Nightlight Astrology

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Ancient Astrology for Modern Times: Natal Astrology

Year One Coursework

Course Overview



Major Goals of the 1st Year Curriculum

1. To introduce students to the foundational principles of traditional astrology, while contrasting the use of these principles to those adopted and used by modern astrologers.

2. To build constructive and meaningful philosophical bridges between traditional and modern forms of natal astrology.

3. To provide students with structured and traditional but also artful methodologies for reading birth charts from both universal and topical perspectives.

4. To introduce students of astrology to the professional field of astrology through both guest lectures as well as through live, in-class consultations with volunteer clients.

The Syllabus of the 1st Year Program

There are 32 classes per year, and each class runs between 2-3 hours long, on the same day and time each week. Students will also be invited to freely attend between 9 and 12 guest lectures on the year, several of which will happen during our regularly scheduled class times (these classes do not count toward the 32 classes that are part of our regular course curriculum).



The following classes will take place in this order, with every 4th week off. Each class beyond the first two classes includes numerous birth chart demonstrations and/or live clients in order to demonstrate the theoretical material being covered. Please note that even though the topics in the outline below may seem repetitive, each lecture is unique, and each lecture is meant to deepen the student's understanding of core traditional theory while imparting immediately useful methodologies for interpreting birth charts.

1. A Brief History of Western Astrology
2. The Basic Astronomy and Philosophy of Astrology: Primary and Secondary Motion as the Foundation of the Birth Chart
3. The Twelve Zoidion (signs): Part One
4. The Twelve Zoidion (signs): Part Two
5. The Twelve Zoidion (signs): Part Three
6. The Twelve Places (houses): Part One
7. The Twelve Places (houses): Part Two
8. The Twelve Places (houses): Part Three
9. The Seven Planets: Part One
10. The Seven Planets: Part Two
11. The Seven Planets: Part Three
12. Planetary Aspects: Part One
13. Planetary Aspects: Part Two
14. Planetary Aspects: Part Three
15. Essential Dignity: Part One
16. Essential Dignity: Part Two
17. Accidental Dignity: Part One
18. Accidental Dignity: Part Two
19. Assessing Personality & Psychology: Part One
20. Assessing Personality & Psychology: Part Two
21. The Sun and the Moon as Spirit and Fortune: Part One
22. The Sun and the Moon as Spirit and Fortune: Part Two
23. The Sun and the Moon and the Nodes and Lots: Part Three
24. Guest Client Birth Chart Reading
25. Guest Client Birth Chart Reading
26. Guest Client Birth Chart Reading
27. Analyzing Specific Topics in the Birth Chart: Part One
28. Analyzing Specific Topics in the Birth Chart: Part Two
29. Analyzing Specific Topics in the Birth Chart: Part Three
30. Guest Client Birth Chart Reading
31. Guest Client Birth Chart Reading
32. Guest Client Birth Chart Reading

Course Requirements for Certification



1. Unless students have cleared it with me in advance, students must attend 28 out of the 32 classes in person and be present for the full duration of the class (arriving more than 30 minutes late will count as an absence). This is an 87.5% attendance requirement, and this is a major requirement for certification.

2. Students must pass a final exam at 80% or better, and for those who cannot attend live and have cleared it with me, the final exam must be passed at 90% or better. The final exam is different for each new program, but often requires a sample birth chart and questions pertaining to that chart.

3. While homework reading assignments, quizzes, and reflection questions for the facebook group are not required for certification it is ***highly*** recommended that students complete these assignments for their own benefit.

Required and Supplemental Reading List + Recommended Software Programs

Required Reading for All Homework Assignments

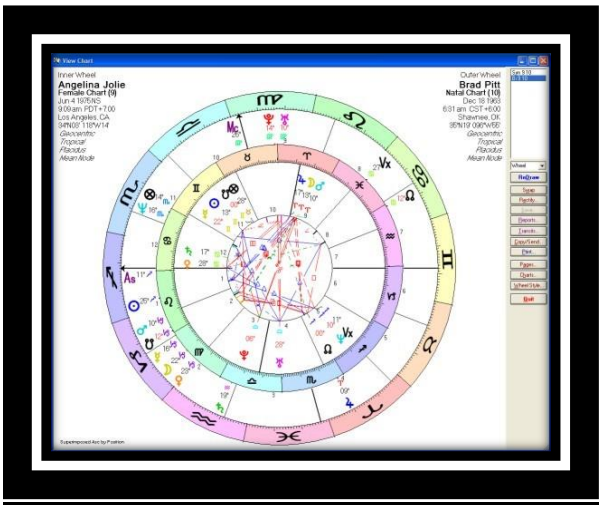


1. Hellenistic Astrology, by Chris Brennan
2. On the Heavenly Spheres, by Avelar and Ribeiro
3. The Real Astrology and the Real Astrology Applied, by John Frawley

Supplemental/Suggested Reading

1. A Practical Guide to Traditional Astrology, by Joseph Crane
2. Astrology and the Authentic Self, by Demetra George
3. Traditional Astrology for Today, by Benjamin Dykes
4. The Houses, by Deborah Houlding
5. A History of Horoscopic Astrology, by James Holden
6. The Book of Rulerships, by Lee Lehman
7. The Moment of Astrology, by Geoffrey Cornelius
8. Cosmos and Psyche, by Richard Tarnas
9. Christian Astrology, by William Lilly
10. A History of Western Astrology Volumes 1&2 by Nicholas Campion

Recommended Astrology Software Programs



1. Solar Fire Gold $360
(in-class program I use)

2. Delphic Oracle $149.95

3. Janus $149

4. Time Passages (Standard) $134

Free Software Programs Online

1. www.astro.com
2. https://sites.google.com/site/pymorinus/

Please note: free software will suffice for a while, but eventually all serious students of astrology will need to save up for an advanced program, like those in the list above.