

AUSTRALIS SCHOOL OF ASTROLOGY



Astrological Essentials

CERTIFICATE COURSE

PARTS I-IV

COURSES COMMENCING:
FEBRUARY & AUGUST

ACADEMIC AIM

The Australis School of Astrology is committed to the ongoing transmission and continuity of astrological knowledge.

The Astrological Essentials certificate course has been designed to give new students a comprehensive education in astrology's foundational principles. The course seeks to enable each student to move from a beginner to a competent practicing astrologer.

The course has an emphasis on interpretive technique with each of our classes containing guided chart examples. We believe that good astrologers are not only well educated, but have a strong personal philosophy underpinning their approach.

Our course material is designed to encourage each student to expand their personal philosophy regarding celestial omens and their application through their own critical evaluation and discernment.

In that pursuit, our curriculum has been designed to include both traditional and modern approaches for the benefit of comparison. We aim to give our students a well-rounded education which allows them the freedom to choose the astrological applications and techniques they wish to carry forward into their own practice.



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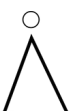
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Certificate Course

OVERVIEW

The Astrological Essentials Certificate Course is a four-unit program designed for new students who wish to learn about astrology and its principles. It is designed to give students the knowledge and skillset that will take them from a beginner to a competent, practicing astrologer.

The course is designed to give students a comprehensive introduction to the practice of astrology. Our curriculum teaches philosophies and techniques that stretch from the ancient world through to the present day, giving students the option to choose which techniques they wish to integrate into their own personal practice.

Upon completion of the four unit program students are eligible to apply to sit an examination to test their knowledge and developed skillset. Upon successful completion of the exam, students gain certification status.

The course is flexible. With two intakes a year students are free to undertake each unit of study as they have the time and capacity.

Each unit builds onto the previous one, with each adding complexity, depth and nuance of technique. At the completion of our course, you will have all the tools you need to practice astrology with confidence and proficiency.

Unit I: Chart Structure

This unit introduces the core elements of astrological chart structure and symbolism. We look deeply at the planets, signs and houses, their significations and how they work together.

Unit II: Interpretive Synthesis

After integrating an understanding of the essential building blocks of astrology, this is where students begin to put it all together. This unit focuses on synthesising the individual elements into an interpretation.

Unit III: Predictive Techniques

Now that the horoscope can be understood and interpreted, this unit introduces the predictive techniques that enable you to identify the upcoming energies that activate the horoscope. Integrating these techniques into your practice is what allows you to identify periods of challenge and opportunity and give context to passages of life.

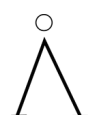
Unit IV: Specialist Applications

The final unit in the certificate course introduces specialist astrological techniques that can be applied for prognostication beyond the natal horoscope.

It is the aim of this unit to provide a well-rounded understanding of all facets of astrological practice and to provide students with the knowledge to choose potential applications further study and specialisation.

Exam

Upon completion of the four units, students are eligible to apply to sit the formal exam and achieve certification.



Course SYLLABUS

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PART I

CHART STRUCTURE



01

Introduction: History, philosophy & fundamentals

We explore astrology's place in the ancient world and outline the ways in which its application evolved through cross-cultural transmission and the prevailing worldview, and discuss the implications in contemporary practice.

We outline the various applications of astrology and their primary functions. We begin to explore the underlying philosophy and mechanics of the horoscope - what it is and how we read it. All students are issued a copy of their birth chart to refer to throughout.

02

Planets: Cosmic wanderers & their symbolic expression

This unit explores the depth and nuance of the seven traditional planets as well as the modern, outer planets Uranus, Neptune & Pluto. We detail their signification and expression as seen through the various applications of astrology.

Focus is given to both traditional and modern, psychological interpretations.

03

Signs: Characterisation & motivation

The twelve signs of the tropical zodiac are explored in detail.

This unit outlines the concept of triplicities and their modern iteration, elements. We will also define planetary rulership and the traditional concept of temperament.

You will gain an understanding of how signs motivate and modify the energy of the planets which is vital for interpretive accuracy.

04

Houses: The vaults of heaven

We delineate the meaning of the astrological houses and the mechanics of converting the structure of the heavens into a horoscope.

