



# STA

School of  
Traditional Astrology

A 20-session self-paced  
**ONLINE REVIEW  
COURSE**

## QUALIFYING PRACTITIONERS LEVEL HORARY ASTROLOGY COURSE

*Review level course, specifically designed  
for previous graduates & past participants*

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## STA Review Course for Practitioners Level Horary

### ***Who will benefit from this course, and why?***

The STA Horary Course originated in 1996 as a way to teach a well-rounded overview of horary through a “hands on” approach that was delivered as an intensive attendance course. With the growth of online teaching methods, the course has evolved over the years and during 2019-2020 it was significantly redeveloped and expanded. The course now utilizes all the benefits of modern technology to provide a training program that is accessible to every astrologer with internet access, whilst also being far more substantial and detailed than that delivered in previous years.

The current Practitioners Level Course now contains many elements that were originally part of the STA Masters Level Horary Course, since that particular course is being replaced by a new model of Diploma evaluation, which offers a more natural step of progression for graduates moving into professional practice. (Details of the Horary Diploma are included at the end of this document).

Some astrologers who have taken the horary course with us in the past have retaken the latest version of the course, and they find it to be a whole new experience: there is far more textbook material, an abundance of extra chart examples, a host of new resources, and every session is accompanied by student assignments and assessment which ensures each student is understanding the principles correctly.

With the development of our Diploma level program we have deemed it a requirement for anyone wishing to enrol onto that program to have successfully undertaken the latest version of our Certificate Level Course, (following its recent redevelopment) and to have completed all the assignments and studied all the chart examples that form part of that program.

Our main method of delivery for our Certificate Level Course is as a group experience of a 20-week online course. Although this is a very successful method of tuition, we want to make it easier for past students to gain our higher-level modern qualification without paying for the full cost of the course again. We have therefore developed a “Review Level Course” which is specifically intended for students who already have a good overview of the subject. This course is exclusively available to past graduates only, and it is provided as a convenient, self-paced revision course for astrologers who are looking to upgrade their previous STA horary training to match the standards of our more comprehensive, redeveloped course.

### ***Review Level Course in a nutshell:***

- *Delivered as 20 sessions, each of which explores a horary theme in depth (see following syllabus).*
- *You progress through the course at your own pace – as you successfully complete the assignment of one session, you move forward to the next.*
- *Each session begins with a textbook tutorial and a pre-recorded video lecture of that session’s material. Once these are read and watched you gain access to a workbook which contains extra resources, relevant chart judgements and details of the session assignment.*
- *You submit your assignment online – many of the earlier sessions are completed simply by choosing options or entering small areas of text – as the course progresses the assignments become more sophisticated and receive personal tutorial feedback from your tutor. In all instances you receive an Answer Key guide after the assignment is completed, which contains details of what you should have noticed, and often presents yet more resources or chart examples that are relevant to that session’s theme.*
- *Each session has its own dedicated forum, so at all times you can raise questions and dialogue with a tutor on points that need clarification. We also include post-assignment forums, so should there be any point of confusion remaining after the assignment has been completed, your questions will be speedily resolved.*
- *On the review course you will watch pre-recorded instructional videos, so will not be able to engage live in some of the in-session chart discussions. But you can still ask forum questions about them, and we also organize monthly chart discussion sessions specifically for our review course students. These are optional, informal, and tend to be a lot of fun!*



## SYLLABUS:

The format of this course has been developed to maximize the advantages of online delivery. Twenty session themes are delivered through a combination of supplied course notes, pre-recorded video presentations, online tutorials and set assignments. Each student studies at their own pace and within their own time, but always with easy access to guidance and support from their dedicated tutor, and with the benefit of periodic chart discussions and supplementary group activity.

