



GOA's Mission

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GOA is a marker of your school's story of innovation, global programs, and modern learning. Our partnership expands the incredible options available to our students.

GOA is an example of how your school is navigating a changing educational landscape—it is a collaborative, cross-cultural, transdisciplinary partnership with peer institutions around the world.

GOA is what happens when inspired teachers, innovative designers, and ambitious students adapt today's classroom to tomorrow's world.

GOA is a partner to educators, schools, and organizations looking to transform teaching practices and learning environments to meet the challenges of a changing world.

GOA is a humanizing force in the digital future of high school education.

| Global Education | Modern Skills | College and Beyond | Professional Learning |
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| <p>GOA deepens the experience of learning through courses that invite students into an international community of engaged and passionate peers.</p> | <p>The role of education has always been to create safe, supportive, engaging environments where learners can develop the skills necessary to succeed in the world.</p> | <p>GOA's competency-based learning (CBL) philosophy mirrors how students will learn, work, and succeed in the world outside of school.</p> | <p>Through GOA, our students have access to other amazing educators who work at peer schools across the U.S. and internationally. These faculty are, just like the teachers who work on our campus, caring adults and educational professionals who are passionate about what they teach.</p> |
| <p>Sharing their perspective with peers around the globe helps our students to reflect on and articulate their own opinions and views while expanding their frame of reference and exposure to new points of view.</p> | <p>GOA students take an active role in their learning - from pursuing a passion through their choice in courses to applying modern communication and collaboration skills in a new learning environment.</p> | <p>Parents and guardians are looking for programs that help students deepen current interests and develop new passions while preparing them for college and beyond.</p> <p>Students pursue their passions to help tell the story of who they are and who they want to be.</p> | <p>GOA teachers and member schools are aided by exceptional support staff and faculty, helping them to transfer their expertise and skills to online learning environments with greater ease.</p> |
| <p>GOA teachers use the geographical and cultural diversity of their students to create a respectful learning community, challenge assumptions, and encourage collaboration.</p> | <p>GOA's tools, programs, and courses help teachers and students create the future of education.</p> | <p>More than 1/3 of every college student will take an online class, whether they're at an Ivy, small liberal arts, or state school. We must prepare them for this new reality.</p> | <p>GOA teachers undergo a rigorous training program before teaching a GOA course, as well as ongoing coaching and intense professional learning throughout their tenure.</p> <p>All teachers and courses are evaluated regularly to ensure they meet the standards of our exemplary member schools.</p> |
| <p>GOA offers interdisciplinary, culturally relevant courses that fall outside the typical silos of learning and focus on the authentic building and application of skills.</p> | <p>The competencies, skills, and habits of mind that are developed in an online learning environment complement those developed in our on-campus learning environments. We want our students to practice and hone all of these skills.</p> | <p>Learners have multiple opportunities and ways to demonstrate competency in GOA courses. Assessments focus on application and transfer of knowledge.</p> | <p>GOA teachers become part of an expanded network of excellent educators with whom they can collaborate, share ideas and gain inspiration on instruction.</p> |

African Leadership Academy - Northcliff, South Africa
Albuquerque Academy - Albuquerque, NM *
American School of Bombay - Mumbai, India
American International School Chennai - Chennai, India
American International School of Lagos - Lagos, Nigeria
American School Foundation of Monterrey (ASFM) - Santa Catarina, Mexico
The American School in Japan - Tokyo, Japan
The Bishops School - La Jolla, CA
The Blake School - Minneapolis, MN
The Branson School - Ross, CA
Brookstone School - Columbus, GA
Brunswick School - Greenwich, CT
Buckingham Browne & Nichols - Cambridge, MA
Carlucci American International School of Lisbon - Sintra, Portugal
Catlin Gabel School - Portland, OR *
Christ Church Episcopal School - Greenville, SC
Colegio Maya - Santa Catarina Pinula, Guatemala
Columbus Academy - Gahanna, OH
Concord Academy - Concord, MA
Cranbrook Schools - Bloomfield Hills, MI *
The Dalton School - New York, NY *
The Delta School - Wilson, AR
The Downtown School - Seattle, WA
Durham Academy - Durham, NC
Episcopal Academy - Newtown Square, PA
Episcopal High School - Alexandria, VA
Frankfurt International School - Oberursel, Germany
French American International School - San Francisco, CA
Germantown Friends School - Philadelphia, PA *
Gilman School - Baltimore, MD
Greenhill School - Addison, TX
Greens Farms Academy - Westport, CT
Greenwich Academy - Greenwich, CT
Hamden Hall Country Day School - Hamden, CT
The Harker School - San Jose, CA
Hawken School - Gates Mills, OH
Head-Royce School - Oakland, CA*
Hong Kong International School - Hong Kong
International School of Beijing - Beijing, China
Isidore Newman School - New Orleans, LA
Jakarta Intercultural School - Jakarta, Indonesia
Kent Denver School - Englewood, CO
King's Academy - Madaba-Manja, Jordan *
Kingswood Oxford School - West Hartford, CT
Lake Highland Preparatory School - Orlando, FL
Lakeside School - Seattle, WA *
Latin School of Chicago - Chicago, IL
LEAF Academy - Bratislava, Slovakia
Lincoln Community School - Accra, Ghana
The Lovett School - Atlanta, GA
Louisville Collegiate School - Louisville, KY
The Meadows School - Las Vegas, NV
Menlo School - Atherton, CA
Metairie Park Country Day School - Metairie, LA
Noble & Greenough School - Dedham, MA
The Nueva School - San Mateo, CA
Park Tudor School - Indianapolis, IN
The Pembroke Hill School - Kansas City, MO
Polytechnic School - Pasadena, CA
Providence Day School - Charlotte, NC
Punahou School - Honolulu, HI *
Ransom Everglades School - Coconut Grove, FL
Riverdale Country School - Bronx, NY
Sacred Heart Schools - Atherton, CA
Savannah Country Day School - Savannah, GA
Shanghai American School - Shanghai, China
Singapore American School - Singapore
St. Christopher's School - Richmond, VA
The Taft School - Watertown, CT
Think Global School
University Prep - Seattle, WA
West Point Grey Academy - Vancouver, Canada
Westminster Schools - Atlanta, GA
Windward School - Los Angeles, CA

