



DIPLOMA IN GEMMOLOGY

(Hybrid Program – Enhanced Distance Learning)

Preparatory Course for the Gem-A (*Gemmological Association of Great Britain*) Diploma in Gemmology exams.

Gemmology is an art and a science that enables gemmologists to identify and distinguish between natural gems and those that have been enhanced or are manmade.

Gem-A is a London-based institution that provides gem and jewellery education. A pioneer in the field, it first began teaching gemmology in the early 20th century.

Students who successfully complete the Gem-A Diploma in Gemmology can become members of the association and become a *Fellow of the Gemmological Association of Great Britain* (FGA).

Gem-A now has some 30 Allied Teaching Centres (ATC) worldwide. These centres are organizations accredited to prepare students for GEM-A exams.



L'École de gemmologie de Montréal has been an ATC since 1998 and has prepared hundreds of students to sit the Gem-A exams.



What does it take to become a gemmologist ?

- **Motivation**
- A **passion** for gems and jewellery
- The **desire to discover** a vast new world

What work opportunities are there for gemmologists?

Depending on your own particular personality, your interests and your network you could be :

- A gem buyer for a company
- A Diamond, pearl or coloured stone dealer
- A gemmologist for a jewellery store (possibly your own)
- A gemmologist for a high end jewellery boutique
- A gemmologist for an auction house
- A gemmologist for customs
- A gemmology instructor



Or you could add gemmology to another training program :

- To become a gem and jewellery appraiser
- To become a specialized journalist
- To become a laboratory researcher

Why choose EGM ?

- All **instructors are FGA** and bilingual (English and French)
- They all have **additional training** in :
 - education;
 - jewellery making;
 - crystallography;
 - appraisal or
 - rough diamond grading.
- EGM is **committed to excellence**
- The **success rate for Gem-A exams is high** and far above the world average
- Montreal is a **friendly city** where day-to-day life is easy and accommodation is no problem



The Course

The course is divided into two main parts :

- The Foundation Course
- The Diploma Course

This course is designed to meet the needs of students who cannot commit to a fixed class schedule or who live too far from Montreal to attend classes on a regular basis. **EGM's Hybrid program** combines the convenience of studying from home with the benefit of a structured academic framework. Students spend the majority of their time working from home under the supervision of a personal tutor who is available to offer advice, answer questions, and help students stay on track. Throughout the course students must complete a series of homework assignments and write mock exams to prepare them for their finals. Students in the Hybrid program will benefit from the feedback they receive on these assignments and will receive supplemental course material produced by EGM. Students must also attend practical laboratory classes at EGM during the course of their studies. These laboratory classes delivered by experienced instructors provide students with the hands-on experience necessary to bring theory into practice. At EGM we strongly believe that structure and guidance are the keys to success in distance learning.

The **Foundation level course** will begin in April 2017 and run through January 2018 when students will sit their Gem-A Foundation exams. During this period students will come to EGM on two separate occasions to complete a total of 5 days of practical training.

The **Diploma level course** will begin in April 2018 and run through January 2019 when students will sit their Gem-A Diploma Theory and Practical exams. During this period students will come to EGM on three occasions to complete a total of 11 days of practical training.

Students are offered :

- Some 450 hours of teaching
- Mock exams
- A diamond grading workshop
- A pearl grading workshop
- Additional documents to complement the Gem-A course notes.



All courses are taught in English. Exams take place in Montréal and are graded in London.

The Exams

In order to graduate, students must pass three examination papers:

- Foundation level exams (theory and practical) – 1 Day (January 2018)
- Diploma level theory exams – 1 Day (January 2019)
- Diploma level practical exams – 3 hours (January 2019)

The passing grade is 60%.

Each successful exam provides a certificate and when the student has passed the three examinations, he/she receives the Gem-A gemmology diploma and can apply to become an FGA.

EGM has a higher than average success rate for students who sit the Gem-A exams. Our pass rate for the Foundation level exams is around 75%. Over a ten-year period, we have seen an average pass rate of 85% and a pass rate of 100% on several occasions.

At the Diploma level, the pass rate is around 65%.

