

DIPLOMA IN GEMMOLOGY

(Long Cycle Program on 1 ½ - 2 years)

**EGM Preparatory Course for the Gemmological Association
of Great Britain (Gem-A) Exams**

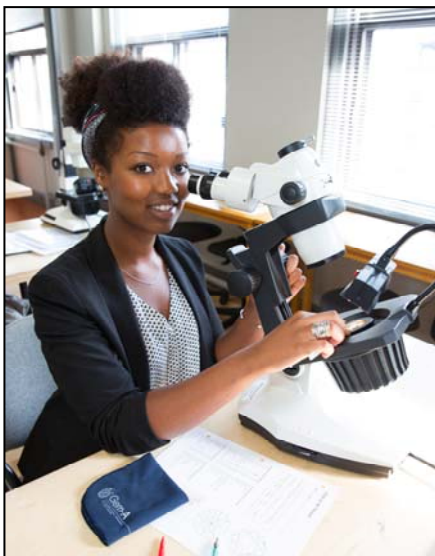
Gemmology is an art and a science that enables gemmologists to identify and distinguish between natural gems and those that have been enhanced or are manmade.

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 takes 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 on 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 program was developed mainly for people who work and live in the Montreal area. Students who wish to enter this program must complete Gemmology 1 and Gemmology 2 courses before they can register for the preparatory course (both Gemmology 1 and Gemmology 2 are 3-hour evening classes over 15 weeks). For the Preparatory course itself, students attend EGM every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and every Wednesday night from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. They must also take the workshop on faceted diamond grading as well as the workshop on pearl grading. They usually write the Foundation level course exams in June and the Diploma level and practical exams the following January.

Students are offered :

- Some 450 hours of teaching
- Mock exams
- A rough crystal workshop
- 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 marked in London.

The Exams

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

- **Paper 1** – Foundation level exams (theory and practical) – 1 Day (in June)
- **Paper 2** – Diploma level theory exams – 1 Day (in January)
- **Paper 3** – Diploma level practical exams – 3 hours (in January)

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?

Students who have successfully completed the **Gemmology 1** (Introduction to gemmology) and **Gemmology 2** (Introduction to the instruments) courses. These courses are given during the evening, for Fall and Winter semesters, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., once a week for 15 weeks. They can be followed at the same time or one after the other.

No other 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 for the Winter 2018 Course is December 1st, 2017.**

Step 2 – Study Permits (foreign students only)

Foreign students requiring study permits or visas must begin the process of acquiring the proper paperwork immediately following confirmation of the receipt of their acceptance. EGM does not prepare immigration files or visa applications. For more information regarding these procedures, please contact EGM.

Step 3 – Registration Deposit

Upon receipt of acceptance of candidature (and visa if necessary) students are required to pay EGM \$550.00 Canadian. 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 in 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)\$ 7 295 + taxes (\$8 387.43)*

Terms of payment :

- \$550.00 at the time of registration
- 1st installment of \$1 975.00 before December 1st, 2017
- 2nd installment of \$1 975.00 before March 15th, 2018
- 3rd installment of \$1 975.00 before August 1st, 2018
- 4th installment of \$1 912.43 before October 15th, 2018

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

***Diamond Grading Workshop and Pearl Grading Workshop** are mandatory and are not included in the instalments. These workshops must be paid upon registration.*

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

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

Terms of payment :

- 1st installment of \$1 036.00 before December 1st, 2017
- 2nd installment of \$1 621.00 before August 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 :

- before December 1st, 2017, an amount of \$ 500 will be retained.
- between December 1st and 25th, 2017, an amount of \$ 1 250 will be retained.
- after December 25th, 2017, no refund will be granted.

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

Cancellations related to government refusal to grant visas or issue study permits received prior to December 15th, 2017 will be issued a refund minus \$250.00 for administrative costs. If the cancellation is after December 15th, 2017, the regular cancellation policies apply.



Gem-A Cancellation Policy

If the student cancelled :

- before December 1st, 2017, an amount of £ 150 will be retained.
- between December 1st and 25, 2017, an amount of £ 518.00 will be retained.
- after December 25th, 2017, 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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