



**CONSUMER INFORMATION DISCLOSURE FORM
DISTANCE EDUCATION ACCREDITING COMMISSION (DEAC)
MAY 2019**

Additional detailed information is found on the GIA website at www.gia.edu.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Name and Address of Institution:

Gemological Institute of America, 5345 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, California, USA 92008

Year Founded: 1931

First Accredited by DEAC: 1965

President: Susan M. Jacques

Accreditations and Agency E-mail Contact Information:

ACCSC (Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges) (*on-campus programs only*): info@accsc.org

BPPE (California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education): bppe@dca.ca.gov

DEAC (Distance Education Accrediting Commission): info@deac.org

Participation in Funding Programs:

Distance education students may be eligible to apply for funding from a variety of sources including, but not necessarily limited to, institutional scholarships, outside scholarships, and vocational rehabilitation programs. Federal Student Aid is not available for GIA eLearning courses or lab classes.

MISSION AND DESCRIPTION:

Institution Mission Statement:

GIA's mission is to ensure the public trust in gems and jewelry by upholding the highest standards of integrity, academics, science, and professionalism through education, research, laboratory services, and instrument development.

Areas of Special Focus:

At the heart of GIA education are the following guiding principles: Research, Relevance, Leadership Accessibility, and Sustainability.

Description of Institution:

For more than 85 years, GIA has been the world's foremost authority in gemology. Our education, laboratory services, instruments, and research set the professional standards for the global gem and jewelry industry.

Student Demographic Profile for eLearning courses (2018):

Gender:

Male 28%

Female 69%

Not Specified 3%

Age:

Under 18	<1%
18-24 years	14%
25-34 years	42%
35-44 years	23%
45-54 years	14%
55-64 years	6%
65+ Years	< 1%

Classes/Courses/Programs and Catalog Numbers (2019):

- Diamond Essentials #130
- Diamonds & Diamond Grading #230
- Diamond Grading Lab Class #230L *
- Colored Stone Essentials #120
- Colored Stones #220
- Colored Stone Grading Lab Class #220L *
- Gem Identification #240
- Gem Identification Lab Class #240L *
- Jewelry Essentials #110
- Pearls #149
- Pearl Grading Lab Class #149L *

* As of February 2019, these lab classes are incorporated into the DEAC approvals.

Successful completion of each eLearning course results in the awarding of a certificate. Successful completion of a series of specific eLearning courses and, in some cases, combined with specific lab classes, results in the awarding of a diploma. GIA does not offer degrees.

Average Program Tuition/Cost (2019):

GIA distance eLearning courses and lab classes are priced individually. Tuition/cost ranges from \$250 to \$2,040 per class or course. GIA eLearning courses are measured by the total number of assignments and GIA lab classes are measured in clock hours.

SUCCESS INDICATORS:

The average Completion Rate and Completion Time for each eLearning course (2018):

Course Name & Catalog #	Completion Rate	Average Completion Time
Diamond Essentials #130	94%	1.8 months
Diamonds & Diamond Grading #230	70%	9.4 months
Colored Stone Essentials #120	94%	1.8 months
Colored Stones #220	64%	12.2 months
Gem Identification #240	69%	14.6 months
Jewelry Essentials #110	95%	1.5 months
Pearls #149	97%	3.4 months

Student Satisfaction Rate (aggregated for all eLearning courses in 2018)

The percentage of students surveyed who responded “Yes” to the following questions:

1. Did you achieve, or will you have achieved upon completing your studies, the goals you had when you started the course or program? Yes = 94%
2. Would you recommend these studies to a friend? Yes = 97%
3. All things considered, were you satisfied with your studies at this institution? Yes = 97%