The course content and video lecture syllabus (*subject to minor amendment at any time*):

Course session	Presentation		Assessment
	Video presenter	Video length	
1 Commencement / angularity & houses	Deb Houlding	1 hr 45 mins	Automatic
2 Use of signifiers & derived houses	Deb Houlding	2 hrs 06 mins	Automatic
3 Combustion, planetary motion & phases	Wade Caves	1 hr 31 mins	Automatic
4 The essential dignities & debilities	Deb Houlding	1 hr 45 mins	Automatic
5 Understanding dispositorship & reception	Lee Lehman	1 hr 27 mins	Automatic
6 A study of relationship & contract charts	Deb Houlding	1 hr 21 mins	Manual: Q.3
7 Point-scoring and accidental strengths	Eve Dembowski	1 hr 10 mins	Automatic
8 A study of missing things & pets	Deb Houlding	1 hr 52 mins	Automatic
9 Physical descriptions & planetary profiling	Deb Houlding	2 hrs 06 mins	Automatic
10 Identifying perpetrators/unknown persons	Wade Caves	1 hr 51 mins	Manual: Q.11
11 Elements, humours and temperaments	Deb Houlding	1 hr 48 mins	Automatic
12 A study of work & career matters	Wade Caves	1 hr 58 mins	Manual: Q.5
13 The deeper basis of aspects & orbs	Eve Dembowski	1 hr 40 mins	Automatic
14 Aids to perfection & horary 'terms of art'	Lee Lehman	1 hr 57 mins	Automatic
15 Trials, legal matters and conflict charts	Lee Lehman	1 hr 26 mins	Manual: Q.2
16 The key principles of timing	Deb Houlding	1 hr 42 mins	Automatic
17 Property, investment & financial matters	Deb Houlding	2 hrs 30 mins	Manual: Qs.1-5
18 Considerations, radicality, planetary hours	Eve Dembowski	2 hrs 03 mins	Automatic
19 Heavy issues: health, death & trauma	Lee Lehman	2 hrs 26 mins	Manual: Q.1
20 Charts concerning pregnancy & fertility	Wade Caves	1 hr 51 mins	Manual: Q.7

### Assignment grading and feedback

As you progress through the course your dedicated tutor will be monitoring your progress and will be available to answer questions if you have any points of confusion. The assignments for the first five sessions are automatically graded, so you will receive immediate notification of your grade upon submission, with detailed feedback on the answers we were looking for and why.

From session 6 onwards we introduce questions that require points of horary interpretation and judgement from you. These questions are manually assessed by your tutor, who will determine the final grade for that assignment, and notify you when the assessment is complete. (The above syllabus shows the assignments and questions that are subject to manual assessment in red text).



## COST & ENROLMENTS

The cost of this course depends on when the certificate course was previously studied (this impacts on how much the course has developed since it was undertaken, and we aim to give extra discount to students who have taken the course only recently):

<b>When did you previously study?</b>	<b>Cost of the course:</b>
Since Jan 1st 2018	£395
Between 2012 - 2017	£450
Before 2012	£495

Payments are accepted by credit card or PayPal on our online booking form (accessed via [www.sta.co/horary/review.php](http://www.sta.co/horary/review.php)). We also accept payment via TransferWise and other forms of bank transfer. If you wish to arrange this, please email the course administrator at [horary@sta.co](mailto:horary@sta.co).

Places on this review course are limited to ensure that only a small group of students are undertaking this course at any time and so are able to receive appropriate attention and liaise through our general forum and informal chart discussions as a friendly, intimate group. The cost is fully inclusive and the course materials provide everything needed to complete the course. Please read our policies, requirements and recommendations (on the following page) before making an enrolment.

