

Conditions of Enrolment for Class Students

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Please note that in order to study at the Faculty, you must be aged 18 years or over. There is no upper age limit.

Structure and Timing

The Foundation Course is designed in three modules, each of which is taught over one term of classes (classes are either once a week for ten weeks or a series of four seminars, scheduled at weekends).

The Diploma Course is designed in six modules, each of which is taught over one term of classes (as a series of four seminars, scheduled at weekends).

Books

The Reading List for each module suggests background reading for your course and we would encourage you to do as much additional reading around each subject as time allows, since you will benefit from being able to draw on a wide range of material.

There are a few set text books which you will need to buy for some of the modules, as follows:

- **Raphael's Ephemeris** (essential set text for Foundation Course Modules 2 and 3).
- An **Ephemeris for both the 20th and 21st centuries** (essential reference texts throughout the Diploma Course).
- **The Combination of Stellar Influences** by Reinhold Ebertin (essential set text for Module 7).
- **Mundane Astrology** by Michael Baigent, Nicholas Campion & Charles Harvey (essential set text for Module 8).

Please Note: You are advised to make sure you buy a copy of the set text for your module **before** you enrol. Details of specialist astrological outlets for online ordering and worldwide delivery are listed on the 'Essential Books for Purchase' document which you will find on the 'Brochures & Bookings' page of the website at www.astrology.org.uk

Course Material

Each module is accompanied by written course material which summarises the subjects learnt at each stage, in the form of a series of articles. In addition, you will find a Student Manual and a series of exercises – these have been designed for students following the course by Distance Learning, but your tutor may use some of them as the basis for homework exercises during the course.

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All the articles and exercises have been designed as Adobe Acrobat (pdf) documents, and before you can read them you will first need to install Acrobat Reader on your computer. You can download the latest version of Acrobat Reader free from the internet at: www.adobe.com

We recommend that you first open and print out the Student Manual, which will show you the list of subjects studied during the module. You can then print out the relevant articles and exercises as you work through the module in class. **If you do not have access to a PC you will need to make your own arrangements to have the material printed out for you.**

Working on Your Own Chart

Throughout the Certificate and Diploma classes, you will often be required to work on your own birth chart. Partly this is for practical reasons – whenever you learn a new technique or idea, the process of applying it to your own chart can help you engage with the technique or idea more fully. As every student soon discovers, astrology comes alive when you really see it working in your own chart.

But there are also more subtle processes at work. Firstly, as you progress through the modules, you will become increasingly aware of the potential power of astrology as a tool for understanding the character and experiences of another human being – and you will also become increasingly aware that whenever you look at another person's chart, you inevitably see it through the lens of your own personality. Much like the principle in quantum physics which suggests that the act of observation can change the outcome of an experiment, the personality of the astrologer is crucial to the energy and nature of a chart reading, whether this is a simple exercise on a sample chart in the Foundation Course material or the readings you may eventually give to clients as a professional astrologer. Astrological training therefore brings with it the need to develop an awareness of our own personal biases or predispositions, so that we can more effectively bracket these out when we read someone else's chart.

Secondly, astrology encourages a participative process that strengthens as we deepen our relationship with the symbols, eventually bringing us to a deeper understanding of ourselves, of life in general and of our relationship to the cosmos.

The Faculty therefore places a lot of emphasis on the idea that learning astrology is a multi-layered process of growing awareness and personal development, with the work you do on your own chart being central to this process.

If you do not know the exact time of your birth, it is still possible for us to provide you with a birth chart if you know the time to within a few hours – some parts of the chart will be speculative, but as you gain more experience of astrology it should be possible (with the help of your tutor) to narrow this down until you arrive at a chart which feels like a close fit. Alternatively, you can pay a professional astrologer to have your birth chart 'rectified', a skilled process of matching significant dates and events to astrological signifiers in order to arrive at a suggested time of birth – if you wish to do this, you will find a list of Faculty-trained astrologers who do rectification work on our website at www.astrology.org.uk

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If you do not know your birth time, you should indicate this on the enrolment form, so that your tutor is aware of it.

Working towards the Faculty's Certificate & Diploma

The Faculty's courses and exams allow you to accumulate credits as you work through your studies. You will automatically receive 20 credits when you complete each module, whether studied at Classes, by Distance Learning or at Summer School. In addition to the module credits, you will receive 60 credits when you pass each of the interpretation exams – Certificate, Intermediate and Advanced – making a total of 360 credits required to obtain the Diploma qualification, as follows:

Foundation Course leading to the Certificate

Module 1	20 credits	120 credits
Module 2	20 credits	
Module 3	20 credits	
Certificate Interpretation Exam	60 credits	

Diploma Level One

Module 4	20 credits	120 credits
Module 5	20 credits	
Module 6	20 credits	
Intermediate Interpretation Exam	60 credits	

Diploma Level Two

Module 7	20 credits	120 credits
Module 8	20 credits	
Module 9	20 credits	
Advanced Interpretation Exam	60 credits	

In order to gain the credits, you are required to attend a minimum of 75% of the seminars which make up each module, i.e. a minimum of 3 of the 4 days for classes scheduled at weekends and a minimum of 8 of the 10 evenings for the Monday evening Foundation Course.

