

Ben Dykes Traditional Natal Astrology Course Fact Sheet
Fomalhaut Students (2026)

Registration begins Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 1PM CT
Class begins Saturday July 11, 2026

Instructor:

Dr. Benjamin Dykes, a leading traditional astrologer and translator of traditional texts from Arabic and Latin.

Format:

Each lesson (41 total in the course) lasts approximately 2 weeks:

- Downloadable PDF lessons (and other documents and videos) on a dedicated course server, with assigned homework.
- Assigned readings in two course books.
- Weekly, live lessons and interaction on GoToMeeting (recorded for later viewing if needed).
- Three personal online meetings with the instructor (one meeting per Part).

Structure of Course

Three Parts, each taught and purchased separately, must be done in sequence:

- Part 1 (20 lessons): Principles of astronomy and astrology, and chart interpretation.
- Part 2 (8 lessons): Predictive techniques.
- Part 3 (13 lessons): All topics in natal astrology, from matters of birth and early upbringing, to family, marriage, children, friends and enemies, death, and more.

Breaks of 4-6 weeks will take place between Parts, so students can complete homework. Students who need time off can join the next Part with later cohorts.

All fluent English speakers/readers are eligible to take Part 1, with an invitation to continue upon completion of Part 1.

A Certificate is offered for each Part completed, or a Diploma at the end.

Cost for Part 1 (20 lessons, approximately 40 weeks):

20 lessons @ \$60 per lesson = \$1200. Contact benjamin_dykes@msn.com with questions about paying in installments.

Lesson 1: Introduction

Lesson 2: Historical overview

Lesson 3: Chart basics

Lesson 4: Astronomy 1: Reference Frames
Lesson 5: Astronomy 2: Zodiacs, models, chart calculation
Lesson 6: Fixed stars
Lesson 7: Elements and signs
Lesson 8: Planets 1
Lesson 9: Dignities
Lesson 10: Planets 2 - Sect
Lesson 11: Places 1: Templates of meaning
Lesson 12: Practical planet and house interpretation
Lesson 13: Dynamics and divisions
Lesson 14: Configurations, looking, aspects
Lesson 15: Aversion
Lesson 16: Planetary conditions from the Sun
Lesson 17: Configurations 2
Lesson 18: Lots
Lesson 19: Triplicity lords and joys by place
Lesson 20: Victors

Start Date for Part 1 (Live interaction): Saturday July 11, 2026, 10:00 AM Central Time.

Requirements:

- Course text: Sahl b. Bishr, *The Astrology of Sahl b. Bishr*, Vol. I (Minneapolis, MN: The Cazimi Press, 2019)
- Course text: Abu Ma'shar, *On the Revolutions of the Years of Nativities* (Minneapolis, MN: The Cazimi Press, 2019)
- An astrology program. Janus is preferred, and students will receive a discount after purchase. But most programs will do. Morinus is a free alternative, and instructions for it will be given.
- The free astronomy program Stellarium.