



STUDY WITH US ONLINE

Our Online Distance Learning (ODL) programme is perfect for those who want to study from the comfort of their own home or for those who live outside the UK.

All ODL students must complete a practical lab class at Gem-A's headquarters or through one of our international Gem-A Approved Practical Providers (GAPPs). Gem-A offers pre-arranged lab classes in the UK for the Gemmology Foundation, Gemmology Diploma and Diamond Diploma courses. For enquiries outside of the UK please contact the GAPP centre directly.

ONLINE DISTANCE LEARNING (ODL)

Consisting primarily of asynchronous online study, and a practical lab class with Gem-A London, or a GAPP of your choice, our ODL programme allows you to study gemmology from the comfort of your home and fit your study around your lifestyle.

The ODL course follows a structured programme with specific deadlines for tasks and activities, while providing you the flexibility to access the course at a time that suits you. The course has set start and end dates and 80% participation in online activities is required. Regular internet access and basic computer skills are essential for this type of study.

The ODL courses consist of four modules. At the end of each module you will need to complete an online assessment with a set deadline date. All ODL students will need to attend a practical lab class, either on-site or with a Gem-A Approved Practical Provider (GAPP).

The online course provides students with a peer-based study environment, as well as providing a network of future contacts from around the world. You will be assigned an online tutor, who will be a qualified gemmologist with strong gemmological expertise, and who will be there to support you through online forums and providing feedback to your studies. You will be given your own login details to access our online learning platform and will be assigned your own study group with other ODL students.

Study hours

Recommended study hours (per week)

Foundation	Foundation (fast track)	Diploma	Diamond
6-8	10-12	10-12	8-10

Additional services

For an additional fee, on-site and ODL gemmology students living in the UK, E.U. and the USA are eligible to join our Stone Library Loan Scheme, which allows you to borrow a diverse sample of stone sets, to aid you in your practical learning.

For more information or to join please contact education@gem-a.com.



GAPPS

The Gem-A Approved Practical Providers (GAPPs), allow ODL students to study the practical lab class component of their course closer to home.

If you're not attending a Gem-A lab class in London, please contact a GAPP directly. Some ATCs also act as GAPP centres and offer this practical tuition separately from their other courses — please contact individual ATCs to see what is available (see pages 24–26 for a list of ATCs).

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Italy	ACG Analisi e consulenze gemmologiche		t: +39 3282241777 e: orsini.p@gmail.com
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