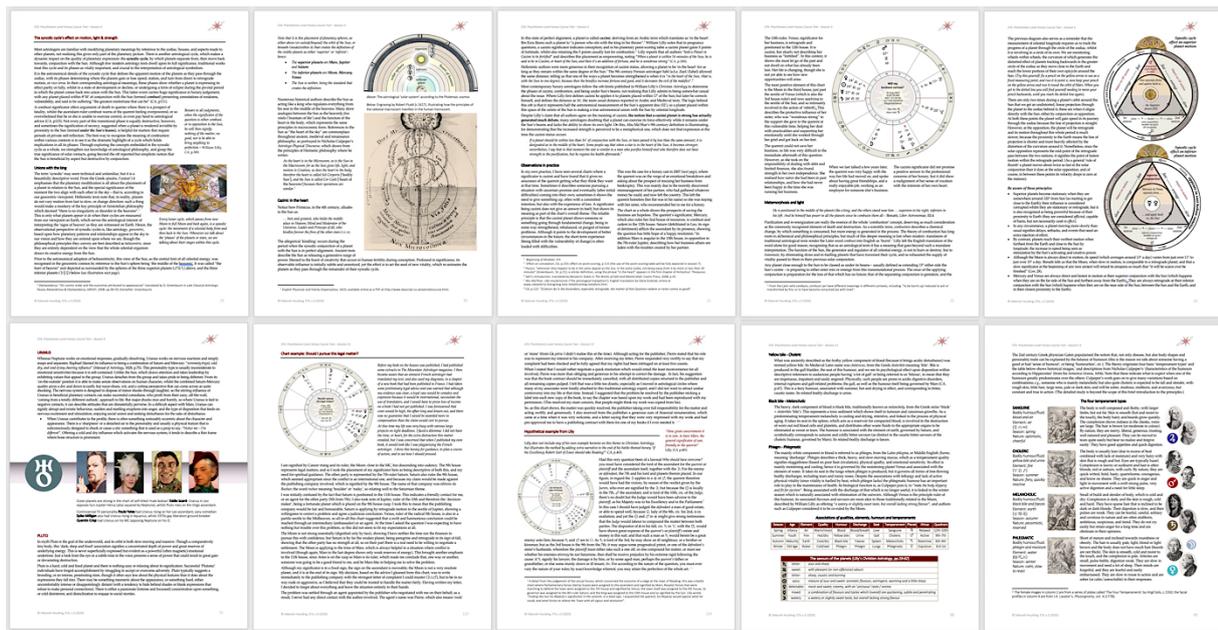


Illustration of content from the 200-page course textbook, authored by Deborah Houlding

### What recent students say about the latest version of our horary course (from Trustpilot reviews, 2020):

“Right from the beginning, this well planned and presented course was a winner for me. It has been the best online learning course I have ever engaged in. A combination of live lectures, detailed notes, curated resources and a lively forum ensured the students had a fantastic opportunity to make the most of the extensive knowledge offered by the outstanding tutors.” **Joanna Grant, UK**

“Best course ever: studying with the STA is one of the best decisions I ever made. The whole course is so informative, and all the tutors are always there offering help and so inspiring. Thank you for providing this extraordinary course and great platform to connect with each other. I enjoyed every moment of it.” **Kammy Cheng, Hong Kong**

“More than excellent, important! Extensive and greatly structured material, dedicated tutors, personalized learning. Plenty of working examples and sharing. Every astrological term you may ever have heard of is backed up by references to historical sources and development of the astrological idea. Incredible contribution to astrological community in general!” **Tanja Ristovski, Austria**

“I have taken many astrology courses and I can say with 100% certainty that this is the best astrology course available. I cannot highly recommend it enough... The amount of knowledge shared is utterly remarkable...” **Maria Marmanides, USA**



## COURSE POLICIES, REQUIREMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

- This is an English language course, with over 400 A4 pages of accompanying text notes, and over 40 hours of recorded lecture presentations. The tutors are American, Australian and British (with accompanying accents) so it essential that students have a fluent understanding of the English language.
- To successfully complete this course students must demonstrate their study and understanding of the material by completing our set assignments to an aggregate average grade of 75% or more.
- Course materials are provided in a serialised form throughout the course, as PDF downloads. Our textbooks, diagrams, and all materials used in the delivery of the course are strictly copyrighted and provided for personal study only – no element of them whatsoever may be reproduced, referred to on social media, 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 continued access to these videos and all other resources on the course portal for 12 months subsequent to the completion of the course, but do not continue to provide tutorial support, which ceases after the completion of session 20. As part of our copyright policy it is expected that every element of this course, and every chart situation discussed is treated with the same degree of privacy and confidence that you should employ in your client consultations.
- The course materials are accessible on all modern computers. It is assumed that students have access to a printer, and it is necessary to have stable internet access, as all coursework is done online through the STA Course Portal. Students are required to use the free video conference program, *Zoom*, to enable interactive online sessions with tutors and fellow students ([www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us))
- This is a self-paced course but there are limits as to how long you may take to complete it. This is because we restrict the course to a small group of students at any one time, so we need you to make leisurely progress and complete it within a reasonable amount of time to free up a place upon your completion, which can then be offered to someone else. For this you should commit to never letting more than two months pass between submitting an assignment, and you will not be allowed to remain an active member of the course for a period of more than two years after registration.
- If a student pays for the course and then experiences a change of mind, a cancellation will be arranged and the refund of any particular payment is provided within 30 days of that payment. No refunds are allowed after this 30-day period or after the delivery of any formal course material has commenced.
- Our optional chart discussions sessions are organised from time to time (roughly once a month), the delivery times of these informal events vary to suit the needs of the presenter and the group as a whole. These practice sessions are recorded and accompanied with chart challenges and feedback sheets for those unable to attend live.

