



GIA Lab Descriptions

Diamond Grading Lab (GEM230L) (Five-day class, 9am-12N and 1pm-5pm daily) Monday through Friday, March 10 - 14, 2008

Prerequisites: None.

Fees: \$1150 for MJA, JA and GIA members, alumni or students.

Discover how to judge and grade clarity, color, and cut quality factors of round brilliant diamonds directly from the creators of the 4C's and the International Diamond Grading System—GIA. Through our unique combination of hands-on training, one-on-one coaching, and integrated multi-media presentations, you learn to grade diamonds consistently and accurately using a modern gem microscope and jeweler's loupe. Spend over 18 hours practicing grading techniques on diamonds that have been carefully selected and graded in the GIA Laboratory.

This class is a requirement to earn your GIA Graduate Gemologist diploma through Distance Education.

Gem Identification Lab (GEM240L) (Five-day class, 9am-12N and 1pm-5pm daily) Monday through Friday, March 17 - 21, 2008

Prerequisites: None.

Fees: \$1150 for MJA, JA and GIA members, alumni or students.

Through 17 hours of lab time with hundreds of gemstones, learn the same time-tested procedures and identification skills used by the Institute's renowned gemological experts. Gain confidence using a microscope, refractometer, polariscope, dichroscope, spectroscope, and loupe. Use this full range of standard gem testing instruments to identify natural gemstones, imitations, and synthetics. In classroom demonstrations and with hands-on practice, discover quick, effective testing procedures for the materials found in today's market. Students must pass a five-stone practical test to successfully complete the class.

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Pearl Grading Lab (GEM149L) (One-day class, 9am-12N and 1pm-5pm) Monday, March 24, 2008

Prerequisites: None.

Fees: \$195 for MJA, JA and GIA members, alumni or students.

Discover how the world's foremost experts determine the quality of Akoya, freshwater, South Sea, and Tahitian pearls. Learn GIA's 7 Pearl Value Factors by training with a member of the Institute's internationally respected team of instructors. In this hands-on class, learn how to evaluate cultured pearls, with the view of increasing sales and promoting the relationship of beauty, value, and quality in your merchandise. Save yourself months of costly trial and error and capitalize on the booming pearl market now!



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Colored Stone Grading Lab (GEM220L) (Three-day class, 9am-12N and 1pm-5pm daily) Monday through Wednesday, March 25-27, 2008

Prerequisites: None.

Fees: \$950 for MJA, JA and GIA members, alumni or students.

Through extensive hands-on practice using gemstones provided by GIA, develop skills in grading the color, clarity, and cut quality factors of a wide range of colored stones. Learn GIA's Colored Stone Grading System and how to describe color in terms of hue, tone, and saturation. Judge clarity and cut quality factors with professional insight. Increase the consistency and accuracy of your colored stone grading skills. Learn about the relationship between light and color. Develop your color memory.

This class is a requirement to earn your GIA Graduate Gemologist diploma through Distance Education.

Please note: Lunch is on your own and is not included in any of the GIA Labs.

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