



# Astrology Beyond The Basics

## A Six Module Follow on Course with Astrologer Philip Heaton

(A course designed around you, see below for modules, flexible scheduling and online delivery).

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## 2026 Course fee. £395

### **Steps for Interpreting the Chart as a Whole.**

A practical follow on course for students who have completed an introductory study of astrology and are ready to move beyond identifying individual components towards interpreting the chart as a whole.

The course is designed to develop confidence in looking at a calculated chart, recognising its most significant features and learning how to make useful notes from the overall pattern.

It is also suitable for astrologers who would like to revisit, practise and develop their techniques of chart interpretation.

### **Module 1. Planetary Strengths.**

Not every planet in the birth chart carries equal emphasis. This module looks at the particular positions and conditions that can give a planet increased importance in the chart.

We explore Planets rising and setting. Planets on the MC/IC. Most aspected and /or unaspected planets. Retrograde and Stationary positions and all other highlighted or significant factors in determining the strength of influence attributed to each planetary energy.

The aim is to learn how to recognise the planets that demand particular attention before beginning any interpretation of a birth chart.

## **Module2. Chart Shaping.**

The overall distribution of the planets can create recognisable patterns within the birth chart.

Using the chart shaping work associated with Marc Edmund Jones, we explore the principle patterns including. The Locomotive. The Splay. The Bundle. The Bowl. The see saw and the Splash.

We look at how these overall patterns are identified, what they suggest about the way a chart operates and how they can contribute to an understanding of the personality and approach to life.

## **Module 3. Major Aspect Patterns.**

Individual aspects are important, but sometimes several aspects combine to create a much larger and more complex pattern.

This module examines the major aspect configurations including.

T Squares. Grand Trines. Grand Crosses. Yods. Other significant formations.

We look at how these patterns are worked out and identified, their internal complexity and most importantly, what to look for when you encounter one in an actual chart. The emphasis is on going beyond simply naming an aspect pattern towards understanding how its different components work together.

## **Module 4. The Phases of the Moon.**

The Moon's relationship to the Sun provides another important layer of information within the birth chart.

We explore the stages of the Waxing and Waning of the Moon and how the particular phase at birth can add more to the understanding of the emotional personality and the way the individual approaches experiences.

The Moon phase is considered alongside the Moons sign and house position rather than in isolation as it can often provide another but contradictory dimension in the interpretation of a chart.

## **Module 5. Extra Chart Points.**

There are many additional points and cosmic bodies that can be incorporated into an astrological chart to provide further information.

This module introduces the possibilities of working with additional chart factors including; The Nodes of the Moon. Asteroids (including Chiron), Fixed Stars and other additional points.

The emphasis is on understanding when and why additional chart information may be useful, rather than simply adding more and more material to the chart wheel.

## **Module 6. Techniques of Forecasting (an introduction).**

The final module provides an introduction to looking beyond the natal chart and considering how astrological techniques can be used to explore periods of change and development.

We introduce; Transits, Progressions and Directions.

We look at how these techniques are constructed, what they represent, how they are placed onto the natal chart and how they can begin to be interpreted.

This provides the principles of forecasting astrology and gives the student the foundation from which further study and practise can develop.

## **The Aim of the Course.**

This is not just a course in learning more astrological jargon. The aim is to develop the ability to look at a chart, recognise the important features and bring them together to form the start of a cohesive interpretation.

Throughout the course the emphasis is on practice, observation and note taking. Students are encouraged to look at actual charts and develop their own process for approaching interpretation. A natural progression from absolute beginner study.

### **Flexible Study.**

**The Days.** Sessions can be arranged to suit your availability.

**The Times.** Morning, afternoon or evening sessions.

**The Pace.** Modules can be completed at a pace to suit your needs.

**Method of Delivery.** Online tuition using your preferred platform. Zoom, Teams WhatsApp etc.

**Payment Details.** Provided after email confirmation of acceptance onto the course.

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*The course is intended as a structured six module programme, however individual modules can be undertaken separately on request.*