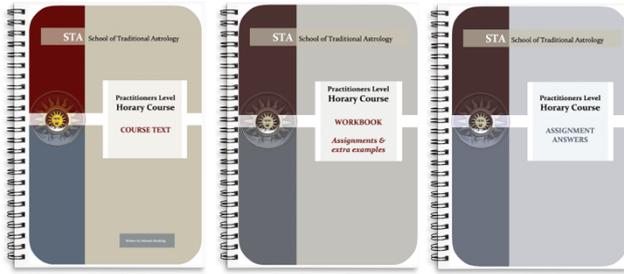
### *What our students say (from Trustpilot reviews, 2021):*

“Pure Inspiration. What a richness of in-depth knowledge! I wished my years of learning at the university had been so inspiring and fulfilling!” **Dr Janine Déus**, Germany

“I’m not understating by saying this course has changed my life. Each week is supported by lots of supporting reading material which explains everything in-depth... If you are considering learning traditional astrology or want to understand Horary Astrology, this is a course you must take. 10/10 from me.” **John Rodger**, UK

“I have taken many many courses, both in and out of astrology, and the STA Horary Practitioner online course is the best among all of the courses I have ever taken” **Zoi Fuji**, USA

“If you are looking for instruction in traditional astrological techniques and theory, look no further. Deborah Houlding and the team of incredible tutors have put together an amazing course on Horary astrology that will put you in a position to be able to practice horary with confidence. I can't imagine that this isn't the absolute best value for money available anywhere, from a very distinguished and accomplished set of instructors. You will not be disappointed!” **Jeff Laroque**, Canada



Our written materials: Textbook, Workbook and Answer Key (supplied as PDF files)

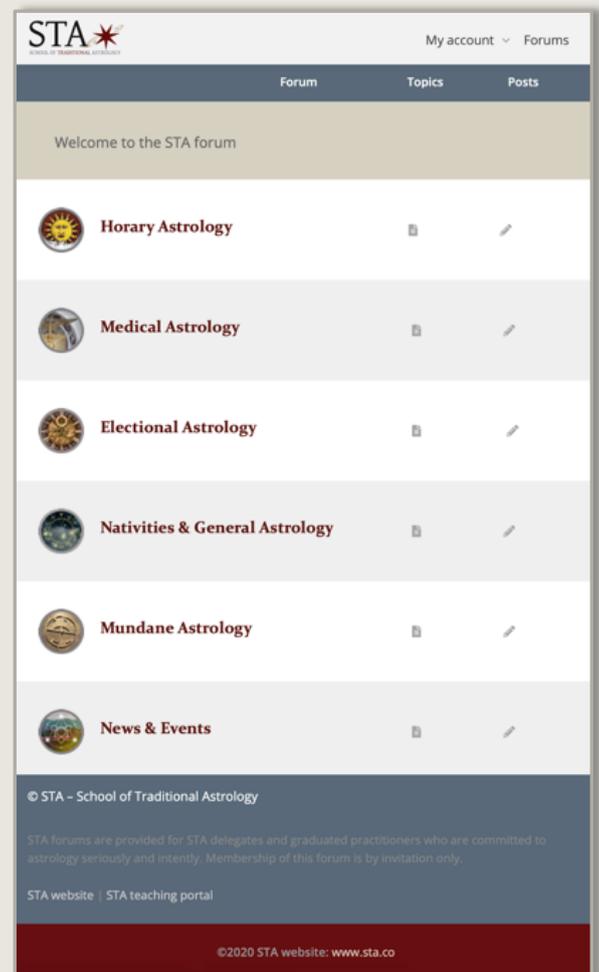


## Completion benefits

If you have an interest in horary we are confident that you will enjoy the process of undertaking our review level horary course and find the material to be theoretically robust, philosophically rich and highly practical for modern day horary practice. The principles taught in this course also provide a firm foundation for the study of other traditional uses of astrology, including natal and medical astrology, commencement and electional charts, and mundane astrology techniques.

