School Profile

Global Online Academy (GOA) is a nonprofit consortium of 140+ member schools from around the world. Founded and run by educators, GOA transforms teaching and learning through innovative online experiences that inspire students to reach their full academic and personal potential. By providing a wide range of highly interactive, relational, interest-driven courses and pathways, GOA empowers learners to thrive in a global community.

GOA member schools are committed to broadening educational opportunities for their students. They aim to foster global perspectives and challenging academic experiences, and they embrace the idea that there is more than one way to learn.

Mission

GOA is committed to help students discover and pursue their academic passions and talents through online courses that help them paint a complete picture of who they are academically — self-directed, curious, and ready for higher-level learning.

The mission of GOA is to reimagine learning to empower students and educators to thrive in a globally networked society. We deepen learning through courses that equip students with the knowledge, skills, and perspectives to be successful in high school, college, and career. We coach teachers to continually reimagine best practices in learning and work with educational leaders to ensure they have the strategies and tools to lead innovation and change.

Academic Program

GOA's student program connects a global community of experienced, passionate teachers with intellectually curious students, creating a collaborative and dynamic learning environment. GOA courses bring together diverse perspectives, enabling students to engage deeply with peers from around the world while exploring topics that align with their passions or future aspirations. Whether preparing for college, exploring potential careers, or diving into personal interests, students gain skills and insights that prepare them to make a meaningful impact in their communities and beyond. GOA courses also stand out on transcripts, showcasing a student's curiosity, readiness for academic challenges, and commitment to collaboration and perspective-taking.

Curriculum & Course Design

GOA's staff collaborates with our expert faculty to create courses that connect students with carefully curated, relevant resources from diverse sources. Each course is designed to foster exploration, skill-building, and meaningful connections across geographic, cultural, and ethnic boundaries. With an average class size of 18, GOA courses promote interactive and collaborative learning through group projects, discussions, and personalized feedback.

Courses are teacher-paced, with work assigned throughout the week, and combine synchronous and asynchronous components. This structure allows students to connect in real time while maintaining the flexibility to work on their own schedule. GOA teachers focus on three key goals: building meaningful relationships with and among students, encouraging diverse perspectives on global issues, and delivering intellectually engaging and purposeful work.

Student Experience

Students will find GOA courses to be interactive, collaborative, and hands-on, while helping them to connect with peers worldwide and apply their learning to real-world scenarios. These innovative learning experiences cultivate a sense of community while empowering students to use their interests and creativity to make a meaningful difference.

In GOA courses, students develop and master six core competencies essential for success in an increasingly complex, interconnected world:

- 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.

GOA experiences prepare students to be curious, up for a challenge, and ready for higher-level learning while fostering the skills and confidence needed to navigate and contribute to a global society.

Faculty

GOA courses are designed and taught by 100+ experienced teachers from some of the best schools around the globe, with most working at GOA member schools. These skilled educators create engaging and challenging learning experiences focused on students' futures, offering personalized feedback, fostering engaging discussions, and challenging assumptions.

GOA faculty prioritize building transformative connections with students, preserving the core values of member school classrooms while leveraging the creativity, collaboration, and global connections unique to to GOA's online learning experience. All GOA teachers undergo rigorous training and receive ongoing coaching to ensure excellence in teaching and student support.

Real-world application of skills promote and encourage deeper learning and meaningful connections for GOA students.

Highly interactive learning experiences help GOA students form lasting connections with classmates and expert teachers from around the globe.

A balance of synchronous and asynchronous learning provides GOA students with the flexibility to work at their own pace and the opportunity to build skills needed to be a self-motivated, independent learner.

Small class sizes and our competency-based approach provide GOA students with a more personalized learning experience and timely, individualized feedback.

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, in place of a regular academic or elective course, as the requirements are the same for any advanced-level course a student might take on campus.