You will also be required to complete a short home study exercise **or** to present a piece of chart work in class. At the end of the module, if you have fulfilled these requirements, you will be awarded 20 credits, **but you must complete the credit-**

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associated exercise within six weeks of the final class in order to gain your credits. N.B. Diploma students on Modules 4, 5, 7 and 8, where there are two or three separate subject areas taught by more than one tutor, **will need to hand in their credits homework exercise to the relevant tutor 6 weeks after the class in question.** The tutor/s will advise you of the date by which the homework needs to be completed.

Full details of the qualifying procedure can be found on the Exams pages of the Faculty website.

Enrolling on Module 9

Students who attend Module 9 are required to conduct a 'live' chart consultation with a client and submit a recording of the consultation to their tutor for feedback.

Conducting a reading with a client requires a secure knowledge of forecasting and synastry techniques, as well as a sensitive and empathetic approach to chart work. For this reason, Module 9 is only open to students who have completed Modules 1-7.

No Pressure!

There is no pressure on you to take any of the examinations. Whether or not you intend to take the examinations with a view to becoming a professional astrologer, our nine modules provide a structured and comprehensive astrological education in themselves.

Additional Homework

During the course of the module, your tutor may set some short homework exercises in addition to the exercise or presentation work that you must do to gain your 20 credits. Such additional homework is entirely optional and you are not obliged to complete it in order to gain the module credits. It will either be marked by your tutor or will be in the form of specific preparation or reading for the following class.

Your Tutor

Your tutor's aim is to ensure that you have a rewarding and individually supported learning experience. He/she will support you throughout each module, suggest extra reading, provide specific examples and generally ensure that you have all the guidance and feedback you need to successfully complete each module.

You will usually be allocated the same tutor for all three modules of the Foundation Course, since this gives the tutor and all members of the class a chance to develop a good working rapport.

Each module at Diploma level is typically taught by two tutors, who work closely together in their preparation for the seminars. You will therefore experience a variety of tutors during the Diploma Course, allowing you to broaden your understanding and encouraging you to develop your own astrological methodology.

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Student Support

The Student Representative's job is to represent your interests on the Council of the Faculty and to raise any issues there on your behalf. You can contact the Student Rep at studentrep@astrology.org.uk if you have any general comments or questions about being a student at the Faculty, and to gain access to the Faculty's Online Student Forum.

For any queries about your studies, please write to the Head Tutor, Paolo Cortucci, at head.tutor@astrology.org.uk

Student Registration Fee

The Faculty is a non-profit making organisation and exists for the purpose of providing courses of study and exams for its students. It is a Company Limited by Guarantee. Payment of the Student Registration fee and subsequent re-enrolment on any course of study constitutes agreement to the following clause:

I understand that by making this application, I am agreeing to become a member of the Faculty of Astrological Studies, a Company Limited by Guarantee, and understand that in accordance with its Articles of Association every member undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £1) to the Company's assets in the event of a Winding Up whilst they are Members or within one year after their membership ceases.

Payment of the Student Registration fee means that you become an Associate Member of the Faculty for the entire period of your studies with us, unless you take a break of more than one year.

Associate Membership status entitles you to the following benefits:

- Access to our Online Student Forum (you will receive details of this in a letter from the Student Representative)
- The option to attend our Annual General Meeting

If we do not hear from you for over a year, your Associate Membership of the Faculty will cease, although you will still be eligible to receive regular information from us about Faculty events.

Whether or not your Associate Membership has expired, as a past registered student of the Faculty you will always be able to enrol on further modules, take exam papers and attend Faculty Summer Schools at the student price in future and will not be expected to re-register. If you do enrol on a further module or exam paper, you will once again qualify for Associate Membership status unless you again take a break of more than one year from the date of your last enrolment.

A Copy of the Articles of Association can be found on the Faculty website.

Student Feedback Sheet

A Student Feedback Form is included with each module and we would be very grateful if you would take a few minutes to complete this form and email it to the Head Tutor at

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head.tutor@astrology.org.uk on completion of each module. This will greatly help us to continue to improve our material and method of tuition, with a view to ensuring that your studies are as fruitful and enjoyable as possible.

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