The title of FGA

Students who have qualified in Gem-A's Gemmology Diploma examinations may apply for Fellowship and become a Fellow of the Gemmological Association of Great Britain (FGA). Successful applicants are entitled to use the initials FGA after their name for the duration of their paid-up membership to The Gemmological Association of Great Britain. FGA members have access to meetings, events and tours, and also receive publications such as The Journal of Gemmology, Gem-A's renowned academic gemmological publication that covers the latest research. They also receive Gems & Jewellery, Gem-A's trade publication, which regularly keeps them up-to-date with what the association is doing and provides a wide range of articles related to the gem and jewellery industry.

Who can take this course?

This course has **NO PREREQUISITES**.

No prior qualifications are necessary for this course however, strong English language comprehension, attention to detail, and the ability to work hard are definite assets. The individual work required is a major contributing factor to your success. You should be aware that if you are not accustomed to studying or you have been out of the workforce for some time, going back to school isn't easy and your personal investment is extremely important. Our experience has proven that motivated students who are prepared to work hard have all the necessary tools to succeed at EGM.



Registration Procedure

Step 1 – Application

Students who wish to register for the EGM Preparatory Course must send their applications (letter of intent and CV) directly to EGM by email (info@egmtl.com) or by mail (460 Sainte-Catherine West, suite 913, Montreal QC H3B 1A7 CANADA). EGM's administration will evaluate the application and send a reply to the candidate within 5 business days. **The registration deadline is March 1st, 2017.**

Step 2 – Registration Deposit

Upon receipt of acceptance of candidature students are required to pay EGM the registration deposit (see the *Course fees* section next page). The EGM administration will then send the candidate an official letter confirming their registration and will forward all pertinent documents related to the course.

The Course Fees

The course fees are divided into two parts :

- One part to be paid to EGM (teaching and exercises)
- One part to be paid to Gem-A (Course notes, instruments, exam fees)

Part to be paid to EGM (in Canadian dollars)\$ 9 200 + taxes (\$10 577.70)*

Terms of payment :

- \$2 577.70 at the time of registration
- 1st installment of \$2 000 before June 15, 2017
- 2nd installment of \$2 000 before October 15, 2017
- 3rd installment of \$2 000 before June 15, 2018
- 4th installment of \$2 000 before October 15, 2018

EGM Payments can be done by cash, cheque, bank transfer, debit card or credit card (Visa or Mastercard).

EGM will issue receipts for income tax purpose at the end of the year

Part to be paid to Gem-A (in Pounds Sterling) £ 2 657*

Terms of payment :

- 1st installment of \$1 036 before March 1st, 2017
- 2nd installment of \$1 621 before March 1st, 2018

The amount must be paid directly to Gem-A by credit card (Visa ou Mastercard) or bank transfer.

** Fees are subject to change without notice*



Cancellation Policies

EGM Cancellation Policy

If the student cancels after March 10, 2017, no refund will be issued.

In the case of cancellation, the amount cannot be transferred.

Gem-A Cancellation Policy

If the student cancels :

- before March 1st, 2017, an amount of £ 150 will be retained.
- between March 2nd and March 9, 2017, an amount of £ 518 will be retained.
- after March 10, 2016, no refund will be granted.



In the case of cancellation, the amount cannot be transferred.

Reserve early. Maximum class size is 12 students.

Expand your career opportunities by acquiring the title of gemmologist-appraiser

EGM Gem and Jewellery Appraisal Course

Students looking to add to their credentials and increase their employment opportunities should know as much as possible about the world of gems and jewellery. This course covers subjects from precious metals, jewellery making, world markets, value, and the appraisal of diamonds, pearls and coloured stones, to the history of jewellery, the characteristics of authentic antique jewellery, and trade shows.



Graduates can also become gemmologist-appraisers, work in auction houses or become dealers or wholesalers. They'll learn how to build a network of valuable contacts across the global gem and jewellery community.

This course is available each year in July for an intensive three weeks, every day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students who register must be gemmologists or training to be gemmologists

and if they pass the final exams, they will receive a gem and jewellery appraisal diploma from EGM.

The École de gemmologie de Montréal's appraisal course is recognized by the Canadian Jewellers Association, which offers an accreditation program that leads to the title of Certified Appraisal Professional. Gemworld International also endorses the Montreal School of Gemmology's Gem and Jewellery Appraisal Course.

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