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.

Student Experience

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

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School Profile

Global Online Academy is a not-for-profit consortium of 120+ independent schools from around the world. Started by a group of independent schools looking to bring the benefits of online learning to their teachers and students, Global Online Academy prepares students for a global future by providing new, modern ways for students to learn and teachers to teach.

The schools that are members of Global Online Academy are well known for the strengths of their curricula and the excellence of their teaching.

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respond effectively to the needs of the individual student learner.

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).

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Member Schools

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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 - Nagykovacs, Hungary
American International School of Lagos - Lagos, Nigeria
American School Foundation of Montserrat (ASFM) - Santa Catalina, Mexico
The Anglo-American School of Moscow - Moscow, Russia
The American School in Japan - Tokyo, Japan
The Bishop's School - La Jolla, CA
The Bishop Strachan School - Toronto, Canada
The Blake School - Minneapolis, MN
The Bolton School - Jackson, MS
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
Canyon Academy - Canyons, CO
Catlin Gabel School - Portland, OR
Church of the Cross Episcopal School - Greenwich, CT
Columbia Academy - Columbia, SC
Columbia American School - Maryland, MD
Columbia Academy - Charleston, SC
Cordillera School - Richmond, VA
Columbus Academy - Columbus, GA
Cranbrook School - Bloomfield Hills, MI
The Dalton School - New York, NY
Dearfield Academy - Dearfield, NJ
The Delta School - Wilson, AR
The Downtown School - Seattle, WA
Hamden Hall Country Day School - Hamden, CT
The Harker School - San Jose, CA
Harrow School - Oxshott, Surrey
Hoxton Royal School - Oakland, CA
Hong Kong International School - Hong Kong
Hico School - Buenos Aires, Argentina
Indian Creek School - Bangkok, Thailand
International School of Amsterdam - Amsterdam, The Netherlands
International School of Beijing - Beijing, China
International School of Curitiba - Curitiba, Brazil
International School of Kuala Lumpur - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
International School of Prague - Prague, Czech Republic
Iwate Nishin School - New Orleans, LA
Jakarta International School - Jakarta, Indonesia
The John Cooper School - The Woodlands, TX
Kent Denver School - West Hartford, CT
Lakefield College School - Ontario, Canada
Lakeside School - Shadyside, OH
Lakeview Academy - Austin, TX
La Pietra - Hawai'i School for Girls - Honolulu, HI
Latin School of Chicago - Chicago, IL
LEAF Academy - Bratislava, Slovakia
Lincoln Community School - Accra, Ghana
The Lovett School - Atlanta, GA
Louisville Collegiate School - Louisville, KY
Madison Country Day School - Waukesha, WI
The Meadows School - Los Angeles, NV
Melbourne Grammar School - South Yarra, Victoria Australia
Monsk School - Atherton, CA
Montclair Park Country Day School - Montclair, LA
Mount Vernon School - Atlanta, GA
Nanjing International School - Nanjing, China
The New Community School - Richmond, VA
Noble & Greenough School - Dedham, MA
The Nueva School - San Mateo, CA
Parker School - Cincinnati, OH
The Park School - Chevy Chase, MD
The Park School - Kansas City, MO
Polytechnic School - Pasadena, CA
The Potomac School - McLean, VA
Providence Day School - Charlotte, NC
Punahou School - Honolulu, HI
Ronson Evangalos School - Coquitlam, BC, Canada
Regina Dominican High School - Wilmette, IL
Riverdale Country School - Bronx, NY
Rundle College - Calgary, Canada
Rutgers Preparatory School - Somerset, NJ
Savannah Country Day School - Savannah, GA
Seay School - Pasadena, CA
Sewickley Academy - Edgeworth, PA
Shanghai American School - Shanghai, China
The Shippell School - Bryn Mawr, PA
Singapore American School - Singapore
St. Andrew’s Episcopal School - Ridgefield, CT
St. George’s Independent School - Collierville, TN
St. Michael’s Collegiate School - Hobart, Tasmania Australia
The Taft School - Watertown, CT
Taipei American School - Taipei City, Taiwan
United Nations International School - New York, NY
United Nations International School - Hanoi, Vietnam
University Prep - Seattle, WA
Vidyanivas International School - Vientiane, Laos
Viking School of Beijing - Beijing, China
Walnut Hill School for the Arts - Northfield, MA
Western Academy of Beijing - Beijing, China
West Point Grey Academy - Vancouver, Canada
Westminster Schools - Atlanta, GA
The White Mountain School - Waterville, ME
Windward School - Los Angeles, CA
Woodstock School - Mussoorie, India
Wooster School - Danbury, CT