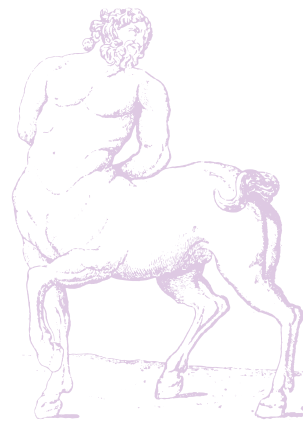
We will explore the philosophies behind various systems of house division and explore the underlying principles upon which all house significations are derived, noting the major differences between sign and quadrant based division.

We will explore both traditional and modern definitions.



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PART I CHART STRUCTURE



Dignity & Debility: *Qualitative Conditions*

In this unit we explore the primary conditions which contribute to planetary strength and debility. Understanding a planet's strength in a given chart contributes to understanding how its energy is expressed and its overall ability to contribute to the chart.

We will explore the interpretive nuance planetary strength brings to chart analysis and discuss the theoretical and ethical implications for practitioners.

Aspects & Reception: *Compatibility & Incongruity*

After integrating the primary building blocks of the horoscope, understanding the aspectual relationships between planets and how they can inhibit and expand their signification is the next step towards mastering the depth and complexity of meaning that goes far beyond Sun sign astrology.

This unit details the primary Ptolemaic aspects as well as the minor aspects introduced at later stages in astrology's history.

Asteroids, Fixed Stars & Lots

This session explores minor bodies and parts that can be considered by the competent practicing astrologer.

We explore the mythology of the asteroid goddesses and the primary fixed stars. We will also discuss the calculation and application of lots and their utility in horoscopic analysis.

Chart Practicum

The final session in term one amalgamates the theory presented throughout the unit and invites students to present an analysis of a section of a chart of their choosing.

While the unit is comprised of chart examples, group analysis helps to facilitate the integration of knowledge and provides rich experiences to see astrology in action.

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Interpretive Synthesis: *The Ancient World*

In this session we take the essential building blocks of astrology that were discovered in the first unit and piece them together to form a complete interpretation.

This session introduces the practice of astrology as it was originally conceived by the ancients. We look deeply at their interpretive philosophy and learn the approaches they undertook to yield insight from the horoscope. We discuss the ethical and philosophical implications of this approach in consultation.

02

Interpretive Synthesis: *The Ancient World Practicum*

This session builds onto the theory of the previous session and demonstrates the approach in practice.

The session is primarily focused on chart interpretation with participation encouraged by all students.

03

Interpretive Synthesis: *The Modern World*

This session introduces the modern approach to chart interpretation. Students will integrate an understanding of the key concepts of contemporary practice and consider the value and utility of the psychological and spiritual approach.

By analysing the ancient and modern approaches in this fashion, students are able to make their own comparison and assess each system based on its merit, enabling them to make a fully informed decision about the techniques they wish to carry forward in their own practice.

04

Interpretive Synthesis: *The Modern World Practicum*

Similar to Session 2, this session builds onto the theory of the previous session and demonstrates the approach in practice.

The session is primarily focused on chart interpretation with participation encouraged by all students.

We consider the ways in which the practice is enhanced and diminished by discussing prevailing worldviews throughout history and consider how societal values impact astrology's application and practice.



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PART II
INTERPRETIVE SYNTHESIS



Planets in Aspect: *Interaction & integration*

Planets express themselves in a variety of ways. Their aspectual relationship and placement in the horoscope can either enhance or inhibit their natural expression.

In this session we look deeply at each planet in aspect and evaluate various combinations. We introduce a practical approach that aids in the development of a strong interpretive skillset.

The session involves theory and chart examples with student participation encouraged.

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Evolutionary: *Reincarnation & the nodal axis Part I*

This session introduces the specialist modern technique of analysing the chart to identify limiting behavioural patterns which are attributed to prior life experiences.

Students will learn to identify the astrological signatures which point to prior life experiences and how to integrate those signatures into a comprehensive chart interpretation.

We consider the ethical implications of this approach and discuss the merit of its inclusion in practice.

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Evolutionary: *Reincarnation & the nodal axis Part II*

Following on from the previous session, we begin to explore the technique in practice through chart examples.

Student participation is encouraged.

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Chart Practicum

The final session provides the opportunity to amalgamate the theory presented throughout the unit and invites students to present an analysis of a section of a chart of their choosing.

The session is informal with group participation and contribution encouraged.

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PART III

PREDICTIVE TECHNIQUES



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Transits & the Bio-cycle

We open this unit by looking at planetary cycles.

In learning about the bio-cycle, students will integrate an understanding of the astrological rhythms that punctuate the passages of life for everyone. We will demonstrate the ancient system of Firdaria and the more modern passages such as the Saturn return.

