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CAREER-BUILDING CREDENTIALS

Whether you are creative or technical-minded, love working with your hands or just have a passion for beauty, the gem and jewelry industry is the perfect place to showcase your talent.

Respected throughout the industry and around the world, the Gemological Institute of America® offers a wide variety of diplomas and certificates that can help you get the best start on a rewarding career.

Here are some highlights that make GIA a leader in gem and jewelry education:

- Comprehensive curriculum covering diamonds, colored gemstones, pearls, jewelry design and jewelry manufacturing.
- Media-rich education programs informed by GIA's industry-leading technology, field research and discoveries from the laboratory.
- Flexible learning options: Study online through GIA Distance Education or full-time at a GIA campus.
- An immersive on-campus learning environment that emphasizes individualized attention and hands-on experience.
- Diverse support resources, including financial assistance, scholarship opportunities for qualified candidates and personalized attention from our career coaching team.

COVID-19 Update:

The current pandemic has affected many businesses and professionals in the gem and jewelry industry, including GIA. In early 2020, several of our campuses were closed due to mandates by local health officials and as best practice for the protection of our students and staff. We continue to offer eLearning gemology courses online, and most of our campuses have now reopened, with procedures put in place to ensure the continued safety of everyone on campus.

Learn more at [GIA.edu/campus-openings-coronavirus](https://www.gia.edu/campus-openings-coronavirus)



ON CAMPUS EDUCATION

Come to a GIA campus and step into the exciting world of gemology, jewelry design and jewelry manufacturing. Your time at GIA will be a transformative one. You'll immerse yourself in classwork that fires your imagination and helps prepare you for professional success. Create lifelong friendships and join a professional network that circles the globe.

Campuses

- GIA® campuses span the globe: Carlsbad (GIA World Headquarters in California), New York, Bangkok, Hong Kong, London, Mumbai and Taipei.

Faculty and Administrators

- GIA faculty have in-depth practical and theoretical knowledge of colored gemstones, pearls and diamonds, the gem and jewelry industry, and equipment you'll use on the job.
- Our administrators and staff are dedicated to helping you succeed. Many are GIA alumni, so they understand what it is like to study full time at a GIA campus.



"I love the GIA experience. It's great to come here every day and walk through the halls and sit in the classrooms with people that share the same passion as you."

Troy Underwood
GIA Graduate Gemologist and Jewelry Design graduate

Programs and Courses

- Full-time programs and courses run from 7 to 26 instructional weeks.
- Year-round start dates let you begin when it fits your schedule.
- On-campus study provides access to a full range of GIA programs and courses for gemology, jewelry design and jewelry manufacturing.

Classrooms

- Class sizes are small – typically 12 to 24 students – to maximize individual attention from instructors.*
- Learn in modern classrooms using professional-grade equipment and software similar to what you will find on the job.

An Experience Beyond the Classroom

- Study with like-minded students who are as passionate about gems and jewelry as you are.
- An international student body creates a diverse, multicultural experience and helps provide a global perspective on the gem and jewelry industry.*
- Participate in organized activities and social gatherings with your classmates.
- Hear from GIA researchers, industry leaders and alumni at guest lectures or special seminars.

*Classroom capacity and organized social activities may be reduced to help ensure social distancing during the coronavirus pandemic.

Learn more about GIA campuses at [GIA.edu/gem-education/campuses](https://www.gia.edu/gem-education/campuses)



DISTANCE EDUCATION

Earn a GIA gemology diploma via GIA Distance Education by completing a combination of online eLearning courses and on-campus lab classes to gain the knowledge and skills you'll need to advance your career.

How You'll Learn

eLearning Courses

- Rich graphics, images and videos bring gemology to life.
- Study whenever and wherever you want, then submit assignments and take exams through our easy-to-use online eLearning platform. Internet access required.
- Complete each course at your own pace within generous completion times (3 to 24 months, depending on the course).

Lab Classes

- Develop your gem grading and identification skills under the helpful eye of an experienced instructor.
- Learn to use professional gemological equipment.
- Offered at GIA® schools worldwide. See class schedule starting on page 21.

Faculty

Distance Education students are assigned a primary instructor who is their main point of contact throughout their Distance Education coursework. Instructors offer a unique mix of industry experience and gemology expertise, and are there to answer questions and help guide students through their coursework. Learn more about our instructors at [GIA.edu/distance-ed-faculty](https://www.gia.edu/distance-ed-faculty)

Student Workrooms

Many GIA campuses and locations feature a Student Workroom designed to give Distance Education students a place to practice using gemological equipment and gemstones, take a proctored online exam or complete the practical requirements of your Gem Identification course. Availability, schedule and costs vary by location. Learn more at [GIA.edu/student-workroom](https://www.gia.edu/student-workroom)



"I have a very busy life, so it was really nice that I was able to study at my own pace through Distance Education. So there were times where I knocked out chapter after chapter, and I was able to get really great feedback from my instructor."

Erin Ahearn
GIA Graduate Gemologist and
Graduate Jeweler

Start your professional gemology education now with GIA Distance Education. Learn more and apply online at [GIA.edu/distance-ed](https://www.gia.edu/distance-ed)

HOW TO EARN YOUR CREDENTIAL

eLearning Courses and Lab Classes Required for Distance Education Diploma Programs

GEMOLOGY PROGRAMS

Graduate Gemologist® (GG®) Diploma

Earned when a student has completed all required courses for both the Graduate Diamonds Diploma and Graduate Colored Stones Diploma.

It is recommended to complete Graduate Diamonds coursework first.



Diploma Program
Offered through GIA
Distance Education.



eLearning Course
Take from the convenience of your home or office; requires Internet access. Self-paced but complete within the maximum completion time indicated below.

REQUIRED COURSES

Graduate Diamonds Diploma



Diamond Essentials



Vital knowledge about the gem and jewelry market's most important gemstone.

3 months | no prerequisites | online exam

Diamond & Diamond Grading



An in-depth look at diamonds, the diamond industry and the skills needed to grade diamonds.

15 months | prerequisites | proctored online exam | payment plan available

Graduate Colored Stones Diploma



Colored Stone Essentials



Indispensable colored stones knowledge with a focus on ruby, sapphire and emerald.

3 months | no prerequisites | online exam

Colored Stones



Acquire in-depth knowledge about the most valuable and popular colored stones in the market.

18 months | prerequisites | proctored online exam | payment plan available

Applied Jewelry Professional Diploma™ (AJP®)



Jewelry Essentials



Learn the language of jewelry, including how features are combined to give a piece its unique value.

3 months | no prerequisites | online exam

Colored Stone Essentials



Indispensable colored stones knowledge with a focus on ruby, sapphire and emerald

3 months | no prerequisites | online exam

NOTE: Applied Jewelry Professional does not have a required class sequence.

Graduate Pearls Diploma



Pearls



Learn the factors that determine the quality of akoya, South Sea, Tahitian and freshwater pearls.

6 months | online exam | payment plan available

Pearl Grading Lab



Use GIA's 7 Pearl Value Factors™ to evaluate the quality of akoya, South Sea, Tahitian and freshwater pearls.

1 day

What's it like to take a GIA eLearning course? Experience it for yourself and try a complementary lesson from each course at GIA.edu/try-elearning



Lab Class
Take at any GIA campus or education location. 1 to 5 day duration depending upon the lab. Some locations may offer night or weekend options. View locations at GIA.edu/gem-education/campuses



On Campus Option
Also offered as a full-time program at a GIA campus.




