





# GEM-A GEMMOLOGY DIPLOMA PROGRAM



#### **ABOUT**

Once you have completed the Gem-A Gemmology Foundation course, you will be eligible to complete Gem-A's highest and most prestigious qualification – the Gem-A Gemmology Diploma.

Through this course you will learn about a wider array of gems, synthetics and treatments, building on the practical and theoretical knowledge you gained during your Foundation studies.

Upon completion of the Gemmology Diploma you will have an in-depth understanding of gemmology and the principles of gem testing, as well as, enhanced gem identification skills.

### 5 REASONS TO STUDY A GEM-A DIPLOMA PROGRAM

- Be part of history. Gem-A can trace its lineage back to 1908, that's more than 110 years of passion, knowledge and expertise.
- Gem-A is respected globally and the Gem-A qualifications are widely regarded and hugely respected on an international level.
- Gem-A is known for its rigorous, scientific and practical gemmology training.
- Gem-A courses are regulated by Ofqual in England. This means that you can rely on and have confidence in the integrity and quality of Gem-A courses.
- Join the club! Once you have completed the Gem-A Diploma you can apply to become a Member of Gem-A and use the postnominal letters FGA and/or DGA after your name.





### THE DIPLOMA PROGRAM AIMS

- Students will expand their knowledge of gems and their properties.
- Students will broaden their appreciation of the characteristic and identifying features of a wide range of gemstones.
- Students will gain appreciation and deeper understanding of the various topics and areas of gemology, alongwith their important to the study and testing of gemstones.
- Encourage the presentation of information and ideas appropriate for difference audiences and purposes.
- Students will develop attitudes relevant to gemology such as accuracy and precision, objectivity, integrity, enquiry, initiative and insight.

### WHAT WILL I LEARN?

- Building on knowledge gained during your Gemmology Foundation studies, you will explore further gemstone treatments and synthetic materials and how to identify them.
- Other areas of study include interpreting results from advanced gem testing equipment; solving gemmological problems based on scientific data; and critically analysing the validity, reliability and credibility of information related to gemmology
- You will be taught to confidently discuss the ethical, environmental and technological implications of the gem trade, while being able to demonstrate practical skills that benefit specialists in the field, in the laboratory and at the jewellery-maker's bench.

## COURSE MATERIALS

- Comprehensive Diploma course notes
- Practical handbook and workbook
- Fluorite and rutile crystal models
- Diploma stone set containing 20 rough and cut specimens

#### **ASSESSMENT**

- 4 online assessments and one written project
- 2 examination papers, combining theory and practical
  - One practical exam
- Practical lab classes







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Duration: 9 months



#### 550 hours

200 hours of guided learning 350 hours of self-directed learning



Every Wednesday, 9am - 4pm





**BHD 2,838** (incl. VAT)

For more information