We begin unpacking predictive techniques by looking at transits and how they interact the natal horoscope.

02

Progressions & Solar Arcs

We add another two predictive techniques to your skillset by learning about secondary progressions and solar arcs.

We explore the theory, looking at the symbolism behind their calculation and assess their impact through chart examples.

We also discuss the utility of this technique and how to incorporate them both in practice.

03

The Luration Cycle

As a Luminary, the Moon's importance in astrology cannot be understated. It is vital to every application.

Following on from the session on Progressions, we take a deep look at the cycle of the progressed Moon and its relevance in predictive work.

We also look at the Luration cycle more broadly and discuss the importance of its focus in other applications of astrology.

04

Annual Profections & Zodiacal Releasing

We integrate the ancient technique of Annual Profections and zodiacal releasing and discuss the strengths of the approach and its integration with other techniques.



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PART III

PREDICTIVE TECHNIQUES



Solar Returns

We look at the ancient technique of Solar Returns, a chart which is unique to each individual and outlines the central themes of importance from year to year.

We discuss the theory behind its calculation and the various methods of interpretation, both ancient and modern.

Chart Practicum

The chart practicum offers students the opportunity to present a prediction for a chart of their choosing based on the techniques learnt throughout the unit.

The session is informal and encourages group participation and contribution.

Synastry: *Relationship Astrology*

In this session we pivot and begin to explore specialist applications of astrology. While the core elements of astrology remain, the insight we are seeking to yield from the chart is modified.

Synastry is the application of astrology most closely linked to the natal horoscope in that we are seeking to identify the way two individuals support and challenge one another. This is most commonly employed to identify the patterns of romantic relationships, but can be employed to seek insight into relationships of all kinds, be them familial or professional.

Discuss the theory of the technique and discuss ethical applications in practice.

Synastry: *Relationship Astrology Practicum*

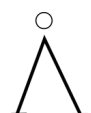
Following on from the previous session we do a deep dive into a demonstration of synastry techniques. Students are welcome to submit charts of their choosing for group interpretation.

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Mundane Astrology: Astrology of the World Part I

While natal charts tend to take prominence in the modern world, Mundane astrology was considered to be the most superior of all astrology's applications.

It consists of several techniques that are designed to give insight into the affairs of the world. In this session we begin to identify those techniques by learning how to both cast and interpret the chart of a nation and look at major planetary cycles.

02

Mundane Astrology: Astrology of the World Part II

In this session we continue to expand on Mundane techniques by incorporating lunation and eclipse charts. We also explore the Ingress charts and how to interpret them.

A demonstration of techniques is offered by way of chart examples and topical material.

03

Astro-cartography

Astro-cartography is the application of astrology which gives insight into the sort of energies and experiences an individual can expect in various parts of the world.

We will outline the techniques employed in this branch of astrology and how to interpret them through the use of chart examples.

04

Medical Astrology: The Celestial Apothecary

This session outlines the major applications of how astrology can be used to identify health concerns and manage chronic and acute issues when they emerge. This is demonstrated through chart examples.

While medical astrology is a specialist discipline, this session is designed to introduce the core elements of the subject and encourage further specialist study.



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PART IV

SPECIALIST APPLICATIONS



Horary Astrology Part I

In the next three sessions we explore the mysterious and profound application of Horary astrology.

We identify Horary as a unique and distinct practice of astrology and begin an exploration of its interpretive principles and techniques by way of theory and chart examples.

We discuss the philosophical and ethical implications of this application of astrology and how to integrate it alongside other applications.

Horary Astrology Part II

This session continues to explore the principles of techniques of Horary with theory and chart examples.

We will identify different types of questions and how they should be approached.

Horary Astrology Part III

The final session in our Horary series continues to explore interpretive techniques.

While Horary is a specialist discipline, this three-part series is designed to introduce the core elements of its practice and encourage further specialist study.

Electional Astrology

The final session in our program focuses on Electional astrology, the art of identifying auspicious moments to begin endeavours and enter unions.

We identify the core elements of this application and how an auspicious date is arrived at.

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Qualifying EXAMINATION



Eligibility

Students are eligible to apply for the examination after successful completion of the Astrological Essentials course.

Fees

The exam is offered with an enrolment fee of \$150.

About the Exam

The exam consists of three sections:

1. Chart Structure
2. Interpretation
3. Synthesis

The exam consists of multiple choice, short answer and essay questions. It is a non-invigilated, open-book exam that is to be completed no later than eight weeks from the receipt of the exam paper.