Required course sequence



Recommended course sequence

REQUIRED COURSES

Diamond Grading Lab 

Learn how to grade diamonds consistently and accurately using a modern gem microscope and a loupe.
5 days

Colored Stone Grading Lab 


Explore grading the color, clarity and cut quality of a wide range of colored stones.
3 days

Gem Identification Lab 

Practice time-tested procedures and identification skills used by GIA's own laboratory experts.
5 days

Gem Identification 

Practice identifying more than 60 species of gemstones, including natural gems, laboratory grown and treated.
24 months | prerequisites | proctored in-person exam | payment plan available | requires access to gemological equipment
Completion of Colored Stones eLearning course and Gem Identification Lab are required before beginning this course

Diamond Essentials 

Vital knowledge about the gem and jewelry market's most important gemstone.
3 months | no prerequisites | online exam



*Violet tanzanite rough and polished gem
Courtesy: Isle of Gems Co Ltd/Peter Pereira*

Learn more about GIA eLearning courses and Lab classes at GIA.edu/gem-education/distance



APPLIED JEWELRY PROFESSIONAL™

The GIA Applied Jewelry Professional program provides fundamental education for professionals in careers like these:

- Jewelry Assistant Manager
- Jewelry Sales Professional
- Television Shopping Host
- Pawnbroker

Contact Career Services for more information: careerservices@gia.edu

The Front Line of the Jewelry Industry

The GIA Applied Jewelry Professional™ (AJP) diploma program covers topics including jewelry designs, setting styles, jewelry care and other content that will support the product knowledge of current industry professionals. The AJP® program also introduces basic information about diamonds, rubies, emeralds, sapphires and the GIA clarity grading system. Other subjects of study include how modern technology is changing the way diamonds are cut, the qualities of precious metals, major jewelry manufacturing methods and the important activities involved in the operation of a retail jewelry store. To enable effective product conversations, examples are provided on how to translate jewelry features into benefits and how to communicate the 4Cs of Diamond Quality to customers. The AJP program provides clear and concise information that can be immediately implemented on the job.

What You Will Learn:

- Describe how the 4Cs of Diamond Quality (Color, Clarity, Cut and Carat weight) affect a diamond's value
- Recognize the relationship between size and weight of diamonds
- Explain the differences between treated, laboratory-grown and imitation stones to sell with full disclosure
- Understand the steps of the jewelry sales process
- Translate jewelry design, style and manufacturing features into benefits
- Convey the romance, lore and characteristics of the most popular colored gemstones

What You Earn: GIA Applied Jewelry Professional diploma

Distance Education

Courses offered through GIA® in Carlsbad (see *GIA Education Catalog* or GIA.edu for details).

Three eLearning courses

- Jewelry Essentials
- Colored Stone Essentials
- Diamond Essentials

For eLearning descriptions, visit GIA.edu/distance-ed

Learn more at GIA.edu/AJP



*Diamond and sapphire earrings:
Gift of Harriet B. Cocomo*



GRADUATE PEARLS

GIA Graduate Pearls graduates often choose these careers:

Jewelry Business Owner
Pearl Buyer
Pearl Sorter/Grader
Retailer
Wholesaler

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Timely Knowledge for Timeless Treasures

The GIA Graduate Pearls diploma program provides the product knowledge and grading skills to buy inventory and effectively build confidence when buying and selling akoya, South Sea, Tahitian and freshwater pearls. You will be taught GIA's 7 Pearl Value Factors™: size, shape, color, luster, surface quality, nacre quality and matching – the essential criteria for assessing the value and beauty of pearls. Topics covered include post-harvest treatments, imitation pearls and pearl testing. Pearl Grading lab students will get hands-on training and practice testing pearls for authenticity and post-harvest treatments. Each student will receive a lab manual.

What You Will Learn:

- Explain the differences between natural and cultured pearls
- Evaluate and grade cultured pearls based on GIA's 7 Pearl Value Factors
- Describe the components of the GIA Pearl Reports
- Describe cultured pearl types and their sources
- Identify "other" pearl types found in the marketplace
- Describe common pearl treatments
- Understand the relationship of beauty, value and quality
- Learn the process of pearl culturing and marketing

What You Earn: GIA Graduate Pearls Diploma

Distance Education

A combination of one eLearning course offered through GIA® in Carlsbad and an instructor-led lab class offered at GIA campuses and other locations worldwide (see *GIA Education Catalog* or GIA.edu for details).

One eLearning course

- Pearls

One lab class

- Pearl Grading lab – 1 day (or 2 nights when applicable)

See class schedule beginning on page 23.

For eLearning and lab class descriptions, visit GIA.edu/distance-ed

Learn more at GIA.edu/GP



"Contempo I" ring features a faceted Tahitian black pearl, platinum, onyx and diamonds: Gift of Mark Schneider



GRADUATE GEMOLOGIST®

GIA Graduate Gemologist graduates often choose these careers:

Appraiser
Auction House Jewelry Specialist
Colored Stone Buyer
Diamond Buyer
Diamond Sorter/Grader
Estate Jewelry Dealer
Gemologist
Inventory Control Specialist
Jewelry Business Owner
Jewelry Buyer
Lab and Research Professional
Merchandiser
Pawnbroker
Retailer
Sales Associate
Wholesaler

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The Professional Credential That Opens Doors in the Gem and Jewelry Industry

The GIA Graduate Gemologist® (GG™) diploma program delivers a comprehensive gemology education on diamonds and colored stones. Using the latest gemological equipment, you will work with real diamonds and gemstones under the trained eyes of GIA instructors. Through extensive lab work, you will practice identifying and grading diamonds and colored stones in an efficient, accurate and consistent manner. Skills taught include evaluating a diamond's proportions; distinguishing natural, treated and laboratory-grown gemstones; and using the GIA Colored Stone Grading System to determine gemstone quality.

What You Will Learn:

- Develop in-depth, hands-on experience with the GIA International Diamond Grading System™ and the 4Cs of Diamond Quality (Color, Clarity, Cut and Carat weight)
- Grade diamonds in the D-to-Z color range
- Build a knowledge base about colored stones and the colored stone market
- Use gemological equipment effectively to identify gemstones
- Use the GIA Colored Stone Grading System to evaluate gemstone quality
- Identify gemstone characteristics, simulants and treatments, and recognize when advanced testing is required
- Understand how gems are mined, fashioned and brought to the marketplace
- Recognize how quality, rarity, color and other market factors affect value

What You Earn: GIA Graduate Gemologist Diploma, GIA Graduate Diamonds Diploma, GIA Graduate Colored Stones Diploma

On Campus

Full-time program offered at GIA® campuses worldwide.

See class schedule beginning on page 21.

Distance Education

A combination of eLearning courses offered through GIA in Carlsbad and instructor-led lab classes offered at GIA campuses and other locations worldwide (see *GIA Education Catalog* or GIA.edu for details).

Five eLearning courses

- Diamond Essentials
- Diamonds & Diamond Grading
- Colored Stone Essentials
- Colored Stones
- Gem Identification

Three lab classes

- Diamond Grading lab – 5 days (or 10 nights when applicable)
- Colored Stone Grading lab – 3 days (or 6 nights when applicable)
- Gem Identification lab – 5 days (or 10 nights when applicable)

See class schedule beginning on page 23.

For eLearning and lab class descriptions, visit GIA.edu/distance-ed

Learn more about where the Graduate Gemologist Program can take you at GIA.edu/GG



Rubellite tourmaline with muscovite crystals



GRADUATE COLORED STONES

GIA Graduate Colored Stones graduates often choose these careers:

Appraiser
Auction House Jewelry Specialist
Colored Stone Buyer
Estate Jewelry Sales
Jewelry Business Owner
Jewelry Buyer
Pawnbroker
Retailer
Wholesaler

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Countless Colors, Limitless Possibilities

The GIA Graduate Colored Stones diploma program explores the identification of common and unusual gemstones found in the marketplace. Subjects covered include the GIA Colored Stone Grading System and the correct usage of standard gemological equipment to distinguish natural, treated and laboratory-grown gemstones. The program also examines which gems are commercially important, shifting supply patterns, and how these factors affect gem prices and availability. This program also includes the study of more than 60 species of gemstones and how illumination techniques can facilitate the identification process.