* Founding School

Mission

GOA imagines a future where all students acquire and practice modern learning skills to be global citizens.

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About

Global Online Academy is a not-for-profit consortium of 70+ independent schools from around the world. Started by a group of independent schools looking to bring the benefits of online learning to their teachers and students, Global Online Academy prepares students for a global future by providing new, modern ways for students to learn and teachers to teach.

The schools that are members of Global Online Academy are well known for the strengths of their curricula and the excellence of their teaching.

Academic Program

Our program brings together experienced teachers and highly capable students in an interactive, rigorous learning environment. Our courses encourage the awakening of new interests and a passion for learning. Our classrooms bring together a variety of voices representing the geographic, cultural, and ethnic diversity possible in a global online environment.

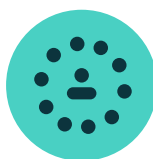
Class size is limited to 20 students.

Curriculum

All GOA courses are developed and taught by teachers who work at one of our member schools.

Teachers create their own materials for classes and connect students to curated material gathered from a variety of sources. Just like in brick and mortar classrooms at our member schools, in GOA classrooms emphasis is on engagement, interaction, and collaboration among students and with the teacher. GOA classes are teacher-paced, meaning students are assigned work throughout the week rather than given assignments to complete over a large block of time. All classes contain both synchronous and asynchronous components, giving students the opportunity to connect in real time but also providing them with the flexibility to work when and how they would like.

Through their curricula, teachers aim to meet three main goals: to create and maintain meaningful relationships with, and among, students; to create opportunities for students to share their local and personal perspective on global issues; and for the work to be meaningful and rigorous.



Students work closely with their teacher and peers in small classes



Students gain exposure to a variety of voices and perspectives in globally diverse classrooms



Students have time to think through responses and to reflect on their learning style - making them strong, more focused learners



Teachers and peers provide valuable feedback on student work

Course List

9/11 in a Global Context
Abnormal Psychology
Advanced Topics in Economics
Advocacy
Applying Philosophy to Modern Global Issues
Arabic Language Through Culture I, II & III
Architecture
Bioethics
Climate Change and Global Inequality
Comparative Politics
Creative Nonfiction
Computer Science I: Computational Thinking
Computer Science II: Analyzing Data with Python
Computer Science II: Game Design and Development
Computer Science II: Java
Digital Photography
Entrepreneurship in a Global Context
Fiction Writing
Filmmaking
Game Theory
Gender Studies
Genocide and Human Rights
Global Health
Graphic Design
Introduction to Investments
Introduction to Psychology
iOS App Design
Japanese Language Through Culture I & II
Linear Algebra
Macroeconomics
Medical Problem Solving I & II
Microeconomics
Multivariable Calculus
Music Theory and Digital Composition
Neuropsychology
Number Theory
Poetry Writing
Positive Psychology
Prisons and the Criminal Law
Social Psychology

Student Experience

The core demand of modern learning is that students learn how to navigate an increasingly complex, networked society. In a GOA class, students practice and hone modern skills in practical, hands-on ways.

In GOA courses students practice and master six core competencies to become modern learners:

- Collaborate with people who don't share your location
- Communicate and empathize with people who have different perspectives from your own.
- Curate and create content relevant to real-world issues.
- Reflect on and take responsibility for your learning and that of others.
- Organize your time and tasks to learn independently.
- Leverage digital tools to support and show your learning.

By participating in learning experiences that are interactive, generative, and personalized, GOA's students and teachers develop the skills necessary to become modern learners who can leverage online environments to connect with people, places, and resources beyond their school communities.

Faculty

All Global Online Academy faculty teach at a GOA member school and are nominated by their head of school to be considered to teach in the GOA program.

Our skilled teachers guide and support GOA students throughout the learning process. Teachers offer ongoing feedback, ask engaging questions, seek to challenge student assumptions, and facilitate discussions. Teachers give each student one-on-one attention and are prepared to respond effectively to the needs of the individual student learner.

GOA faculty seek to preserve in modern online pedagogies a central and highly valued core component of their experience in traditional independent school classrooms: the transformative connections they can make with students. They embrace and seek to demonstrate the creative collaboration, networked learning communities, online skills development, and global connections made possible through the online environment.

Credit

All GOA courses are taken for credit, which is granted from a student's member school. GOA courses are typically taken as part of a student's normal course load, as the requirements are the same for any advanced level course a student might take on his / her campus. GOA courses are usually taken in place of a regular academic or elective course.

Each semester includes 14 weeks of coursework. Students are expected to commit an average of 5-7 hours each week to these courses.

Accreditation

GOA is accredited by New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).