

## Vedic Astrology Graduate and Doctorate Course Description

**Astronomy:** Introduces the basis of Astronomical knowledge required by a Vedic Astrologer to explore and analyze the most important concepts of Astrology essential for the study of Jyotish. In addition, the student will learn Astronomical technical terms and their significance.

**Astrology:** This course offers the most fundamental principles and guidelines in Astrology and the ability to examine and interpret the location of the planets, their symbolic meanings and their influence on the individual's life. Furthermore, one becomes familiar with different disciplines and branches of this knowledge. In this course, the student will also become familiar with psychological concepts in order to further analyze all life aspects of the client which includes physical, mental, emotional and spiritual patterns in order to create an effective dialogue and an ideal outcome.

**Zodiac:** The in depth study of the 12 Zodiac signs and their significance with respect to analyze and interpreting of Astrological chart and based on Jyotish guidelines and techniques. This course will also offer the study of planets and the Ayanamsa which is the angular difference between the tropical and sidereal zodiac.

**Nakshatras or the Lunar Mansions:** The introduction to Vedic astrology by studying the 27 lunar mansions and the motion of the moon in each of the Nakshatras. This course will offer an extensive study of the principles and characteristics of the Nakshatras and their relationship to the individual's physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. Moreover, this course will examine the application of Nakshatras on marital astrology, event/accident timing, personality and behavioral patterns. Nakshatras also allow the in depth study of the spiritual progress of the individual which includes selecting particular yoga exercises, mediations and mantras.

**Direct and Retrograde Motion:** Examining the Planets' direct and Retrograde motions and its significance for an Astrologer. From the point of view of an Earth Observer, Planets have movements/motions from East to West. At times, Planets show a different motion when observed from Earth. They appear to reverse their direction. This is due to the relative position of the planets and Earth and how they are moving around the Sun. It is an optical illusion when viewed from Earth.

**Combustion of Planets:** At times the orbits of the sun and other planets seem to be aligned, this becomes important for the astrologer to examine this alignment as a chaotic condition. When Planets come near the unstable Sun, they become invisible and the energy of the Planet at such a state is vulnerable and significant for the Astrologer to examine the inauspicious aspects of the client's chart.

**Fixed and moveable Zodiacs:** Cardinal or Movable Signs are Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn. Fixed or Static Signs are Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius. Mutable or Common Signs are Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius and Pisces. The in depth study of the Cardinal or Movable Signs and their interpretation in astrology.

**Ayanamsha:** The study of Ayanamsha in Vedic Astrology is calculating astrological charts and Ayanamsha is the angular difference between the tropical and sidereal zodiac.

**Lunar months:** The lunar months are discussed and examined with respect to their significance in Vedic Astrology and as pillars for Jyotish. Auspicious and inauspicious days (Muhurta) will also be studied.

**Astrological Houses:** The interpretation of the 12 Houses and their characteristics in order to examine the individual's life such as career, marriage, health etc. and allow for counseling in an effort to enhance the person's lifestyle.

**Planets:** The study of the movement of Planets as basis for Astrology in order to understand the relationship between the individual's physical, emotional and spiritual existence with respect to the universal laws.

**Computational Calculus (Casting a birth Chart):** This course will familiarize the student with the soft wares available for astronomy and other technological tools needed to analyze a birth chart and also the mathematics required for the understanding of the programs.

**Sub Planets:** The general approach of star systems and the study of celestial bodies although they do not have a specific mass in the sky but they can have special effects and allow the student to study the chart from different perspectives. . This course will focus on those specific points in space that are mathematically computable and can also have distinct and complex effects on Earth.

**Graha Bala:** Studying the Planets and their strengths and weaknesses based on different systems of analysis. These systems include Shad Balas, Ashtakavarga and Varshaphala.

**Dashas:** The study of planetary periods, analyzing the planetary-periods effects on different aspects of an individual's life. This course identifying important life potentials such as in one's career, relationships etc in different planetary periods.

