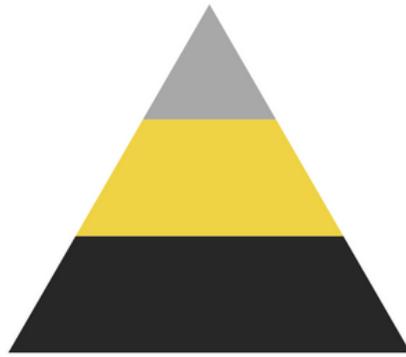


THE STAGES OF LEARNING ASTROLOGY



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ASTROLOGY



Intro:

When you're interested in learning astrology, it can be hard to figure out what to learn when. There's so much astrology information out there, and quite often, when you're learning, you jump around because you don't know the right order to go in. When you're first starting, you usually end up jumping to something too advanced, but you're so excited! Then you get in over your head and get discouraged. Boo that! SO this is meant to help you figure out what stage you're at and what to move on to next. Onward!



All beginners: Foundational Techniques and Information

These are the techniques and information you need to learn **FIRST**, regardless of whatever forms of astrology you study. You **MUST** learn these first, otherwise you **WILL** get lost - fast!

- Signs
- Houses
- Major aspects
- Planets
- Elements
- Modalities
- House types
- How to create and read a chart

Time this will take:

It completely depends on how much time you devote to it, but I would say an average of a year. If you're fanatical (maybe a Scorpio Mercury?), you can get these fast, and if you don't have much time, it can take longer. Don't worry too much about the length of time it takes you. Go at your own pace.



After the foundational techniques, you can then choose which you want to learn:

Natal Astrology	Predictive Astrology
Natal astrology focuses on the natal chart and what you can learn about someone's personality, strengths and weaknesses, and more.	Predictive astrology focuses on making predictions using the natal chart and various predictive techniques.



To Learn: **Natal Astrology**

Beginner stage:

- Chart ruler
- Aspects configurations
- Critical degrees
- Chart patterns
- Minor aspects

Average time spent: 6 months - 2 years

Intermediate stage:

- Chiron
- Lunar Nodes
- Asteroids
- Fixed stars

Average time spent: minimum of 6 months (and with thousands of asteroids, you can spend your whole life on these and still not know them all!)



At the **advanced stage**, you can choose to focus on a specific branch of natal astrology:

Vocational astrology: Vocational astrology helps people figure out the work they should be doing using their natal chart.

Relationship astrology: Relationship astrology comprises of synastry, where the charts of two (or more) people are compared to one another to see compatibility, and composite charts, which are a merging of the charts of two people to analyze their relationship itself through a separate third chart.

Psychological astrology: Psychological astrology focuses on the natal chart and its impact on us psychologically.

Midpoint astrology: Midpoint astrology analyzes the midpoints of a chart, the exact middle of two points in a chart. Midpoints show how the energy of those two points come together in the natal chart.

Esoteric astrology: Esoteric astrology is the astrology of the soul, and focuses on your soul's purpose, your soul's journey, your soul's baggage, and your soul's potential.



To Learn: **Predictive Astrology**

Beginner stage:

- Reading an ephemeris
- Tracking planetary movement through the houses
- Major transit aspects
- New/full moons and eclipses
- Retrogrades

Average time spent: 3 months - 1 year

Intermediate stage:

- Returns
- Progressions
- Integrating transits, returns, and progressions
- Getting started with electional and mundane astrology

Average time spent: 6 months - 2 years



At the **advanced stage**, you can choose to focus on a specific branch of predictive astrology:

Asteroids (in predictive astrology): Asteroids can be used in natal astrology, but can also be used predictively.

Horary astrology: Horary astrology constructs a chart for the moment a question is asked and finds the answer to that question in the chart.

Electional astrology: Electional astrology focuses on finding the right date for life events.

- **Sub-branch:** Agricultural astrology (best times to deal with crops)

Mundane astrology: Mundane astrology focuses on astrological trends for countries, governments, and the world at large.

Sub-branches:

- Financial astrology (astro-economics)
- Political astrology (astrology of politics)
- Meteorological astrology (astrology of weather)



These require advanced knowledge of BOTH natal and predictive astrology knowledge:

Forensic Astrology	Medical Astrology
<p>Must learn first:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Psychological astrology● Esoteric astrology● Natal astrology● Medical astrology● Mundane astrology● Asteroid astrology● Fixed star astrology	<p>Medical astrology focuses on helping people with their health problems. You study the natal chart to find what they're predisposed to and how they can improve their health, and use predictive astrology to see when they'll have good/difficult health periods.</p>



Recap by stage:

BEGINNER

First, you start with:

- signs
- houses
- major aspects
- planets
- elements
- modalities
- house types
- how to create and read a chart

For natal astrology, you'll need to learn about:

- chart rulers
- aspect configurations
- chart patterns
- critical degrees

For predictive astrology, you'll need to learn about:

- reading an ephemeris
- tracking planetary movement through the houses
- tracking transit aspects
- new/full moons & eclipses
- retrogrades



INTERMEDIATE

You've already mastered all of the beginner stuff, and now you're ready to move on to more at this level.

For natal astrology, you'll need to focus on:

- Chiron
- Lunar Nodes
- asteroids
- fixed stars

For predictive astrology, you'll need to focus on:

- returns
- progressions
- integrating transits, returns, and progressions
- getting started with electional and mundane astrology

At this level, you should be able to start seeing how it all fits together. Integration is the big focus for the intermediate student.



ADVANCED

You've got all of that down cold, so once you're at an advanced level, you can focus on specific techniques and branches to expand your learning.

For natal astrology, this might be focusing on:

- vocational astrology
- relationship astrology
- psychological astrology
- midpoint astrology
- esoteric astrology

For predictive astrology, this might be focusing on:

- asteroids (in prediction)
- horary astrology
- branches of mundane astrology

There is also medical astrology and forensic astrology, and they require knowledge of both advanced natal and predictive astrology.