Chart Structure - 25%

This section of the exam is designed to test your knowledge of chart structure and general astrological symbolism. It consists of multiple choice and short-answer questions.

Interpretation - 35%

The interpretation component is designed to test your knowledge of interpretive principles. The bulk of this section of the consists of short-answer questions.

Synthesis - 40%

This section of the exam requires you to write a detailed chart analysis in essay format. The chart is provided and a focus area is designated. You are free to interpret in the chart using your preferred technique and approach.

Grading

The paper is graded by a panel of three examiners with detailed feedback being provided.

Students must reach a pass mark of at least 60% in order to qualify for the certificate.



DELIVERY & INCLUSIONS



Lectures Delivered via Zoom

All of our classes are delivered via online meeting platform Zoom.

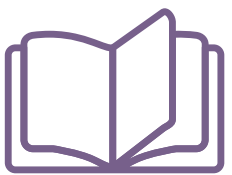
While we believe that in-person tuition is important, online delivery serves to mitigate scheduling conflicts by enabling students to log on from anywhere in the world.



Classes are delivered live with direct tutor access

Unlike many other astrology schools, all of our classes are delivered live, giving you direct tutor access. We believe this facilitates a proper integration of the material and a well-rounded learning experience.

The live environment also allows for spontaneous discussion and the expression of ideas, which further nurtures the development of one's personal philosophy and interpretive skillset.



Extensive Course Materials

Our course has extensive course materials which are distributed with each lesson.

As astrology is such an extensive subject with many areas of specialisation, time has been taken to curate extensive notes that can be kept and used as a reference when engaging in further study or preparing your own chart analysis in the future.



Session Recordings

All of our classes are recorded and circulated to enrolled students after the delivery of each session.

This allows students the freedom and flexibility to choose to attend live while also staying up to date with the material should scheduling conflicts arise in their lives.



Session TIMETABLE

2025 Session Timetable

Date	Time	Session #	Session Name
5 February 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	1.1	Introduction: History, philosophy & fundamentals
12 February 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	1.2	Planets: Cosmic wanderers & their symbolic expression
19 February 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	1.3	Signs: Characterisation & motivation
26 February 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	1.4	Houses: The vaults of heaven
27 February 2025	7:00pm AEST		Round Table
5 March 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	1.5	Dignity & Debility: Qualitative Conditions
12 March 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	1.6	Aspects & Reception: Compatibility & Incongruity
19 March 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	1.7	Asteroids, Fixed Stars & Lots
26 March 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	1.8	Chart Practicum
Term Break			
16 April 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	2.1	Interpretive Synthesis: The Ancient World
23 April 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	2.2	Interpretive Synthesis: The Ancient World Practicum
30 April 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	2.3	Interpretive Synthesis: The Modern World
7 May 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	2.4	Interpretive Synthesis: The Modern World Practicum
8 May 2025	7:00pm AEST		Round Table
14 May 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	2.5	Planets in Aspect: Interaction & integration
21 May 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	2.6	Evolutionary: Reincarnation & the nodal axis Part I
28 May 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	2.7	Evolutionary: Reincarnation & the nodal axis Part II
4 June 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	2.8	Chart Practicum
Semester Break			
6 August 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	3.1	Transits & the Bio-cycle
13 August 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	3.2	Progressions & Solar Arcs
20 August 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	3.3	The Luration Cycle
27 August 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	3.4	Annual Profections & Zodiacal Releasing
28 August 2025	7:00pm AEST		Round Table
3 September 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	3.5	Solar Returns
10 September 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	3.6	Chart Practicum
17 September 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	3.7	Synastry: Relationship Astrology
24 September 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	3.8	Synastry: Relationship Astrology Practicum
Term Break			
15 October 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	4.1	Mundane Astrology: Astrology of the World Part I
22 October 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	4.2	Mundane Astrology: Astrology of the World Part II
29 October 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	4.3	Astro-cartography:
5 November 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	4.4	Medical Astrology: The Celestial Apothecary
6 November 2025	7:00pm AEST		Round Table
12 November 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	4.5	Horary Astrology Part I
19 November 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	4.6	Horary Astrology Part II
26 November 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	4.7	Horary Astrology Part III
3 December 2025	7:00pm - 9:00pm AEST	4.8	Electional Astrology

*Round Table meetings are optional informal Q&A sessions.

