

CONSUMER INFORMATION DISCLOSURE FORM
DISTANCE EDUCATION ACCREDITING COMMISSION (DEAC)



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, CA 92008

Year Founded: 1931

First Accredited: 1965

President: Susan M. Jacques

Accreditations and Agency E-mail Contact Information:

ACCSC: info@accsc.org

BPPE: bppe@dca.ca.gov

DEAC: 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 distance education courses.

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 – the place people turn to for answers. Our education, laboratory services, instruments, and research set the professional standards for the global gem and jewelry industry.

MISSION AND DESCRIPTION, CONTINUED:

Student Demographic Profile for eLearning courses (2017 calendar year):

Gender:	Male	29%
	Female	68%
	Not Specified	3%
Age:	Under 18	<1%
	18-24 years	15%
	25-34 years	42%
	35-44 years	21%
	45-54 years	14%
	55-64 years	6%
	65+ Years	1%

Courses/Programs/Degrees and Catalog Numbers:

Diamond Essentials #130
Colored Stone Essentials #120
Jewelry Essentials #110
Diamonds & Diamond Grading #230
Colored Stones #220
Gem Identification #240
Pearls #149

Successful completion of each distance education course results in the awarding of a certificate. GIA is a non-degree granting institution.

Average Program Tuition/Cost:

GIA distance education courses are priced individually. Tuition/cost ranges from \$185 to \$2,040 per course. GIA distance education courses are not measured in clock hours or credit hours; each course is measured by the total number of assignments.

SUCCESS INDICATORS:

The average Completion Rate and Completion Time for each course (2017 calendar year):

Course Name & Catalog #	Completion Rate	Average Completion Time
Diamond Essentials #130	94%	1.7 months
Colored Stone Essentials #120	95%	1.8 months
Jewelry Essentials #110	97%	1.5 months
Diamonds & Diamond Grading #230	70%	10.2 months
Colored Stones #220	70%	11.5 months
Gem Identification #240	64%	14.8 months
Pearls #149	95%	3.0 months

Student Satisfaction Rate (aggregated for all courses in 2017)

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=98%
2. Would you recommend these studies to a friend? Yes=98%
3. All things considered, were you satisfied with your studies at this institution? Yes=98%