

Program Roadmap: Is this program right for you?

About You

- You're a rock star – interested in identification and appraisal of gem stones, diamond grading and jewellery appraisal.
- You have an inquisitive and scientific mind, maybe even have a background in geology or earth sciences.
- You have excellent visual acuity and accurate colour perception.
- You're prepared to learn a lot of terminology and to read, write and give reports in clear English.



Are you ready?

- To invest the practice/lab time necessary to hone your skills.
- To manage your personal time to complete assignments using college labs and equipment.
- To reduce the number of hours you work outside the program to accommodate your workload. We recommend no more than 15 hours per week of part-time work during term.

Did you know?

- Canada is the 2nd-largest producer of fair trade, gem-quality diamonds in the world, and business is growing.
- Membership in the [Canadian Gemmological Association \(CGA\)](#) is mandatory in order to practice as a certified gemmologist in Canada.

Chart Your Path Success

	1 st Year (or Semester 1+2)
Academic Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 required courses • Plus any additional courses required based on placement test results*
Industry Connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have strong associations with CGA² and Gema³ as well as auction houses and gem dealers, many of whom frequently provide guest lectures for students. • We provide field trip opportunities to auction houses, gem houses and notable events/collections. <p>External Accreditations: Canadian Gemmological Association (CGA) regulates the gemmology profession. We provide opportunities for graduates to prepare for CGA exams in order to gain membership in the association.*</p> <p>*Extra fees may apply</p>
Preparation Tips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register on STU-VIEW⁵ for a mandatory in-person English placement test and for your courses. • Set up your georgebrown.ca email. This is how the college will keep in touch with you. • Get your student ID card. It gives you access to many college services and activities, including the Library Learning Commons. • Apply for financial aid and scholarships.

*Extra fees may apply

Other Services

The [Current Student](#)⁶ page has information about available services and activities including: [Athletics](#)⁷ (including clubs & recreation), [Student Life](#)⁸ activities (including the [Student Leadership Academy](#)⁹), [Counselling](#)¹⁰, [Accessible Learning Services](#)¹¹, [Library Learning Commons](#)¹², [tutoring](#)¹³, [peer coaching](#)¹⁴, [technical support](#)¹⁵ and more.



Program Highlights

- At George Brown we have an extensive collection of rare, precious and synthetic gem stones for student study.
- We offer the only full-time gemmology certificate program in Ontario, including diamond grading and jewellery appraisal.

About Us

- We offer significant cost-savings in comparison to individual courses offered at the [Canadian Gemmological Association](#)¹⁶ (CGA) or the [Gemmological Association of Great Britain](#)¹⁷ (GemA).
- George Brown's Gemmology program prepares you to write exams to gain accreditation with the CGA.
- We provide specialized instruments and state-of-the-art equipment to students in our lab facilities.
- Our award-winning faculty are active in the industry and provide expert instruction that prepares students for a career in Gemmology.

What's Next

Graduates of this program find employment in jewellery enterprises at manufacturing, wholesale and retail levels. With additional training and experience in the jewellery industry, some become jewellery appraisers. Many graduates, with additional study, write the Canadian Gemmological Association professional exams and the British Gemmological Association exams to obtain internationally recognized professional designations.

Want more training?

Some credits may be considered for transfer to other Jewellery programs.

Need career support?

Jump-start your job search with [Career Services](#)¹⁸ and [Career Coach](#)¹⁹.

The Career Services centre offers support to students before, during and after their studies.

- Identify your strengths and develop your career skills.
- Use our online tools and interactive workshops to build your resume, cover letter and interview skills.
- Work one-on-one with a Career Advisor to start your career development.

Still unsure?

We can help you find the program that's right for you.

Contact an Entry Advisor at 416-415-5000, ext. 2949 or collegeadvisor@georgebrown.ca.

Book an appointment using the [Entry Advising Client Intake Form](#)²⁰.

For inquiries related to F105 contact Program Co-ordinator: Paul McClure ext. 3638 or pmcclure@georgebrown.ca.

Links Reference

- ¹<https://www.canadiangemmological.com/>
- ²<https://www.canadiangemmological.com/>
- ³<https://gem-a.com/>
- ⁴<https://www.canadiangemmological.com/>
- ⁵<http://stuviview.georgebrown.ca/>
- ⁶<https://www.georgebrown.ca/current-students/>
- ⁷<https://www.georgebrown.ca/athletics/>
- ⁸<https://www.georgebrown.ca/studentlife/>
- ⁹<https://www.georgebrown.ca/studentleadershipacademy/>
- ¹⁰<https://www.georgebrown.ca/current-students/counselling/>
- ¹¹<https://www.georgebrown.ca/accessible-learning-services/>
- ¹²<https://www.georgebrown.ca/lc/>
- ¹³<https://www.georgebrown.ca/tlc/>
- ¹⁴<https://www.georgebrown.ca/peerconnect/>
- ¹⁵<https://www.georgebrown.ca/lc/technology/techhelp/>
- ¹⁶<https://www.canadiangemmological.com/>
- ¹⁷<https://gem-a.com/>
- ¹⁸<https://www.georgebrown.ca/careerservices/>
- ¹⁹<https://georgebrown.emsicc.com/?radius=@ion=Toronto>
- ²⁰<https://www.georgebrown.ca/advising/contactform/>
- ²¹<https://www.facebook.com/georgebrowncollege>
- ²²<http://www.twitter.com/GBCollege>
- ²³<http://www.instagram.com/gbcollege/>
- ²⁴<http://www.youtube.com/user/georgebrowncollege>
- ²⁵<https://www.georgebrown.ca/mobileapps/>

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