**Principles of reading charts:** The ultimate objective of all Astrology is to be able to assess the individual's life patterns, past experiences and the future events in order to provide constructive guidance on different aspects of life. This course will combine chart reading techniques with counseling tools which will allow for a better understanding and analysis of the psychological issues and improve communication between Astrologer and client.

**Planet in different signs and houses:** One of the fundamental aspects of Astrology is the specific meaning of each Planet in each sign and its location in each House and this course will interpret in detail the significance of each planet and its implication in each sign and in each house.

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**Yoga based on ownership of houses:** Yoga is one of the most important topics in Vedic Astrology and the formations based on the ownership of houses. There are over 100 Yogas identified in Jyotish and this course will examine the most important and relevant.

**Vargas:** This course studies the Rashi chart or the Astrological chart and their 16 subdivision charts called Vargas intended to comprehend different aspects of the person's life and better determine the issues involved in their personality.

**Nabhasa Yoga:** The set of planetary arrangements that provide a general perspective of the individual's life patterns, strengths and weaknesses and predispositions and signify the personality of the person.

**Muhurta (Astrology of Election):** One of the most important reasons to study a chart is to determine auspicious occasions through and this course will examine the techniques extensively. Students will study Panchangams and Planetary Transits as tools to better evaluate auspicious days in one's chart.

**Ashtakavarga:** An in depth study of how Ashtakavarga method of chart reading is done. The course will also examine the strength and weaknesses of planets, the function of the individual with respect to the strength and weaknesses of the Planets from the perspective of Ashtakavarga. Other applications of this knowledge will also be studied in relation to health and any major issues and longevity.

**Prashna (Horary Astrology) :** Horary astrology is when a chart is drawn based on a specific question from the client. Prashna will be studied from the point of view of two important systems namely Parashara and Tajika extensively.

**Gochara( Planetary transits ) :** One of the most important subjects in Astrology is appropriate chart prediction. This course will enable the student to learn the tools needed for an accurate prediction. This course will focus on two perspectives; Ashtakavarga chart and planets' position towards the moon and ascendant in the Rashi chart.

**Mathematical calculation of longevity:** In Astrology there is a possibility to approximately determine longevity through by utilizing different traditions including Ashtakavarga. A collection of these methods will be taught and compared in this course since Longevity is very important in reading and analyzing a chart especially with regards to marriage charts.

**Medical Astrology:** Astrological charts can show the health of the individual, their immune system and the possibility of any disease. The latter information is important in preventive medicine if the individual is

aware of a particular illness in advance. Ailments that may occur in the organs, such as heart, liver, eyes and ears can be identified and studied through the charts.

**Astrology and Psychology:** A complete and comprehensive examination of a chart is important to the understanding of the individual's psychological wellbeing, personality type. The personal chart can be used as a tool in identifying depression or any other psychosis such as anxiety of stress and the time they may occur. The astrological chart can guide in the management of physical and mental health by using tools that can enhance the energies that have been depleted through remedial measures such as stone therapy, color therapy, crystals, semi-precious stones and aromatherapy.

**Synastry Astrology:** This is one of the most important topics in all astrology traditions including Vedic astrology which interprets the charts with three different approaches. First is the compatibility of the couple based on Koota matching system which measures the level of adaptability. Second the potential of each partner and how aware the man is about his Anima and the woman with here Animus. Thirdly, there are comparative charts which can study the individuals and their compatibility.

**Thesis:** One of the main objectives of introducing Jyotish into an academic field is to blend spirituality with science and its influence on one's life, understanding the past life experiences and preparing for future life lessons with a comprehensive knowledge of the laws of the universe. The courses offered provide an extensive and comprehensive knowledge of Astrology and Jyotish. Students willing to pursue a Ph.D. will be required to put together a Thesis with the support of the professor. The subjects offered will be based on topics relevant to contemporary culture and civilization and the student's background education or expertise.