practitioners Level Horary 20-week ONLINE COURSE

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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.

It is not necessary for astrologers who wish to take this course to have previous experience in horary – the course provides a full theoretical overview and highlights the most useful and reliable principles of judgement.

Study groups are limited to ensure plenty of individual attention, and 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 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 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 residential 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 who is interested in horary, STA offers a comprehensive and engaging course. The support and encouragement, not only from my own tutor[Eve] 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 access to their tutors.

A typical session will include: a live presentation, follow-up reading, an individual assignment (e.g., chart examples or workbook activities) and an assignment which encourages group interaction (e.g., forum discussion). Each week one of the four tutors will guide that week's course content, review student assignments, give personalized feedback and be available for any additional questions and guidance.

(Following completion of the course, graduates receive access to the STA GRADS Facebook page, where STA tutors join with past graduates to engage in private discussion of particular points or complexities that arise in client charts. The page is used as a means for the STA to offer ongoing support to any astrologer that has undertaken this course.)

The available places on this course are limited to 20 participants, to ensure that the study groups are friendly and 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, has worked as an astrological consultant since the late 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 received the Marion March Regulus Award for Theory & Understanding.



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 Regulus Award for Education.



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 information on the times of course delivery; full details of our times and syllabus are also provided in our Welcome Pack, which is delivered to students approximately 10 days before the course commences. The Welcome Pack explains how to prepare a computer for our live presentations, and how to register a student account on our dedicated STA course portal, from where students access our weekly session material and additional support material, engage in forum discussion and submit any follow-up exercises.

Our 20 sessions are delivered weekly, and the course commences with a group tutorial that offers an overview of the content of the course (expected to take no more than one hour), followed by a live delivery of lesson one material. After this is released, the portal allows access to follow up reading assignments, supplementary support material and theme-specific exercises.

Students are invited to join a similar presentation at the same time each week to participate in live delivery of the course material, engage in a group chart discussion, and to explore any questions that may have arisen from previous material. Although it is recommended that everyone attends as many live sessions as possible, it is not essential that all live presentations are attended as all of them are recorded and made available within our course portal for later access and review. Note that a few sessions do not have a live presentation but are based upon pre-recorded instruction – during one of these weeks we provide an opportunity for each student to have a dedicated 30 minute one-on-one private mentoring session with one of our tutors (if they wish), which can be used to explore any topic they choose. Course delegates should expect to spend between 3 to 5 hours per week to comfortably make it through all the course material and the associated exercises.

COURSE POLICIES, REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Participants should have a good, solid understanding of general astrological principles, including full basic knowledge of planets, signs, houses, aspects and transits.
- Chart calculation is not taught as part of this syllabus, except for techniques that are specific to horary astrology. Participants will be expected to have had previous experience of drawing up and interpreting astrological charts before undertaking this study of horary.
- Students are required to download a free video conference program, Zoom, to enable interactive online sessions with the tutors and fellow students. It is also necessary to have stable internet access, as all coursework will be delivered online through the STA Course Portal.
- The course materials should be accessible on all modern computers (Windows 7 or higher is recommended for Windows based PCs). For any kind of video conference, it is recommended that participants have 1 Mbps upload, 4 Mbps download of available internet bandwidth. Optimum performance requires a broadband internet connection. *Poor network performance, lack of memory or high CPU usage may cause audio quality to drop or become delayed. If you experience this, try closing all applications that are not being used to free up some additional bandwidth.*
- In the unlikely event that the course is cancelled or postponed, STA will refund any 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 refund of any particular payment is allowed within 30 days of that payment. No refunds are allowed after this 30-day cooling-off period **or after the delivery of course materials.**

The course fee is £450 and is restricted to a maximum of 20 students with enrolments secured on a first-come basis upon payment of a £175 deposit. The remainder of the course fees are due two weeks before course commencement. To enroll, visit <http://www.sta.co/online.html>.

The real function of horary astrology is to establish a state of relationship between universal intelligence or divine Grace and the individual person ... It is not “fortune telling” as an escape from personal responsibility and effort, still less for curiosity’s sake. It is instead a sign of the conscious binding of the individual to the rhythm and purpose of the universal Whole, in which he accepts full and deliberate participation. From this Whole the individual receives understanding and healing, and the key to his many problems, in proportion as he is willing to consciously fulfill his function and his destiny.” – **Dane Rhudyar, *The Practice of Astrology*, (1969)**