What You Will Learn:

- Build a knowledge base about colored stones and the colored stone market
- Use gemological equipment effectively to identify gemstones
- Use the GIA Colored Stone Grading System to evaluate gemstone quality
- Recognize how quality, rarity and color affect value
- Determine how market factors affect gem value
- Understand how gems are mined, fashioned, and brought to the marketplace

What You Earn: GIA Graduate Colored Stones Diploma

On Campus

Full-time program offered at GIA® campuses worldwide.

See class schedule beginning on page 21.

Distance Education

A combination of eLearning courses offered through GIA in Carlsbad and instructor-led lab classes offered at GIA campuses and other locations worldwide (see *GIA Education Catalog* or GIA.edu for details).

Three eLearning courses

- Colored Stone Essentials
- Colored Stones
- Gem Identification

Two lab classes

- Colored Stone Grading lab – 3 days (or 6 nights when applicable)
- Gem Identification lab – 5 days (or 10 nights when applicable)

See class schedule beginning on page 23.

For eLearning and lab class descriptions, visit GIA.edu/distance-ed

Learn more at GIA.edu/GCS



Sapphire; rubellite tourmaline and aquamarine
Courtesy: Thomas M. Schneider



GRADUATE DIAMONDS

GIA Graduate Diamonds graduates often choose these careers:

Auction House Jewelry Specialist
Diamond Buyer
Diamond Sorter/Grader
Estate Jewelry Sales
Jewelry Business Owner
Retailer
Wholesaler

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Fancy Yellow Diamonds: Crystal Octahedron:
Gift of the Sir Oppenheimer Student Collection.
Cut diamond: Gift of Safdico USA, Inc.

The Tremendous, Treasured and Timeless Diamond

The GIA Graduate Diamonds diploma program examines the technical expertise needed to grade, buy, and sell diamonds with the insight of a seasoned professional. This diploma program explores the GIA diamond grading procedures to assess the 4Cs of Diamond Quality – Color, Clarity, Cut and Carat weight – and how they affect diamond value. Students use professional diamond grading equipment for the purposes of examining a diamond’s quality characteristics to grade and identify diamonds. Coursework also includes creating plotting diagrams; determining fluorescence; and detecting treated diamonds, laboratory-grown diamonds and diamond simulants. Other topics covered include the effect of fluorescence on diamond body color, and the role cut plays in the marketplace and important sectors of the diamond industry, including dealers, cutters and manufacturers.

What You Will Learn:

- Develop in-depth, hands-on experience with the GIA International Diamond Grading System™ and the 4Cs of Diamond Quality (Color, Clarity, Cut and Carat weight); appreciate how they affect diamond value
- Grade diamond in the D-to-Z color range
- Detect diamond treatment, simulants and laboratory-grown diamonds
- Recognize when advanced testing is required

What You Earn: GIA Graduate Diamonds Diploma

On Campus

Full-time program offered at GIA® campuses worldwide.

See class schedule beginning on page 21.

Distance Education

A combination of eLearning courses offered through GIA in Carlsbad and instructor-led lab classes offered at GIA campuses and other locations worldwide (see *GIA Education Catalog* or GIA.edu for details).

Two eLearning courses

- Diamond Essentials
- Diamonds & Diamond Grading

One lab class

- Diamond Grading lab – 5 days (or 10 nights when applicable)

See class schedule beginning on page 23.

For eLearning and lab class descriptions, visit GIA.edu/distance-ed

Learn more at GIA.edu/GD



ALUM PROFILE

Catherine Cason

California native Catherine Cason has loved jewelry ever since she received her Asscher cut diamond engagement ring. That sparked a personal passion for gems and jewelry and led her to pursue a GIA Graduate Diamonds diploma via Distance Education. She now uses her knowledge of diamonds to help her clients choose the perfect diamond jewelry through her online store, Gem Breakfast, which showcases high-quality and hand-crafted fine jewelry by independent designers.

A Background in Fashion and Beauty Brands

I started a career in fashion merchandising after college and worked for brands like The North Face, Levi Strauss and Sephora. After a few years, I felt burned out, so I took a break and started learning about jewelry and gems. I fell in love with diamonds. With their sparkle and the crispness of their facets, they're endlessly fascinating. At the same time, the design of the bridal jewelry out there felt uninspired. That's why I started blogging about alternative jewelry on Instagram and eventually founded Gem Breakfast - so that I can curate and nurture designs that are modern and unique.

Building My Business

I wanted to feature refreshing, surprising, beautiful alternative gems, such as salt and pepper diamonds, champagne diamonds, teal sapphires and spinels. I also wanted some of the designers that I admire to have an additional outlet for selling their stunning jewelry. That's how Gem Breakfast, my online store, was born. Gem Breakfast features pieces by independent designers, many of whom make one-of-a-kind rings specifically for my store. I also create custom jewelry for clients, keeping the process personal through video consultations and phone calls. The people who wear my jewelry are intimately involved in the creation process.

A Diamond Education

When I started my business, I knew I needed to learn more about the science and sourcing of diamonds. I decided to enroll in the GIA Graduate Diamonds program through Distance Education. I chose GIA because I had heard it's the top institute for learning about gemology and diamonds. The enrollment and learning process were incredibly straightforward, and I had a great time taking lab classes at the GIA campus in New York. The knowledge and confidence I gained through GIA helps me guide clients to find the best diamond for their setting.



"We absolutely fell in love with the Koi fish colored inclusions" – This custom designed 18k yellow gold ring with black diamond halo featuring a 1.87 carat salt and pepper pear cut diamond is a good example of Catherine's aesthetic at Gem Breakfast.

The Future of Jewelry

I believe the millennial generation is looking for a fresh aesthetic as well as jewelry that reflects their personal values. That's why I try to offer unique designs and carry diamonds that are certified conflict-free by the Kimberley Process. I also believe in supply chain transparency. I have personal relationships with my gemstone vendors and often share their stories on my site. The way my store conducts transactions is also changing. For example, I had to temporarily close my showroom during the coronavirus pandemic. This move away from the brick-and-mortar shopping experience has actually accelerated my clients' comfort level with online transactions and services. Online sales are stronger than ever. Sometimes setbacks can lead to new opportunities.

CAREERS IN GEMS AND JEWELRY

Careers in gems and jewelry enable you to work with some of the earth's rarest and most valuable natural resources, create beautiful objects of your own design, and help bring joy to others as they celebrate life's important milestones. A GIA education can provide the knowledge, hands-on skills and professional network that will help you succeed in whatever path you choose in this exciting industry.



GEM DISCOVERY AND ROUGH SALES

Gems are discovered and mined or harvested all over the world. These uncut gems (known as "rough") are bought by brokers, dealers and cutters who process the gems by shaping and polishing them before selling to wholesalers.

Trained gemologists are vital to this process by helping to determine the quality and profitability of new gem deposits. They also help buyers and sellers evaluate the characteristics of rough gemstones which will influence their value as they move down the supply chain.

CAREERS

- Gemologist
- Lab or Research Professional
- Diamond, Colored Stone or Pearl Buyer
- Wholesaler
- Inventory Control Specialist

GEM IDENTIFICATION AND GRADING













A gem's value may be based on many factors including its rarity, size, shape, color, clarity and any enhancement treatments it may have received. Gemologists trained in the global standards of gem grading and identification provide reports used by wholesalers, retailers and customers to confidently compare the features of gems and assess quality and value.

These skills are employed in a variety of settings from large grading laboratories to your local jewelry retailer, pawnshop, auction houses and independent appraisers.

CAREERS

- Lab or Research Professional
- Diamonds, Colored Stone or Pearl Sorter/Grader

RELATED GIA PROGRAMS

Graduate Gemologist®  	●
Graduate Diamonds  	●
Graduate Colored Stones  	●
Graduate Pearls 	●
Applied Jewelry Professional™ 	●
Graduate Jeweler 	
Jewelry Design & Technology 	
Jewelry Design 	
Comprehensive CAD/CAM for Jewelry 	

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KEY  ON CAMPUS FULL TIME  DISTANCE EDUCATION



JEWELRY DESIGN & CRAFTSMANSHIP

Jewelry designers and bench jewelers blend artistic ability, craftsmanship and engineering knowledge, old world techniques, and the latest technology to create the jewelry we love.

