

How the Virtual Campus works

ROD SUSKIN SCHOOL OF ASTROLOGY makes use of the latest internet-based educational technologies to provide a rich learning experience. Students enjoy a focused audiovisual lecture with continual chat and spoken interaction with the teacher and the other students. Lecture slides, software demonstrations, whiteboard and numerous other resources are controlled by the teacher on the students' screens and students are able to "raise their hands", ask questions and even show their own screens if necessary. All the while they remain in the comfort and safety of their own homes, with their own computers, books and everything else available to them. The school will also organize occasional real world socials and workshops to facilitate students meeting in person.

Weekly 2 hour online class

- You require a PC or Mac with any broadband internet connection. A headset with a microphone is also required.
- You receive a link each week which allows you to log on to the class. The classroom software downloads and installs automatically the first time the class is entered.
- When the lesson starts, you can hear the teacher and see what the teacher is demonstrating on your screen. You are able to raise your hand and chat privately with the teacher in a chat window. You can also put your questions into the queue.
- The teacher will identify relevant questions and at appropriate times will enable your microphone and allow you to ask your question so everyone can hear it.
- When appropriate, the teacher can enable all the microphones for students to interact freely.
- During the lesson, polls and other interactive techniques ensure your full participation.

The three areas of the Virtual Campus

1. Moodle Main Campus. This website is the main home of the school. You will come here to receive course notes and assignments, to use online learning and revision tools, to chat with other students and to write exams. Students will also build knowledge wikis to grow their own and others' knowledge. Moodle is a growing technology that will continuously improve to offer new and better learning activities.

2. Online Classroom. This is the Webinar software where the live class takes place every week.

3. Yabb message boards. Students engage in lively ongoing discussions, chart interpretations, informal lessons, Q&A sessions, make and post predictions and generally grow their knowledge throughout the week in between classes.

All three areas are accessed through your browser on a PC or a Mac.