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) and Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Course List

Abnormal Psychology
Algebra I
Applying Philosophy to Global Issues
Arabic Language Through Culture I, II & III
Architecture
Arts Entrepreneurship
Biochemistry: Medicine, Drugs, & Addiction
Bioethics
Business Problem Solving
Capitalism: Past, Present & Future
Climate Action & Sustainability
College Essay Workshop
Computer Science I: Computational Thinking
Computer Science II: Analyzing Data with Python
Computer Science II: Game Design & Development
Computer Science II: Java
Creative Nonfiction Writing
Cybersecurity
Data Visualization
Developmental Psychology
Digital Photography
Discourse Across Difference
Entrepreneurship in a Global Context
Fiction Writing
Filmmaking
Game Theory
Gender & Society
Genocide & Human Rights
Geometry
Global Health
Graphic Design
Health & Fitness
International Relations
Introduction to Artificial Intelligence
Introduction to Blockchain & Cryptocurrency
Introduction to Branding & Marketing
Introduction to Legal Thinking
Introduction to Organic Chemistry I & II
Introduction to Psychology
Investing I & II
Japanese Language Through Culture I, II & III
Linear Algebra
Macroeconomics
Medical Problem Solving I & II
Microeconomics
Multivariable Calculus I: Vector & Differential Calculus
Multivariable Calculus II: Integral Calculus
Neuropsychology
Number Theory
Personal Finance
Positive Psychology
Precalculus
Prisons & Criminal Justice Systems
Problem Solving with Engineering & Design
Race & Society
Religion & Society
Social Psychology