Designers start with hand- or digitally-rendered sketches that are then developed further using computer-aided design (CAD) software. Bench jewelers at large manufacturers often specialize in gemstone setting or finishing, while those in smaller shops may take a piece from casting to the finished polish.

Independent jewelers may combine all these skills to produce custom pieces for their clients.

CAREERS

- Bench Jeweler
- Custom Order Jeweler
- Jewelry Repair Technician
- Stone Setter
- CAD Designer
- Jewelry Designer
- Product Developer
- Quality Assurance Specialist

GEM AND JEWELRY SALES

Jewelry helps mark many joyful and significant events, such as weddings, anniversaries, graduations and birthdays. For each of these occasions, gem and jewelry sales professionals have the rewarding task of helping clients select the perfect piece based on factors such as value, functionality and aesthetics.

Sales professionals work in nearly every sector of the gem and jewelry industry from your local jewelry store, online sales support, auction houses as well as countless vital support services.

CAREERS

- Inventory Control Specialist
- Diamonds, Colored Stone and Pearl Retail Sales Associate
- Gem and Jewelry Buyer
- Pawnbroker
- Estate Jewelry Dealer
- Appraiser
- Auction House Specialist

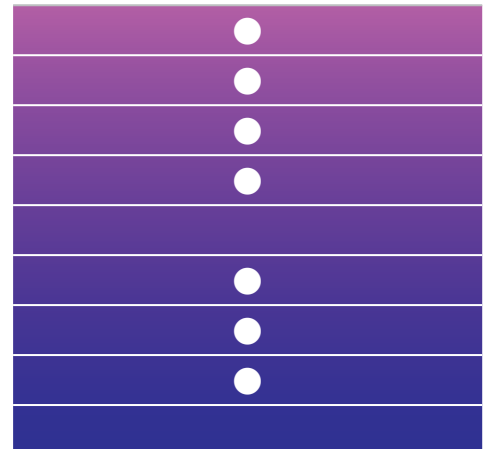
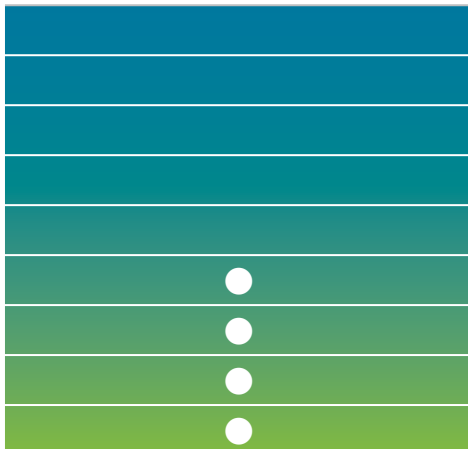
STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS

New businesses can start in any of these career sectors. Possibilities include opening an online store, design house or appraisal business, to becoming a gem wholesaler or independent bench jeweler.

A successful entrepreneur embodies many skills beyond their core passion, whether it is gemology, design or hand-crafting jewelry. You'll need to have an understanding of sales and other important aspects of business including marketing and finance. Opportunities are only limited by your resources and imagination.

CAREERS

- Jewelry Business Owner
- Custom Order Jeweler
- Custom Jewelry Designer
- Retailer
- Wholesaler
- Appraiser
- Estate Jewelry Dealer



Learn how a GIA Education can help turn your passion into a career at [GIA.edu/education](https://www.gia.edu/education)



GRADUATE JEWELER

GIA Graduate Jewelers often choose these careers:

- Bench Jeweler
- Business Owner
- Custom Order Jeweler
- Jewelry Buyer
- Jewelry Repair Technician
- Manufacturing Executive
- Quality Assurance Specialist
- Stone Setter

Contact Career Services for more information: careerservices@gia.edu



Create Jewelry with a Confident Hand and an Expert Eye

The GIA Graduate Jeweler diploma program offers a hands-on learning experience in a professional environment that will prepare you for a career as a bench jeweler. The course covers skills valuable for jewelry designers, CAD modelers, and sales professionals. You will make and repair jewelry in a safe and sustainable manner within a clean, modern, well-equipped classroom that includes a laser welder. At your own workbench – equipped with a torch, micromotor, and essential toolkit – you will develop core skills with progressively challenging projects. You will work with gemstones and precious metals, taking projects from castings to finished, set, and polished pieces. You will keep your hand tools and digital course content, which includes technical illustrations, instructional videos and a bench reference guide.

What You Will Learn:

- Use laser-welding technology for gold, silver and platinum
- Develop essential skills, including polishing, filing, texturing, sawing, fabrication and forging techniques, and stone setting and general torch skills
- Set a variety of stone shapes, including princess-cut stones, in mounting styles such as channel setting, bezel setting, and prong setting, in base metals, silver, white gold, yellow gold and platinum
- Perform the most common jewelry repairs, including sizing rings, replacing prongs, repairing broken chains and installing new settings
- Apply both textured and polished finishes to jewelry surfaces on a variety of different metals
- Evaluate and improve workmanship using GIA Quality Assurance Benchmarks

What You Earn: GIA Graduate Jeweler Diploma

On Campus

Full-time program offered at the GIA® campus in Carlsbad.
See class schedule beginning on page 21.

Learn more at GIA.edu/GJ

As part of the Graduate Jeweler program, students will complete several jewelry projects including a Halo ring such as the one shown here. This project features an oval center stone in a six-prong setting surrounded by round, precision-cut stones in a halo setting with common prongs. This project is completed in sterling silver and two-tone white and yellow 14k gold.





JEWELRY DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

GIA Jewelry Design & Technology graduates often choose these careers:

CAD Designer

CAM Operator

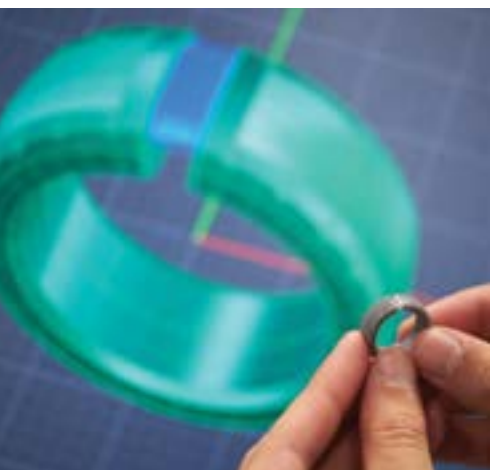
CAD/CAM Service Bureau Technician

Jewelry Designer

Product Developer

Quality Assurance Specialist

Contact Career Services for more information:
careerservices@gia.edu



Skills From Concept to Counter

The GIA Jewelry Design & Technology diploma program covers topics essential to becoming a jewelry designer and CAD (computer-aided design) technician, including being able to build a CAD model of jewelry using engineering specifications and understanding the challenges that come with its manufacturing. Instructors teach design elements and principles, and concept sketching, to create attractive jewelry designs to present to a client prior to building the CAD model. Other topics covered include: important jewelry design eras, understanding and applying motifs to jewelry, and jewelry manufacturing methods. You will receive student licenses for Rhinoceros and ZBrush software, an external hard drive, a 10x loupe, digital calipers and a graphic tablet with pen.

