

ASTRONOMY

Course Name	Start Date	End Date	Site	Total Fees
Astronomy - Explore The Autumn Night Sky	15/09/2025	24/11/2025	ENDERBY ADULT LEARNING CENTRE	133.00
Astronomy - Winter Sky Wonderland	19/01/2026	30/03/2026	Online Delivery	133.00
Astronomy - Summer Night Sky	13/04/2026	29/06/2026	Online Delivery	133.00

01. Who is this course for?

This course will introduce you to the stars and planets visible in the sky and is open to people with all levels of interest and experience. When the weather permits, the classroom sessions will be backed up by practical viewing, including the use of binoculars and telescopes. You will meet people with a shared interest and make new friends, with opportunities to visit places of astronomical interest outside of the sessions if you wish.

02. What will I learn?

You will learn how to find your way around the sky and gain some understanding of our place in the Universe.

03. How will I learn?

This is a tutor-led class. Astronomy and space stories in the news will be discussed in the sessions, and learners are encouraged to engage in group discussions. You can also feedback on anything you have seen in the sky during the week. You will also have the opportunity to go outside to observe the night sky. Learners will receive regular verbal and written feedback on their progress.

04. What will I need to bring?

Please bring a pen/pencil, paper, and folder to store handouts. For face-to-face sessions, it is advisable to bring along some warm clothes as we will go outside and view the sky if it is clear. For online sessions, you will need a laptop with camera and microphone access and a steady internet connection.

05. What skills or experience do I need?

No experience necessary, and no prior knowledge is assumed. The only requirement is lots of enthusiasm!

06. How will I be assessed?

The Learning for Wellbeing curriculum uses formative and summative assessment methods to evaluate learner progress. You will work towards completing a set of class learning targets, as well as your own personal development targets. Targets are reviewed at the middle and end of the course. Informal discussions with the tutor will take place throughout the course, both individually and in groups. Your progress may also be documented through photographic evidence.

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Upon completing this course, you may wish to try our other astronomy courses: Explore the Autumn Night Sky, Winter Sky Wonderland, or Summer Night Sky. The Learning for Wellbeing curriculum offers a wide range of art, craft, sewing, cookery, dance and creative arts courses for you to continue developing skills specifically aimed at improving your wellbeing. Courses are available to search on the GoLearn website.

08. How will I be supported in my learning?

We aim to support all learners to succeed. When you enrol on your course you will be asked if you have any learning difficulties and/or disabilities which may affect your learning. This might include physical disabilities, neurodivergent needs (e.g., Autistic Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, dyslexia, or dyspraxia, etc.), visual and auditory impairments, or a medical condition which might affect your learning. Your tutor will contact you prior to joining the course to discuss what support can be put in place. For some learners this may mean organising extra time in exams or arranging for a Learning Support Assistant to support your learning in class. We also offer a wide range of assistive technology such as reader pens, screen readers, large print keyboards and screens, alongside in-class resources such as coloured overlays, large-print resources and more.

09. Is help available with course fees?

Many of our courses are FREE to all learners. For fee-paying courses, if you are in receipt of state benefits or have a low income (£27,976.16 before deductions) you could be entitled to enrol on your course for FREE, or at a 70% reduced fee cost. If your course is accredited (working towards a formal qualification) your course may be FREE if you earn under £25,750 before deductions. Some exclusions apply, eligibility for fee reduction is subject to change, and you may be required to provide evidence of earnings. If the amount you must pay for your course is over £50, we offer instalment plans which break down the cost of learning into a set number of easy monthly payments. If you need help with the wider costs of study, such as childcare, resources, travel, and transport costs, you may be eligible to have these costs reimbursed through our Discretionary Learner Support Fund. Visit us online for more details, and to download the online application form.

10. How do I choose the right course for me?

If you are unsure of your next steps, please contact us and one of our team will advise you about our courses or signpost you to other providers if necessary. Please call FREEphone 0800 988 0308 or email adult.learning@leics.gov.uk