



# GLOBAL ONLINE ACADEMY

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GOA is what happens when inspired teachers, innovative designers, and ambitious students adapt today's classroom to tomorrow's world.

We partner with educators, schools, and organizations looking to transform teaching practices and learning environments to meet the challenges of a changing world.

A background image showing a classroom setting where several students are seated at desks, working on laptops. In the foreground, a young girl with dark curly hair is wearing large black headphones and looking intently at her laptop screen. Other students are visible in the background, also working on laptops. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a modern, tech-enabled learning environment.

# Our Vision.

We imagine a future where all students acquire and practice modern learning skills to be global citizens.





# Our Mission.

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**GOA reimagines 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.

# Our Story.



In 2011, as a way for leading independent schools to explore modern learning, 10 founding schools banded together to launch GOA's first five classes.



In 2014 we began aligning our entire program to a set of core competencies, which now drive our faculty coaching, course development, and student outcomes.



Recognized in 2016 by NEASC for our exceptional faculty training, we continue to expand our professional learning work to help *all* educators and schools reimagine modern learning.



Today, with more than 85 schools in 16 countries, GOA serves over 1500 students in 50+ different courses, as well as hundreds of educators through our Professional Learning programs.

# Your Story.

GOA is a marker of your school's story of innovation, global programs, and modern learning.

Our partnership expands the incredible options available to your students.

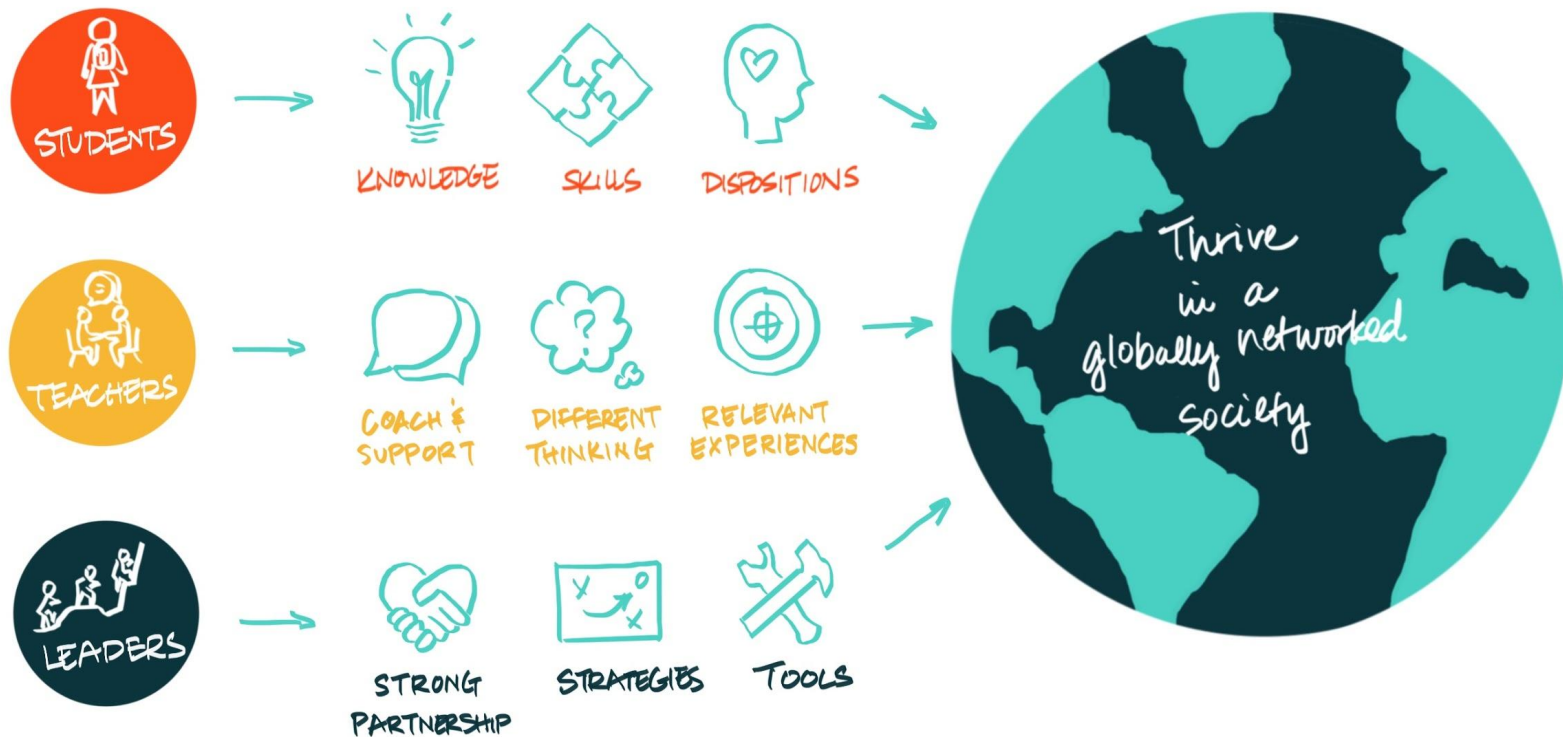
Through GOA membership, your teachers have access to online, hands-on learning experiences built to meet evolving needs and schedules.