What You Will Learn:

- Use fundamental design concepts, including texture, shape, form, balance, negative space, color and more
- Learn digital hand-rendering using Sketchbook software
- Apply CAD model engineering concepts to make durable and comfortable pieces that are long lasting
- Create, render and prototype designs using CAD software like Rhinoceros and ZBrush, and CAM hardware like a 3D printer
- Understand manufacturing processes for the creation of jewelry, like die-striking and casting
- Design and develop CAD models using the metrics of scale, proportion, and element relationships; and within the constraints of cost, time, size, style and manufacturing methods
- Develop digital and physical portfolios of class projects and custom designs that are ready for presentation to potential clients and employers, and display work in a final design exhibition

What You Earn: GIA Jewelry Design & Technology Diploma

On Campus

Full-time program offered at GIA® campuses in Carlsbad and New York.

See class schedule beginning on page 21.

Learn more at GIA.edu/JDT



Ring design and CAD rendering by Romana Amato, GIA Jewelry Design & Technology graduate



COMPREHENSIVE CAD/CAM FOR JEWELRY

GIA Comprehensive CAD/CAM for Jewelry graduates often choose these careers:

- CAD Service Bureau Technician
- Jewelry CAD Technician
- Product Developer

Contact Career Services for more information: careerservices@gia.edu

The Driving Force in Jewelry Design and Manufacturing Technology

This comprehensive seven-week course covers the skills necessary to become a CAD/CAM (Computer-Aided Design/Computer-Aided Manufacturing) technician. Skills taught include using CAD software to develop models, photorealistic rendering and additive CAM (Computer-Aided Manufacturing) machines, jewelry manufacturing techniques, and jewelry-engineering fundamentals. You will receive a student license for Rhinoceros software and an external hard drive.

What You Will Learn:

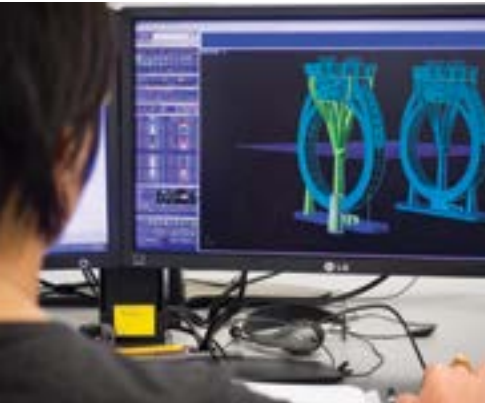
- Create CAD models within the metrics of scale, proportion and element relationships
- Distinguish between various CAM technologies including 3D printing Develop CAD models within the constraints of cost, time, size, style and manufacturing methods
- Model and render manufacturable pieces of jewelry using CAD

What You Earn: GIA Comprehensive CAD/CAM for Jewelry Certificate

On Campus

Full-time course offered at GIA® campuses in Carlsbad, New York and London. See class schedule beginning on page 21.

Learn more at GIA.edu/CCC



Bracelet design and CAD rendering by Muhammad Suleman, GIA Comprehensive CAD/CAM for Jewelry graduate



ALUM PROFILE

Latoya Boyd

While deployed in Afghanistan, Latoya Boyd wandered into a gem store – that moment changed her life forever. The gems rekindled her childhood passion for gems and jewelry. When she was medically discharged from the Army, she decided to pursue jewelry design and manufacturing. Latoya attended the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (FIDM) in Los Angeles where she earned her Associate of Arts in Jewelry and Metalsmithing Arts. She immediately started her studies at GIA in Carlsbad and earned the Graduate Gemologist diploma and the Comprehensive CAD/CAM for Jewelry certificate. Working as a private custom jeweler for the last six years, Latoya sells her work through her online store, Latoya Boyd Jewelry. Latoya was recently awarded the 2020 Female Veteran Grant from the Women's Jewelry Association (WJA).

A Hands-On Education

While at FIDM, one of my classmates saw how much I loved gems and told me about GIA. I knew that GIA was respected for its grading reports, but I didn't know it was an actual school I could attend! When I first walked into GIA Carlsbad, I felt like I was at a Disneyland for jewelry – it was breathtaking.

The Comprehensive CAD/CAM for Jewelry course was intense and technical, which was perfect for me. It complimented my creative side to help me build a thriving, well-rounded business. I use computer-aided design for some of my custom work.

The Graduate Gemologist program taught me how to explain the beauty and uniqueness of gemstones. I can tell my clients about inclusions and the differences between synthetic and natural gemstones, and simulants. Because of my education, I can assure my clients I have identified this gemstone and I back that with my reputation. That's invaluable. There's no price tag on the ability to have that confidence.



Latoya Boyd Jewelry

I've been creating and designing my own jewelry for over 20 years. My favorite materials are London Blue Topaz and copper, and I like to create fun, surprising jewelry that include lots of movement. One of my favorite pieces is a copper flower spinner ring. All of the copper petals move, and you can tap a beat on the ring – it's like having a mini tambourine! My creations are unusual, just like me; they reflect who I am. You'll never see them anywhere else.

As a designer, I connect with people from all over the world. That was something I first learned while at GIA. At the Carlsbad campus, there are flags hanging in the student common area, representing the countries where students come from to study. I loved looking at those flags. The connection I have with my customers is so important. I consider them as part of my extended family and keep in touch with them through hand-written cards and social media. That's what jewelry is about for me – connecting with people.



Latoya believes in having options, which is reflected in the copper jewelry found in her Bloom Collection. Rings, including the large copper spinning ring shown above, earrings, studs, chains and a variety of pendants and necklaces, like this petal leaf necklace are part of the collection. Each piece is designed, sawn, forged, formed, fired and assembled by Latoya.



JEWELRY DESIGN

GIA Jewelry Design graduates often choose these careers:

Custom Designer

Hand Renderer

Jewelry Business Owner

Jewelry Designer

Sales Associate

Contact Career Services for more information:
careerservices@gia.edu



Illustrate Your Way to a Promising Future

In this intensive nine-week course, instructors teach the creative and technical hand-rendering skills needed to begin a career as a custom jewelry designer. Jewelry design theory helps students acquire a working knowledge of jewelry artistry. Skills covered include: illustrating the shape, form and texture of metal; working with drafting tools; and rendering yellow and white metals as well as a range of faceted and cabochon gemstones and pearls. Instructors show how to illustrate rings in five different views and how to keep design ideas flowing. At the completion of this course, you will have a hand-developed portfolio of your work and a digital copy to show prospective employers and clients. You will receive a design toolkit, which contains a variety of paints, pencils, brushes, templates, vellum, other art tools and printed course materials.

What You Will Learn:

- Develop sources of inspiration
- Understand jewelry design theory and artistry
- Illustrate the shape, form, and texture of metal
- Render faceted gems, pearls, colored metals, etc.
- Learn traditional drafting techniques
- Develop motifs to create sketches of jewelry objects
- Create a portfolio of class projects and custom designs that is ready for presentation to potential clients and employers

What You Earn: GIA Jewelry Design Certificate

On Campus

Full-time course offered at GIA campuses worldwide.

See class schedule beginning on page 21.

Learn more at GIA.edu/JD



This Art Nouveau-inspired bracelet by GIA Jewelry Design graduate and 2018 Gianmaria Buccellati Foundation Award for Excellence in Jewelry Design finalist Theresa Chuan Chen, features yellow and white gold, sapphires, diamonds, pearls and enamel.

2020 - 2021 Global Class Schedule

This schedule reflects January – December 2021 and remaining 2020 course dates.

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Schedules may vary depending on holidays, breaks or other events.