As a graduate student of our most developed certificate level course you will also receive access to our exclusive STA Astrologers Forum. This secure site was set up in response to the desire of our students to keep in touch with each other in a way that fully supports ongoing learning and professional practice. It allows deeply committed astrologers to share experiences, and benefit from the group collaboration of other practitioners and professionals, safe in the knowledge that client charts can be discussed among colleagues without any fear of public exposure. Unlike public astrology forums on the web, this forum is only visible to our members, all of whom must have completed the most developed version of this course.

Our forum is a place where you can continue to chat, share charts, discuss theoretical points or client dilemmas, knowing that all other members of the forum share your astrological interests sincerely. Periodically, we also host online chart discussion events that are only available to forum members.



The STA private Graduates' Forum

“When I signed for this course I thought I was just going in for another set of studies ... And yet it was so much more. I not only found very high standard lectures with exquisite diagrams, fully detailed notes and on-site teaching platform with all bells and whistles but genuinely dedicated and extremely competent tutors. I thought I signed in for a horary course... but I found a supporting family to whom I will be forever grateful. If you are looking to learn traditional horary truly and competently, well then do not look any further, just sign in!” **Hilary Spiteria**, Italy

“It is more than just a ‘course’, it opens up your mind and your heart. Students are given encouragement throughout the course, and the tutors WANT you to succeed! Refreshing; comprehensive, and thoughtful, the STA Horary Course is recommended for those who wish to gain a broad and deep understanding of this beautiful art.” **Jeannette Han**, Australia



## The next step: the STA Horary Diploma

*What is the difference between the Practitioners Level Horary Certificate and the Practitioners Level Horary Diploma?*

Our **Certificate Level Horary Course** offers our core instructional material and is designed to comprehensively explore horary theory whilst examining how the principles are applied in practice. Completion of the certificate course demonstrates that the graduate has undergone robust analysis of this specialist subject, having dedicated a serious amount of time and mental focus to learning about the doctrine of horary, under the guidance of experienced tutors, and with appropriate exploration of the kind of ethical issues that this study raises. Students are tested and assessed throughout the course to ensure they are actively engaged in the study, and not just passively receiving the materials. Mistakes are corrected, sensitive issues are explored, and by the end of this course the student is expected to be sufficiently prepared to commence a professional practice of horary astrology, should they wish to.

(One of the analogies we make in the certificate course is that graduation is similar to the licence given to a new driver upon passing a driving test. They have satisfied all the necessary criteria to show that they are responsibly trained and appropriately prepared to begin acquiring the personal experience that will eventually lead to expertise).

Our **Practitioners Level Horary Diploma** is a qualification we issue to graduates who have completed the Certificate Course and have *also* demonstrated that they have ventured into confident and competent practice. We do not enrol anyone onto the Diploma Level programme until 6 months after completion of the certificate course, to ensure they have had appropriate time to digest all the principles they have learned on the course, and because we want to assess judgments for which the resolution or long term outcome has been monitored. If you wish to enrol onto this program you should email the horary administrator at [horary@sta.co](mailto:horary@sta.co) for further details. You will be advised of the steps required and the cost involved, and will be given a dedicated tutor who will be responsible for ensuring your work is duly supervised and rigorously assessed.

Qualification essentially requires the successful submission of three different horary judgments of your own, on three different topics. Each judgement should be submitted separately, with appropriately worded narrative on how it was interpreted and what the outcome was. Our feedback will help you to fine-tune the preparation of your reports, pick up any important points of art you may have missed, and guide you into opportunities for publication.

For a judgment to qualify as a successful submission it must be assessed to be of a "professional standard", which means it must:

- read well, with a natural flow in describing the problem, how it was judged and how it resolved
- be logically assessed, with the main considerations demonstrating good correspondence with the mainstream principles of horary
- demonstrate a wise and ethical approach to the matter asked about
- be free of astronomical errors or any obvious astrological mistakes (like describing an aspect as a square when it is actually a trine)
- include footnoted reference to the page and text source of any traditional quotes included, or any modern astrological work consulted; or to any point in the judgment that may be considered unusual, controversial, or in need of additional explanation.

The chart judgments must – of course – demonstrate your own use of horary in practice and be free of plagiarism or copyright issues. No more than one judgement may relate to a personal question that you ask for yourself.

Besides the advanced level qualification, we have additional benefits that are only available to Horary Diploma holders, such as invitations to give presentations to other astrologers, entry into our directory of practitioners that we recommend to members of the public seeking consultations, and access to modules of advanced study on specialist areas of horary that were once part of the Masters Level program.