

THE LIVING TAROT: ONLINE TAROT COURSE

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COURSE SYLLABUS

Welcome to the Living Tarot online tarot course! If you're a new reader, this course will help you find your way to reading fluently over the course of several weeks. If you're a somewhat experienced or even a veteran reader, it will help you fill in interpretive gaps and consolidate your knowledge into a strong and flexible practice.

I believe that tarot is a living language that anyone can learn. A tarot deck reflects everything in life - *as above, so below* - and if you are familiar with your life, you can discover every part of it in a tarot deck. You don't have to memorize the meanings in the little white book. You have only have to *uncover* the meanings. Each card shows a slice of the life you're already living, only a little in disguise. See through the disguise, and you're reading tarot.

What will I need?

- 1 78-card tarot deck in the Rider-Waite-Smith tradition, *or*, a deck that appeals to you visually and is symbol-rich enough that you understand the meaning of some of the cards even before you've started studying. Make sure your deck has illustrated minors (the numbered cards should show some kind of scene, not just 3 cups or 9 swords on a plain background).
- 1 blank notebook/journal (at least 80 pages) for tarot meanings. You can do this digitally, on your computer/tablet/device, if you prefer. Whatever makes it easiest and most pleasurable for you to write every day.
- (Optional.) 1 copy of *Tarot Correspondences: Ancient Secrets for Everyday Readers* (very helpful for Modules 3 and 8, as well as all COTD draws if you don't want to Google all kinds of stuff)

How do I access the course?

The Living Tarot online course is offered on Google Classroom. When you sign up, you'll receive an email invitation within 12 hours and will be able to start as soon as

you like. It works on any platform, operating system, or device - though I recommend you use a tablet, laptop, or desktop computer. Several of the exercises will not work well on a phone-sized screen.

What will I receive?

8 audio lectures, 40-odd worksheets, and interactive discussion threads (how interactive depends on enrollment).

What's the timeline?

This is up to you, as it is a self-directed course. I recommend that you set a schedule for yourself right at the beginning: give yourself 1-2 weeks for each module. (You'll probably need at least a full two weeks for Module 2 and a full two weeks for Module 3.)

What kind of work will I be doing?

There's a 15-30 minute audio lecture to listen to at the beginning of each module. Otherwise: Lots of thinking, lots of writing. There are a number of drag-and-drop worksheets, and as the course goes on there's more short-answer type questions. You'll be reporting on readings you do for yourself (needless to say, all personal information will be kept confidential).

Is it graded?

No, because there are no right answers in tarot! However, I will give you some feedback on your final assignments for each module.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Module 1 CARD OF THE DAY

The foundational practice, now and forever.

- **Module 1 Audio Lecture**
 - **Card of the Day checklist**
 - **Too Hard! Too Easy! worksheet**
 - **Tracking template [optional resource]**
 - **Module 1 Discussion Thread**
 - **Module 1 Final Assignment:** Turn in your 10 best specific examples of matches between your daily draws and their manifestation in your life over several days of drawing. Be sure to indicate not just the event and the card, but how you drew the connection.
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Module 2 BACKWARDS TAROT

Translate what you know into the visual language of the cards.

- **Modules 2 & 3 Audio Lecture**
 - **Major Arcana Backwards: Building Blocks of Personhood**
 - **Major Arcana Backwards: Trends**
 - **4 Suits Backwards: Elements**
 - **Minor Arcana Backwards: Moods**
 - **Minor Arcana Backwards: External Occurrences**
 - **Court Cards Backwards: Professions**
 - **Court Cards Backwards: Labels**
 - **Module 2 Discussion Thread**
 - **Module 2 Final Assignment:** Portrait of a day - circumstances beyond your control, themes you thought about, moods you experienced, things that happened (can include things you thought about/witnessed, lessons you learned), people you encountered - and what card represents each.
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Module 3 FORWARDS TAROT

Derive your own correspondences.

- **Modules 2 & 3 Audio Lecture**
- **Major Arcana Forwards: Make Up Your Own Titles**
- **Minor Arcana Forwards: Make Up Your Own Number Correspondences**
- **Minor Arcana Forwards: Make Up Your Own Individual Keywords**
- **Court Cards Forwards: Elemental Combinations**
- **What's your Jam? Create your own correspondences**
- **Module 3 Discussion Thread**
- **Module 3 Final Assignment:** Create your own 20-question quiz using either Golden Dawn correspondences or your own, and take it till you can score 100%. Better yet, swap quizzes with a classmate. OR hand-draw a correspondence chart of the majors or the minors.

MODULE 3A: GOLDEN DAWN QUIZZES

Quiz: Major Arcana Golden Dawn Astro Correspondences

Quiz: Minor Arcana Hermetic Titles

Quiz: Minor Arcana Decanic Correspondences

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Module 4 THIS I BELIEVE: Your Tarot worldview.

What are your core beliefs about the world, and how do they look in tarot?

- **Module 4 Audio Lecture**
- **Major Arcana: Proverbs**
- **Minor Arcana: Quotations worksheet**
- **Who You Gonna Call? worksheet**
- **Self-talk worksheet**
- **Module 4 Discussion Thread**
- **Module 4 Final Assignment:** Draw 6 cards at random. Make up a proverb for each of them.

Module 5 ASK A QUESTION

Develop your outlook on Fate vs. Free Will. Also, reversals (optional).

- **Module 5 Audio Lecture**
- **LOOK FAR: What is likely to happen?**
- **LOOK FAR: What should I do?**
- **LOOK DEEP: Why is X happening?**
- **LOOK DEEP: What should I do?**
- **REVERSALS: Bonus Lecture and Worksheet (optional)**
- **Module 5 Discussion Thread**
- **Module 5 Final Assignment: Ask a question you don't know how to answer. 5 possible answers, name the cards for each.**

Module 6 DESIGN A SPREAD

Reading in 2 and 3 dimensions.

- **Module 6 Audio Lecture**
- **Two-Card Spread Worksheet**
- **Three-Card Spread Worksheet**
- **Design-Your-Own Spread Worksheet**
- **Module 6 Discussion Thread**
- **Module 6 Final Assignment: Design your own all-purpose spread. using 5 cards or more.**

Module 7 RITUALS & ETHOS

Opening and Closing rituals. What Can You Do? What Should You Do?

- **Module 7 Audio Lecture**
- **Fortune-Telling Laws research question**

- **The Rules**
 - **The Spiel**
 - **The Packing List**
 - **Module 7 Discussion Thread**
 - **Module 7 Final Assignment:** Write and memorize your own Quarter-calling or Banishing rite. Write and memorize your own Dismissal rite.
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Module 8 TAROT MAGIC

The power of seeing your own story and changing it.

- **Module 8 Audio Lecture**
- **Card of the Day Spell**
- **Choose Your Own Adventure**
- **Tree of Life spell practice**
- **Module 8 Discussion Thread**
- **Module 8 Final Assignment:** choose 2 cards to represent the transformation you wish to make. Write a correspondence spell based on them and memorize it. Recite each morning. Carry a copy in your pocket for a week and report on results.