ON CAMPUS PROGRAMS

BANGKOK Bangkok.GIA.edu

GEM 2500 Graduate Gemologist®

2021
Jun 4-Dec 17

GEM 2200 Graduate Diamonds

2021
Feb 11-Apr 9
Jun 4-Jul 30*

GEM 2300 Graduate Colored Stones

2021
Jan 7-Jun 4
Jul 29-Dec 17*

JMA 370 Jewelry Design

2021
Feb 25-Apr 30
Jun 4-Aug 6

CARLSBAD Carlsbad.GIA.edu

GEM 2500 Graduate Gemologist®

2021
Jan 14-Jul 30
Feb 18-Sep 3
Apr 8-Oct 22
May 27-Dec 17
Jul 15, 2021-Feb 18, 2022
Sep 2, 2021-Apr 8, 2022
Oct 14, 2021-May 20, 2022

GEM 2200 Graduate Diamonds

2021
Jan 14-Mar 12*
Feb 18-Apr 16*
Apr 8-Jun 4*
May 27-Jul 23*
Jul 15-Sep 10*
Sep 2-Oct 29*
Oct 14-Dec 17*

GEM 2300 Graduate Colored Stones

2021
Mar 11-Jul 30*
Apr 15-Sep 3*
Jun 3-Oct 22*
Jul 22-Dec 17*
Sep 9, 2021-Feb 18, 2022*
Oct 28, 2021-Apr 8, 2022*
Dec 30, 2021-May 20, 2022*

JMA 3400 Jewelry Design & Technology

2021
Mar 4-Sep 10
Jun 3-Dec 17
Oct 7, 2021-May 6, 2022

JMA 3300 Graduate Jeweler

2021
Mar 4-Sep 10
Jun 3-Dec 17
Oct 7, 2021-May 6, 2022

JMA 370 Jewelry Design

2021
Apr 8-Jun 11
Sep 16-Nov 19

JMA 400 Comprehensive CAD/CAM for Jewelry

2021
Jan 21-Mar 12
Jul 8-Aug 27

HONG KONG HongKong.GIA.edu

GEM 2500 Graduate Gemologist®

2020
Oct 22, 2020-Jun 18, 2021

2021
May 27-Dec 17
Oct 21, 2021-Jun 17, 2022

GEM 2200 Graduate Diamonds

2020
Oct 15-Dec 17 (N) (Cantonese)
(M, Tu, Th) (H)
Oct 22-Dec 18*

2021
Jan 7-Mar 19
Jan 11-Mar 25 (N) (Cantonese)
(M, Tu, Th) (H)
Apr 13-Jun 10 (N) (Cantonese)
(M, Tu, Th) (H)
May 27-Jul 23*
May 20-Aug 19 (Cantonese) (Tu, Th) (H)
Sep 27-Nov 25 (N) (Cantonese)
(M, Tu, Th) (H)
Oct 21-Dec 17*

GEM 2300 Graduate Colored Stones

2021
Jan 7-Jun 18*
Jul 22-Dec 17*
Jun 8-Nov 23 (N) (Cantonese)
(M, Tu, Th) (H)

JMA 370 Jewelry Design

2020
Oct 15-Dec 18

2021
Mar 18-May 28
Jul 29-Oct 8 (Cantonese)

LONDON London.GIA.edu

GEM 2500 Graduate Gemologist®

2020
Oct 22, 2020-May 21, 2021

2021
Feb 11-Aug 27
Apr 8-Oct 22
Sep 2, 2021-Apr 1, 2022
Oct 28, 2021-May 20, 2022

GEM 2200 Graduate Diamonds

2020
Oct 22-Dec 18*

2021
Jan 28-Mar 26
Feb 11-Apr 9*
Apr 8-Jun 4*
Jul 15-Sep 10
Sep 2-Oct 29*
Oct 28-Dec 24

GEM 2300 Graduate Colored Stones

2020
Oct 29, 2020-Apr 2, 2021*
Dec 17, 2020-May 21, 2021*

2021
Apr 8-Aug 27*
Jun 3-Oct 22*
Oct 28, 2021-Apr 1, 2022*
Dec 23, 2021-May 20, 2022*

JMA 370 Jewelry Design

2021
Jan 21-Mar 26
Jun 3-Aug 6
Oct 14-Dec 17

JMA 400 Comprehensive CAD/CAM for Jewelry

2020
Oct 29-Dec 18

2021
Apr 8-May 28
Aug 12-Oct 1

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ON CAMPUS PROGRAMS (continued)

MUMBAI GIAIndia.in

GEM 2500 Graduate Gemologist®

2021
Jan 7-Jul 23
Mar 25-Oct 8
May 27-Dec 17
Jul 29, 2021-Feb 18, 2022

GEM 2200 Graduate Diamonds

2020
Oct 15-Dec 18
Dec 3, 2020-Jan 29, 2021

2021
Jan 7-Mar 5*
Jan 28-Mar 26
Feb 25-Apr 23
Mar 25-May 21*
Apr 29-Jun 25
May 27-Jul 23*
Jun 24-Aug 20
Jul 29-Sep 24*
Aug 26-Oct 22
Oct 14-Dec 17
Nov 18, 2021-Jan 14, 2022

GEM 2300 Graduate Colored Stones

2021
Mar 4-Jul 16*
May 20-Oct 8*
Jul 22-Dec 17*
Sep 23, 2021-Feb 18, 2022*

JMA 370 Jewelry Design

2020
Nov 26, 2020-Jan 29, 2021

2021
Feb 4-Apr 9
Apr 29-Jul 2
Aug 26-Oct 29

NEW DELHI GIAIndia.in

GEM 2200 Graduate Diamonds

2020
Nov 19, 2020-Jan 15, 2021

2021
Feb 25-Apr 23
Jul 1-Aug 27
Oct 7-Dec 10

NEW YORK NewYork.GIA.edu

GEM 2500 Graduate Gemologist®

2020
Oct 15, 2020-May 21, 2021

2021
Jan 7-Jul 23
Mar 4-Sep 17
Apr 29-Nov 12
Jun 24, 2021-Jan 28, 2022
Aug 19, 2021-Mar 25, 2022
Oct 14, 2021-May 20, 2022

GEM 2200 Graduate Diamonds

2020
Oct 15-Dec 18*

2021
Jan 7-Mar 5*
Feb 4-Apr 2
Mar 4-Apr 30*
Apr 29-Jun 25*
Jun 17-Aug 13
Jun 24-Aug 20*
Aug 19-Oct 15*
Sep 23-Nov 19
Oct 14-Dec 17*

GEM 2300 Graduate Colored Stones

2020
Oct 16, 2020-Mar 26, 2021*
Dec 31, 2020-May 21, 2021*

2021
Mar 5-Jul 23*
Apr 30-Sep 17*
Jun 25-Nov 12*
Aug 20, 2021-Jan 28, 2022*
Oct 15, 2021-Mar 25, 2022*
Dec 30, 2021-May 20, 2022*

JMA 3400 Jewelry Design & Technology

2021
Jul 1, 2021-Jan 28, 2022

JMA 370 Jewelry Design

2021
Apr 22-Jun 25
Oct 7-Dec 17

JMA 400 Comprehensive CAD/CAM for Jewelry

2020
Oct 22-Dec 18

2021
Feb 11-Apr 2
Jul 22-Sep 10

SHANGHAI GIAtaiwan.com.tw

2021 course dates to be announced soon for

GEM 2500 Graduate Gemologist®
GEM 2200 Graduate Diamonds
GEM 2300 Graduate Colored Stones
JMA 370 Jewelry Design

SHENZHEN GIAtaiwan.com.tw

2021 course dates to be announced soon

GEM 2200 Graduate Diamonds
2020
Nov 27, 2020-Jan 22, 2021 (Chinese)

JMA 370 Jewelry Design

SURAT GIAIndia.in

GEM 2200 Graduate Diamonds

2021
Jan 28-Mar 26
Apr 29-Jun 25
Aug 5-Oct 1

TAIPEI GIAtaiwan.com.tw

GEM 2500 Graduate Gemologist®

2020
Oct 30, 2020-Jun 10, 2021 (Chinese)

GEM 2200 Graduate Diamonds

2020
Oct 16-Dec 26 (S) (Chinese) (H)
Oct 30-Dec 25* (Chinese)

2021
Mar 12-May 10 (N) (Chinese) (M, W, F) (H)
Mar 19-May 14* (Chinese) (H)
May 22-Aug 7 (S) (Chinese) (H)
Jul 2-Aug 27* (Chinese) (H)
Aug 6-Oct 4 (N) (Chinese) (M, W, F) (H)
Oct 9-Dec 25 (S) (Chinese) (H)
Oct 29-Dec 24* (Chinese)

