Mission

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

The mission of Global Online Academy 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 dispositions to be successful in high school, college, career, and life. We coach teachers to think differently about how they design student learning experiences. We work with educational leaders to ensure they have the strategies and tools to lead innovation and change.

Academic Program

Our program brings together experienced teachers and highly capable students in an interactive, intellectually 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

GOA courses are designed and developed by expert educators who are experienced in teaching and supporting students both in-person and online.

Our faculty 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 intellectually engaging.

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

GOA courses are developed and taught predominantly by teachers who work at our member schools.

Our skilled faculty 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 individual attention and...
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 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) and Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

**Course List**

- 9/11 in a Global Context
- Abnormal Psychology
- Applying Philosophy to Global Issues
- Arabic Language Through Culture I, II & III
- Architecture
- Arts Entrepreneurship
- Bioethics
- Business Problem Solving
- Climate Change and Global Inequality
- Computer Science I: Computational Thinking
- Computer Science II: Analyzing Data with Python
- Computer Science II: Osmo Design and Development
- Computer Science II: Java
- Creative Nonfiction Writing
- Cyber Security
- Developmental Psychology
- Data Visualization
- Digital Photography
- Entrepreneurship in a Global Context
- Fiction Writing
- Filmmaking
- Osmo Theory
- Gender & Society
- Genocide and Human Rights
- Global Health
- Graphic Design
- International Relations
- Introduction to Investments
- Introduction to Legal Thinking
- Introduction to Psychology
- iOS App Design
- Japanese Language Through Culture I, II & III
- Linear Algebra
- Macroeconomics
- Medical Problem Solving I & II
- Microeconomics
- Multivariable Calculus
- Neuropsychology
- Number Theory
- Personal Finance
- Positive Psychology
- Prisons and Criminal Justice Systems
- Problem Solving with Engineering and Design
- Race & Society
- Religion & Society
- Social Psychology