Member Schools

African Leadership Academy - Northcliff, South Africa
Albuquerque Academy - Albuquerque, NM
American Community School of Abu Dhabi - Abu Dhabi, UAE
American Community School - Amman, Jordan
American International School Chennai - Chennai, India
American International School of Budapest - Nagykovácsi, Hungary
American International School of Johannesburg - South Africa
American International School of Lagos - Lagos, Nigeria
American International School Vienna - Vienna, Austria
The American School in Japan - Tokyo, Japan
American School of Barcelona - Barcelona, Spain
American School of Bombay - Mumbai, India
American School of Dubai - Dubai, UAE
American School of Warsaw - Konstancin-Jeziorna, Poland
American United School of Kuwait - Sabah Al-Salem, Kuwait
Atlanta International School - Atlanta, GA
Beijing City International School - Beijing, China
Beijing Mingcheng Academy - Beijing, China
Benjamin Franklin International School - Barcelona, Spain
The Bishop's School - La Jolla, CA
The Blake School - Minneapolis, MN
The Bolles School - Jacksonville, FL
The Boys' Latin School of Maryland - Baltimore, MD
Brunswick School - Greenwich, CT
Buckingham Browne & Nichols - Cambridge, MA
The Bush School - Seattle, WA
Catlin Gabel School - Portland, OR
Chadwick International School - Incheon, Republic of Korea
Chadwick School - Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA
Charles E Smith Jewish Day School - Rockville, MD
Christ Church Episcopal School - Greenville, SC
Colegio Franklin Delano Roosevelt (The American School of Lima) - Lima, Peru
Columbus Academy - Gahanna, OH
Concordia International School Shanghai - China
Cranbrook Schools - Bloomfield Hills, MI
The Dalton School - New York, NY
The Downtown School - Seattle, WA
Durham Academy - Durham, NC
The Episcopal Academy - Newtown Square, PA
Episcopal High School - Alexandria, VA
Forsyth Country Day School - Lewisville, NC
Frankfurt International School - Oberursel, Germany
Franklin Road Academy - Nashville, TN
The Galloway School - Atlanta, Georgia
Germantown Friends School - Philadelphia, PA
Gilman School - Baltimore, MD
Greenhill School - Addison, TX
Greens Farms Academy - Westport, CT
Greensboro Day School - Greensboro, NC
Green School South Africa - Paarl, South Africa
Greenwich Academy - Greenwich, CT
Hackley School - Tarrytown, NY
Hamden Hall Country Day School - Hamden, CT
The Harker School - San Jose, CA
Hawken School - Gates Mills, OH
Head-Royce School - Oakland, CA
Hillbrook School - Los Gatos, CA
Hill-Murray School - Maplewood, MN
Hong Kong International School - Hong Kong
Hyla School - Bainbridge Island, WA
Indian Creek School - Crownsville, MD
International School Bangkok - Bangkok, Thailand
International School of Amsterdam -Amstelveen, The Netherlands
International School of Beijing - Beijing, China
International School of Kuala Lumpur - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
International School of Luxembourg - Luxembourg, Luxembourg
International School of Panama - Panama City, Panama
International School of Prague - Prague, Czech Republic
Isidore Newman School - New Orleans, LA
Jackson Hole Community School - Jackson, WY
Jakarta Intercultural School - Jakarta, Indonesia
The John Cooper School - The Woodlands, TX
Kamehameha Schools - Honolulu, HI
Kaohsiung American School - Kaohsiung City, Taiwan
Kent Denver School - Englewood, CO
Keystone Academy - Beijing, China
King School - Stamford, CT
King's Academy - Madaba-Manja, Jordan
Lakefield College School - Ontario, Canada
Lakeside School - Seattle, WA
Latin School of Chicago - Chicago, IL
LEAF Academy - Bratislava, Slovakia
Louisville Collegiate School - Louisville, KY
The Lovett School - Atlanta, GA
Mahindra International School - Pune, India
Marshall School - Duluth, MN
Marymount International School Rome - Rome, Italy
Melbourne Girls Grammar School - South Yarra, Victoria Australia
Menlo School - Atherton, CA
Metairie Park Country Day School - Metairie, LA
Nanjing International School - Nanjing, China
New England Innovation Academy - Marlborough, MA
The New School - Fayetteville, AR
Noble & Greenough School - Dedham, MA
North Shore Country Day School - Winnetka, IL
Northwest Academy - Portland, OR
Pan-American School - Heredia, Costa Rica
Parker School - Kamuela, HI
The Pembroke Hill School - Kansas City, MO
Pinewood American Int'l School - Thessaloniki, Greece
Polytechnic School - Pasadena, CA
The Potomac School - McLean, VA
Preparatoria ALFA Fundación - Monterrey, Mexico
Providence Day School - Charlotte, NC
Punahou School - Honolulu, HI
Randolph School - Huntsville, AL
Regina Dominican High School - Wilmette, IL
Renaissance Charter School - Queens, NY
Rocky Hill Country Day School - East Greenwich, RI
Rundle College - Calgary, Canada
Rutgers Preparatory School - Somerset, NJ
Sacred Heart Greenwich - Greenwich, CT
Saint Andrew's School - Boca Raton, FL
Santa Fe Preparatory School - Santa Fe, NM
The Savannah Country Day School - Savannah, GA
Sequoyah School - Pasadena, CA
Sewickley Academy - Edgeworth, PA
Shanghai American School - Shanghai, China
Shanghai Rainbow Bridge Int'l School - Shanghai, China
Shenzhen Academy of International Education - China
Singapore American School - Singapore
St. Andrew's Episcopal School - Ridgeland, MS
St. George's School - Middletown, RI
St. Johns Country Day School - Orange Park, FL
St. Luke's School - New Canaan, CT
St. Michael's Collegiate School-Tasmania, Australia
The Taft School - Watertown, CT
Taipei American School - Taipei City, Taiwan
The TASIS School in Dorado - Dorado, Puerto Rico
United Nations International School - New York, NY
United Nations International School - Hanoi, Vietnam
University Liggett School - Grosse Pointe Woods, MI
UPrep - Seattle, WA
Vientiane International School - Vientiane, Lao PDR
Walnut Hill School for the Arts - Natick, MA
Walworth Barbour American Int'l School - Even Yehuda, Israel
The Wardlaw-Hartridge School - Edison, NJ
Western Academy of Beijing - Beijing, China
West Point Grey Academy - Vancouver, Canada
Westminster Schools - Atlanta, GA
Windward School - Los Angeles, CA
Woodlawn School - Mooresville, NC
Wooster School - Danbury, CT
York House School - Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

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