GEM 2300 Graduate Colored Stones

2020
Dec 25, 2020-Jun 10, 2021* (Chinese)

2021
May 14-Oct 6* (Chinese) (H)
Aug 27, 2021-Jan 20, 2022* (Chinese) (H)
Dec 24, 2021-Jun 9, 2022* (Chinese)

JMA 370 Jewelry Design

2021
Mar 5-May 7 (Chinese) (H)
Aug 13-Oct 15 (Chinese)



Diamond and opal earrings
Courtesy: Rebecca Young

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LAB CLASSES

BANGKOK Bangkok.GIA.edu

GEM 220L Colored Stone Grading

2020
Oct 5-7
2021
Jan 25-27
Jun 28-30
Aug 30-Sep 1
Nov 15-17

GEM 230L Diamond Grading

2021
Jan 11-15
Jun 14-18
Aug 16-20
Nov 1-5

GEM 240L Gem Identification

2021
Jan 18-23
Jun 21-25
Aug 23-27
Nov 8-12

GEM 149L Pearl Grading

2021
Jan 28
Jul 1
Sep 2
Nov 18

Applied Jewelry Professional® (Intensive)

2020
Nov 9-13
2021
Feb 1-5
June 7-11
Sep 13-17
Oct 18-22

BIRMINGHAM London.GIA.edu

GEM 220L Colored Stone Grading

2020
Nov 23-25
2021
Apr 19-21
Jul 19-21
Nov 15-17

GEM 230L Diamond Grading

2020
Nov 16-20
Nov 30-Dec 4
2021
Apr 12-16
Jul 12-16
Jul 26-30
Nov 8-12

GEM 149L Pearl Grading

2020
Nov 26
2021
Apr 22
Jul 22
Nov 18

CARLSBAD Carlsbad.GIA.edu

GEM 220L Colored Stone Grading

2021
Feb 1-3
Feb 16-18
Mar 29-31
May 17-19
Jun 21-23
Sep 27-29
Nov 8-10

GEM 230L Diamond Grading

2021
Jan 18-22
Feb 8-12
Mar 1-5
Mar 15-19
Apr 5-9
May 3-7
Jun 7-11
Sep 13-17
Oct 25-29
Nov 15-19

GEM 240L Gem Identification

2021
Jan 25-29
Feb 22-26
Mar 8-12
Mar 22-26
May 10-14
Jun 14-18
Sep 20-24
Nov 1-5

GEM 149L Pearl Grading

2021
Feb 4
Feb 19
Apr 1
May 27
Jun 20
Sep 30
Nov 11

HONG KONG HongKong.GIA.edu

GEM 220L Colored Stone Grading

2021
Aug 23-25

GEM 230L Diamond Grading

2021
Feb 22-26
Jul 26-Aug 19 (N)
(Cantonese) (M, Tu, Th)
Sep 6-10

GEM 240L Gem Identification

2021
Aug 30-Sep 3

GEM 149L Pearl Grading

2020
Jun 17 and 19 (N) (Cantonese) (W, F)
Jun 22
Sep 3
Oct 28 and 30 (N) (Cantonese) (W, F)
2021
Mar 8
May 26 and 28 (N) (Cantonese) (W, F)
Aug 24 and 26 (N) (Cantonese) (Tu, Th)
Aug 26
Nov 29-30 (N) (Cantonese) (M, Tu)

LONDON London.GIA.edu

GEM 220L Colored Stone Grading

2021
Feb 8-10
Jun 1-3
Sep 20-22

GEM 230L Diamond Grading

2021
Feb 1-5
May 24-28
Sep 13-17

GEM 240L Gem Identification

2021
Jan 4-8
Jun 7-11
Sep 27-Oct 1

GEM 149L Pearl Grading

2021
Jun 4
Sep 23

MUMBAI GIAindia.in

GEM 220L Colored Stone Grading

2020
Dec 28-30
2021
Feb 15-17
May 10-12
Aug 16-18
Dec 20-22

GEM 230L Diamond Grading

2020
Oct 12-16
Nov 2-6
Dec 21-25

2021
Jan 11-15
Feb 22-26
Mar 22-26
Apr 26-30
May 24-28
Jul 5-9
Aug 23-27
Oct 11-15
Nov 15-19
Dec 20-24

GEM 240L Gem Identification

2021
Feb 8-12
May 3-7
Aug 9-13
Dec 13-17

GEM 140L Pearl Grading

2020
Dec 31
2021
Feb 18
May 13
Aug 19
Dec 23

Applied Jewelry Professional® (Intensive)

2020
Nov 23-27
2021
Mar 1-5
Jul 26-30
Aug 30-Sep 3

STUDENT WORKROOM

GIA Student Workrooms give you access to all the equipment and gemstones you need to complete the practical requirements of your Gem Identification course through eLearning.

Please contact the campus directly to schedule a workroom.

For information and availability of student workrooms please visit GIA.edu/gem-education/student-workroom

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LAB CLASSES (continued)

NEW DELHI GIAIndia.in

GEM 220L Colored Stone Grading

2020
Oct 12-14
2021
Feb 22-24
Aug 30-Sep 1

GEM 230L Diamond Grading

2020
Oct 5-9
2021
Feb 15-19
Jun 14-18
Sep 6-10
Dec 13-17

Applied Jewelry Professional® (Intensive)

2021
May 3-7

NEW YORK NewYork.GIA.edu

GEM 220L Colored Stone Grading

2020
Oct 26-28
Dec 14-16
2021
Feb 1-3
Apr 5-7
May 10-12
Jun 21-23
Jul 26-Aug 3 (N) (M-Th)
Aug 30-Sep 1
Nov 15-17
Dec 13-15

GEM 230L Diamond Grading

2020
Oct 5-9
Nov 30-Dec 4
2021
Feb 8-12
Apr 5-9
Apr 26-30
Apr 26-May 11 (N) (M-Th)
Jun 7-11
Jun 28-Jul 2
Aug 2-6
Sep 13-17
Nov 1-5
Nov 29-Dec 3

GEM 240L Gem Identification

2020
Oct 19-23
Dec 7-11
2021
Jan 25-29
Mar 29-Apr 2
May 3-7
Jun 14-18
Jul 26-30
Sep 20-24
Sep 20-Oct 5 (N) (M-Th)
Nov 8-12
Dec 6-10

GEM 149L Pearl Grading

2020
Oct 29
Dec 17
2021
Feb 4
Apr 8
May 13
Jun 7-8 (N) (M, Tu)
Jun 24
Sep 2
Nov 18
Dec 16

STUDENT WORKROOM

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GEM 220L Colored Stone Grading

2020
Nov 19-21 (Chinese)

GEM 230L Diamond Grading

2020
Nov 13-17 (Chinese)

GEM 240L Gem Identification

2020
Nov 23-27 (Chinese)

SHENZHEN GIAtaiwan.com.tw

2021 course dates to be announced soon for

Colored Stone Essentials Intensive Diamond Essentials Intensive

SURAT GIAIndia.in

GEM 220L Colored Stone Grading

2020
Dec 7-9
2021
Jul 5-7
Oct 11-13

GEM 230L Diamond Grading

2020
Oct 26-30
Nov 30-Dec 4
2021
Jan 18-22
Mar 29-Apr 2
Apr 26-30
Jun 28-Jul 2
Oct 4-8

Applied Jewelry Professional® (Intensive)

2021
Oct 18-22

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2021 course dates to be announced soon

GEM 220L Colored Stone Grading

2020
Nov 19-21 (Chinese)

GEM 230L Diamond Grading

2020
Nov 13-17 (Chinese)

GEM 240L Gem Identification

2020
Nov 23-27 (Chinese)

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2021 course dates to be announced soon for