**Member Schools**

- African Leadership Academy – Northfield, South Africa
- Albuquerque Academy – Albuquerque, NM
- American Community School of Abu Dhabi – Abu Dhabi, UAE
- American Community School Beirut – Beirut, Lebanon
- American School of Bombay – Mumbai, India
- American School of Dubai – Dubai, UAE
- American International School Chennai – Chennai, India
- American International School Dhaka – Dhaka, Bangladesh
- American International School of Budapest – Nagykovácsi, Hungary
- American International School of Lagos – Lagos, Nigeria
- American School Foundation of Monterey (ASM) – Santa Barbara, CA
- The Anglo-American School of Moscow – Moscow, Russia
- The American School in Japan – Tokyo, Japan
- The Bishop’s School – La Jolla, CA
- The Blalock Strachan School – Toronto, Canada
- The Blake School – Minneapolis, MN
- The Boys’ Latin School of Maryland – Baltimore, MD
- Brookstone School – Columbus, GA
- Brunswick School – Greenwich, CT
- Buckingham Browne & Nichols – Cambridge, MA
- The Bush School – Seattle, WA
- Cary Academy – Cary, NC
- Carlin Gilboa School – Portland, OR
- Christ Church Episcopal School – Greensville, SC
- Colegio Mayo – Santa Catarina Pinula, Guatemala
- Colegio Nuevo Granada – Bogotá, Colombia
- Collegiate School – Richmond, VA
- Columbus Academy – Orono, OH
- Cranbrook Schools – Bloomfield Hills, MI
- The Dalton School – New York, NY
- Dearfield Academy – Dearfield, MA
- The Delta School – Wilson, AR
- The Downtown School – Seattle, WA
- Durham Academy – Durham, NC
- The Episcopal Academy – Newtown Square, PA
- Episcopal High School – Alexandria, VA
- Forsyth Country Day School – Lewesville, NC
- Franklin Institute School – Oberursel, Germany
- Franklin Road Academy – Nashville, TN
- French American International School – San Francisco, CA
- Friends’ Central School – Wynnewood, PA
- The Goddard School – Atlanta, Georgia
- Gormengarth Friends School – Philadelphia, PA
- Gilman School – Baltimore, MD
- Graduation – The American School of São Paulo – São Paulo, Brazil
- Greenshott School – Addison, TX
- Greens Farms Academy – Westport, CT
- Greensboro Day School – Greensboro, NC
- Greensville Academy – Greensville, SC
- Hooskey School – Tarrytown, NY
- Hammond Hall Country Day School – Hammond, CA
- The Harker School – Sunnyvale, CA
- Hawkwood School – Göttingen, GH
- Head-Royce School – Oakland, CA
- Hong Kong International School – Hong Kong
- Hyla School – Alabaster, AL
- International School of Amsterdam – Amsterdam, NE
- The International School of Beijing – Beijing, China
- International School of Qingdao – Qingdao, China
- International School of Kuala Lumpur – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- International School of Prague – Prague, Czech Republic
- Isidoro Newman School – New Orleans, LA
- Jakarta International School – Jakarta, Indonesia
- The John Cooper School – The Woodlands, TX
- Kent Denver School – Englewood, CO
- King School – Stamford, CT
- King’s Academy – Madaba, Jordan
- Kingwood Oxford School – West Hartford, CT
- Lakeland College School – Ontario, Canada
- Lake Highland Preparatory School – Orlando, FL
- Lakeside School – Seattle, WA
- Lakoviy Academy – Oksinskaya, OA
- La Plata – Hawaii School for Girls – Honolulu, HI
- Latin School of Chicago – Chicago, IL
- LEAF Academy – Bratislava, Slovakia
- Lincoln Community School – Acworth, GA
- The Lovett School – Atlanta, GA
- Louisville Collegiate School – Louisville, KY
- Madison County Day School – Waukesha, WI
- The Meadows School – Las Vegas, NV
- Menlo School – Atherton, CA
- Metairie Park Country Day School – Metairie, LA
- The Mission View School – Atlanta, GA
- Nonjring International School – Nonjring, China
- The New Community School – Richmond, VA
- Noble & Greenough School – Dedham, MA
- TheNuevo School – San Mateo, CA
- Parkers School – Kurnool, HL
- Pingry School – Basking Ridge, NJ
- The Pembridge Hill School – Kansas City, MO
- Polytechnic School – Pasadena, CA
- The Potomac School – McLean, VA
- Providence Day School – Charlotte, NC
- Punahou School – Honolulu, HI
- Ransome Evangalogue School – Coconut Grove, FL
- Regina Dominican High School – Wilmette, IL
- Riverdale Country School – Bronx, NY
- Rydell College – Canadago, Canada
- Rutgers Preparatory School – Somerville, NJ
- Savannah Country Day School – Savannah, GA
- Sequoyah School – Pasadena, CA
- Sévigné Academy – Edgeworth, PA
- Shanghai American School – Shanghai, China
- The Shipley School – Bryn Mawr, PA
- Singapore American School – Singapore
- St. Andrew’s Episcopal School – Blairstown, MS
- St. George’s Independent School – Collegeville, TN
- St. Michael’s Collegiate School – Hobart, Tasmania Australia
- The Taft School – Watertown, CT
- Taipeii American School – Taipeii City, Taiwan
- United Nations International School – New York, NY
- United Nations International School – Managua, Nicaragua
- University Prep – Seattle, WA
- Vientiane International School – Vientiane, Laos
- Walnut Hill School for the Arts – Natick, MA
- Western Academy of Beijing – Beijing, China
- West Point Grey Academy – Vancouver, Canada
- Westminster Schools – Atlanta, GA
- The White Mountain School – Bethlehem, NH
- Windward School – Los Angeles, CA
- Woodstock School – Mussoorie, India
- Wooster School – Darby, CT

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