Member school educators have the opportunity to design and teach GOA student courses.

GOA is an example of how your school is navigating a changing educational landscape—it is a collaborative, cross-cultural, transdisciplinary partnership with peer institutions around the world.



# G O A How We Reimagine Learning...



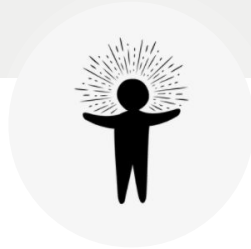
# Pillars of the GOA Experience

What are the foundational benefits of GOA membership?



## Global Education

Working collaboratively, sharing perspectives, and developing empathy for others helps everyone in our programs to thrive in a globally networked society.



## Modern Skills

At GOA, we believe learning is about connections — connecting with new passions, new ideas, new people, and new skills.



## College and Beyond

Our member schools recognize that an online learning experience is necessary to prepare today's high school graduates for college and career.



# Global Education

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- GOA deepens the experience of learning through courses that invite students into an international community of engaged and passionate peers.
- Sharing their perspective with peers around the globe helps GOA students to reflect on and articulate their own opinions and views while expanding their frame of reference and exposure to new points of view.
- GOA teachers use the geographical and cultural diversity of their students to create a respectful learning community, challenge assumptions, and encourage collaboration.
- GOA offers interdisciplinary, culturally relevant courses that fall outside the typical silos of learning and focus on the authentic building and application of skills.



# Modern Skills

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- The role of education has always been to create safe, supportive, engaging environments where learners can develop the skills necessary to succeed in the world. All GOA courses are designed with this in mind.
- GOA students take an active role in their learning – from pursuing a passion through their choice in courses to applying modern communication and collaboration skills in a new learning environment.
- GOA's tools, programs, and courses help teachers and students create the future of education.
- The competencies, skills, and habits of mind that are developed in an online learning environment complement those developed in our on-campus learning environments. GOA students practice and hone all of these skills.
- GOA students have access to other amazing educators who work at peer schools across the U.S. and internationally.



- GOA teachers and member schools are aided by exceptional support staff and faculty, helping them to transfer their expertise and skills to online learning environments with greater ease.
- GOA teachers undergo a rigorous training program before teaching a GOA course, as well as ongoing coaching and intense professional learning throughout their tenure.
- All GOA teachers and courses are evaluated regularly to ensure they meet the standards of our exemplary member schools.
- GOA teachers become part of an expanded network of excellent educators with whom they can collaborate, share ideas, and gain inspiration on instruction.

*GOA faculty are teachers who work at our member schools. Just like their on-campus colleagues within our consortium, they are caring adults and educational professionals who are passionate about what they teach.*

# College and Beyond

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- GOA's competency-based learning (CBL) philosophy mirrors how students will learn, work, and succeed in the world outside of school.
- Learners have multiple opportunities and ways to demonstrate competency in GOA courses. Assessments focus on application and transfer of knowledge.
- Parents and guardians are looking for programs that help students deepen current interests and develop new passions while preparing them for college and beyond. GOA students pursue their passions to help tell the story of who they are and who they want to be.
- More than  $\frac{1}{3}$  of all college students will take online classes, whether they're at an Ivy, small liberal arts, or state school. GOA prepares students for this new reality.

# PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Member school leaders and faculty also have access to GOA Professional Learning courses.

Beyond our student program, GOA works with educators to broaden the impact for all students and to help transform learning in the brick and mortar classrooms of our member schools.

Through the power of networks, our educator courses provide opportunities to engage with colleagues in other schools, share experiences, ask questions, explore carefully curated resources, and create something new.





# Educator Courses for Member Schools

- Educators in GOA courses explore playlists of resources, engage and collaborate with peers synchronously, and create something that will deepen teaching practices and prepare students for a global future.
- GOA professional learning courses can be taken individually or within school-based teams. Participants are from GOA member schools and beyond, with the goal of building a networked professional learning community.
- GOA educator courses are predominantly asynchronous, designed to provide flexibility in pace and time for participants.
- These courses are designed and facilitated by education leaders and teachers with practical experience and expertise in the subject area.

*Using our work with students as a foundation, and our work with teachers as a way to broaden our impact, we are poised to lead the larger conversation around modern teaching and learning.*



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# Who We Are.

We are a humanizing force  
in the digital future of  
education.

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