Colored Stone Essentials Intensive Diamond Essentials Intensive

TAIPEI GIAtaiwan.com.tw

GEM 220L Colored Stone Grading

2020
Oct 26-28 (Chinese)
2021
Mar 3-5 (Chinese) (W, Th, F)
Jul 5-7 (Chinese)
Oct 13-15 (Chinese) (W, Th, F)

GEM 230L Diamond Grading

2020
Oct 12-16 (Chinese)
Oct 17-Nov 14 (S) (Chinese)
2021
Feb 22-26 (Chinese)
Mar 15-Apr 9 (N) (Chinese) (M, W, F)
May 29-Jun 26 (S) (Chinese)
Jun 21-25 (Chinese)
Aug 9-Sep 3 (N) (Chinese) (M, W, F)
Oct 25-29 (Chinese)
Oct 16-Nov 13 (S) (Chinese)

GEM 240L Gem Identification

2020
Oct 19-23 (Chinese)
2021
Mar 8-12 (Chinese)
Jun 28-Jul 2 (Chinese)
Oct 18-22 (Chinese)

GEM 149L Pearl Grading

2020
Oct 17 (S) (Chinese)
2021
May 22 (S) (Chinese)
Oct 16 (S) (Chinese)

Applied Jewelry Professional® (Intensive)

2021
May 17-28 (Chinese)
Nov 15-26 (Chinese)

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2020 - 2021 Global Class Schedule

CONTINUING EDUCATION

CARLSBAD GIA.edu

Jewelry Forensics Seminar

2020 and 2021 Dates to be announced

JMA 320L Repair and Setting Lab

2021

May 17-21
Sep 20-24

LAS VEGAS

Learn about lab classes and seminars offered through the American Gem Society, call +1 866 805 6500, option 4 or email AGSeducation@ags.org

2021 dates and topics to be announced.

LAS VEGAS

JCK Show 2021

2021 dates and topics to be announced.

LONDON London.GIA.edu

2021 course dates to be announced soon for

Advanced Lab-Grown Diamond Seminar

MUMBAI GIAIndia.in

SWIFT Jewellery Design

2020

Nov 23-27

2021

Feb 1-5

Apr 19-23

Aug 23-27

NEW DELHI GIAIndia.in

SWIFT Jewellery Design

2021

Dec 20-24

NEW YORK GIA.edu

Advanced Lab-Grown Diamond Seminar

2021

Aug 9-10

Oct 25-26

SURAT GIAIndia.in

SWIFT Jewellery Design

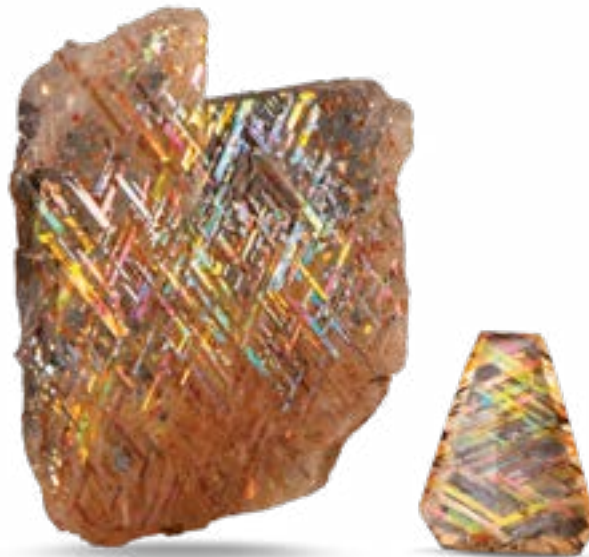
2021

Apr 12-16

TUCSON

2021 dates and topics to be announced.

GIA's continuing education offerings are considered avocational or recreational in nature and are not intended to prepare individuals for entry-level employment. They are non-credit bearing and do not lead to a GIA academic credential. They are not eligible for state or federal student financial aid programs and do not fall under the approval of the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) or the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC).



Rainbow lattice feldspar
Courtesy: Rainbow Lattice, Australia.

Please refer to GIA.edu for the most up-to-date schedules, tuition and fees. Unless otherwise noted, GIA reserves the right to reschedule or cancel classes.

CAREER SUPPORT

Beyond the Diploma

GIA Career Services

Receive career guidance and assistance to help you develop your career plans and find a job after graduation.

- Gem & Jewelry Career Center – the premier online job board with opportunities exclusively in the gem and jewelry industry.
[Search for or post a job at GIA.edu/gem-job](https://www.gia.edu/gem-job)
- *Job Seeker's Handbook* – resume, interview, and portfolio presentation tips tailored to the gem and jewelry industry.
[Download your copy at GIA.edu/job-handbook](https://www.gia.edu/job-handbook)



Alexander Kreis, master gem-cutter, and his mother, Sonja Kreis, presented a lecture on their experiences with gem cutting and designing jewelry for their family business, Kreis Jewellery.

Join the Global GIA Alumni Network

When you graduate from a GIA® program or course, you join an invaluable global alumni network. The GIA Alumni Association encourages lifelong relationships, provides opportunities for continuing education, and fosters networking throughout the gem and jewelry industry.

Stay Informed. Stay Connected. [GIA.edu/gia-alumni](https://www.gia.edu/gia-alumni)

GIA Jewelry Career Fairs

Focused exclusively on jobs in the gem and jewelry industry, GIA Jewelry Career Fairs connect students and graduates with employers looking to hire. More than just career opportunities, career fairs offer career coaching, networking and industry trends. 2021 career fairs include:

- London – Friday, June 18, 2021
- Carlsbad – Friday, October 8, 2021
- New York – Date to be announced

Learn more at [careerfair.GIA.edu](https://www.gia.edu/careerfair)



Students and graduates have the opportunity to attend GIA Jewelry Career Fairs to find jobs and network.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

GIA believes that anyone who has a passion for gems and jewelry should be able to pursue it. That's why we are pleased to offer a number of financial assistance options to help you finance your education.

GIA Scholarships for 2021 Classes

- Available for on-campus programs, lab classes and online eLearning courses.
- Offered at these GIA® locations: Bangkok, Carlsbad, Hong Kong, London, Mumbai, New York and Taipei.
- Complete one online application to be considered for all appropriate scholarships.

Application Periods:

- August 24 to October 15, 2020 for classes starting in 2021
- Additional application period for classes starting in June through December 2021 to be announced.

Learn more at GIA.edu/scholarships

Options Available for the Carlsbad and New York Campuses

Federal Student Aid (Loans and Grants)

Federal aid includes grants and student loans through the U.S. government, and is available to eligible 6-month, full-time on-campus students who are U.S. citizens or hold U.S. permanent resident status.

It is recommended to apply for Federal Student Aid four to six weeks prior to your anticipated start date. For more information on how to apply, visit GIA.edu/gem-education-financial-aid

Veterans Administration Education Benefits

Students with eligible VA GI Bill® Education Benefits may use them for select on-campus programs. GIA's Distance Education programs (eLearning and lab classes) are not eligible for VA benefits, as evaluated by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Learn more at GIA.edu/gem-education-va-gi-bill-education-benefits

Summary of Financial Assistance Available for GIA Programs and Courses*

	GIA Administered Scholarships*	Federal Student Aid	Veterans Admin. Education Benefits
On Campus Programs & Courses			
Graduate Gemologist	●	●	●
Graduate Diamonds	●		●
Graduate Colored Stones	●		●
Graduate Jeweler	●	●	●
Jewelry Design & Technology	●	●	●
Comprehensive CAD/CAM for Jewelry	●		●
Jewelry Design	●		●
Distance Education			
eLearning Courses	●		
Gemology Lab Classes	●		

*For those who qualify.

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"A GIA scholarship made a huge impact in my life. I would not have been able to attend GIA without it."

Anna Doll
GIA Graduate Gemologist and
Applied Jewelry Professional graduate.

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