GOLDEN GATE
UNIVERSITY

LAUNCH YOUR SUCCESS STORY AT GGU.

CAREER-FOCUSED DEGREES FROM THE HEART OF SAN FRANCISCO

At GGU, our mission is to help you build a brighter foundation for your future through higher education. As one of California's oldest private and nonprofit universities, Golden Gate University has been focused on providing practical, career-focused degrees to working adults since 1901.

Our location in the heart of San Francisco's high-tech and financial district provides you with access to some of the world's biggest companies — even as an online or low-residency, hybrid student. Whether you're ready to finish your degree, make a career change, qualify for a new job, or simply set yourself up for future success, Golden Gate University is here to help you make your goals a reality.

PIONEERING ADULT EDUCATION FOR 120+ YEARS

Golden Gate University traces its beginnings to a night school started by the San Francisco YMCA during the California Gold Rush in the early 1850s. In 1901, the university was officially established as a place where working adults could acquire the education and skills necessary to advance their careers.

For more than 120 years, GGU has helped students achieve their professional goals through world-class undergraduate and graduate education. Over the past 25+ years, we've adapted to the needs of nontraditional students by offering degrees and certificates in growing fields—such as business, finance, law, technology, taxation, and accounting—in two flexible formats: fully online and hybrid. Students can choose the modality that best fits their lives, with the hybrid option blending the best of online and in-person learning in a low-residency format.

EXPLORE OUR SCHOOLS

We offer more than 60 degrees and certificates in two flexible formats: fully online and hybrid, allowing students to choose the option that best fits their schedule and lifestyle. Our curriculum is uniquely designed to be skill-based, practical, and real-world focused, ensuring that students can immediately apply what they learn to their current roles and make an impact in the workplace from day one.

AGENO SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

The Ageno School of Business prepares aspiring business leaders to thrive in today's global business world through innovative programs that combine theory and practical experience.

BRADEN SCHOOL OF TAXATION

The Braden School of Taxation offers the largest and one of the most respected graduate tax programs in the U.S., with many graduates working at the Big Four and Global Six firms.

SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTING

The School of Accounting focuses on providing students with practical, hands-on accounting education that meets the dynamic needs of the changing business landscape.

SCHOOL OF LAW

The GGU School of Law has educated legal professionals for over 100 years, with an unparalleled focus on practical skills and hands-on training in a supportive, collaborative environment.

SCHOOL OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

The School of Undergraduate Studies offers a variety of programs designed to help working adults gain the foundational personal and professional skills needed for success in the workplace.

GGU WORLDWIDE

GGU Worldwide partners with global education leaders to make higher education affordable, accessible, and available in multiple languages to students worldwide so that they can earn a GGU degree from outside the United States.

WHY CHOOSE GGU?

At Golden Gate University, we bring the energy and opportunity of San Francisco to you by connecting you with a thriving network of industry leaders, groundbreaking companies, and endless career opportunities.

Our campus is located in the heart of the city's financial district, giving you unparalleled access to Fortune 500 companies, tech giants, and the San Francisco and Silicon Valley startup scene.

Whether you're learning online or connecting on campus, you'll be immersed in San Francisco's dynamic culture of innovation, entrepreneurship, and forward-thinking that sets GGU apart.

INDUSTRY-EXPERIENCED FACULTY

At GGU, 80% of our faculty are scholar practitioners who currently work in the fields they teach. You'll learn directly from experts who can share valuable insights into what today's employers are looking for.

SMALL CLASS SIZES

With an average class size of 17 students, you'll get a more personalized experience at GGU. Here, you'll be able to collaborate with classmates and form lasting connections with your professors.

FLEXIBLE LIFESTYLE

We offer online and hybrid degree programs that are designed for busy adults. With 3 start terms per year and convenient 15-week courses, you'll be able to manage your schedule the way you want while you balance school with work, family, and everyday life.

WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION

We're committed to providing adult learners with the best education available. Our programs are accredited by WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), and GGU is consistently ranked as a top university for working professionals.

TESTIMONIALS

"I'm a mother of four, I operate my own business, and I'm a full time employee and student. It was a difficult decision to go back to school in my mid-30s, but Golden Gate University allowed me to further my education while balancing my life.

Tameika Byrd,
BA in Management & MBA Graduate

"GGU has really lived up to its promise of offering real-world, practical learning that you will apply right away. I worked with wonderful professors, and I love that they brought their practical field experience to the learning process.

Nadia Kwalick Evans,
MA Counseling Psychology Graduate

"I enjoy studying at GGU because of the small class environment, my excellent professors, and my online program which has made it possible for me to fulfill my higher education dream while working full-time.

Serena Yeh,
BS Accounting & MS Accounting Data & Analytics Graduate

"I was already a working professional, so my criteria for graduate school was that I needed classes that fit my schedule, a location that was close, and a program that wasn't going to take too long. I felt that GGU was really tailored toward working adults. It was a perfect fit for me.

Carrie Swing,
MBA Graduate

EXPLORE STUDENT LIFE AT GGU

At GGU, we understand that your student journey extends beyond the classroom. That's why we offer a variety of resources, student clubs, and organizations designed to offer unique opportunities for you to develop valuable skills, connect with peers who share your interests, and enhance your overall college experience.

Our downtown San Francisco campus provides us the opportunity to connect our in-person and online students to some of the largest organizations and brightest minds in the world through networking events, guest lectures, internship opportunities, and more.

Whether you're studying from across the globe or spending time on our San Francisco campus, you'll be sure to find success and make lifelong connections at Golden Gate University.

SUCCESS IN THE CLASSROOM & BEYOND

We support your success through a variety of programs designed to help you get the most out of your university experience, including:

ACADEMIC ADVISING
Every student is assigned an advisor who can assist with everything from selecting courses to sharing academic support resources.

CAREER SERVICES
Students and alumni have free access to career consulting, workshops and events, networking opportunities, job search resources, and more.

STUDENT CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS
Our wide variety of academic and cultural clubs allow students to learn new skills and connect with each other outside of the classroom.

MILITARY & VETERAN SUPPORT
From starting an application and navigating VA benefits to transitioning to civilian life, we support military students through every step of the journey.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT
We're committed to helping international students find success by offering assistance with their Visa paperwork, housing, job search, and more.

TUTORING SERVICES
We strive to help every student reach their highest potential by providing free tutoring in math, writing, finance, and more.

WELLNESS RESOURCES
Students have free, 24/7 access to virtual care services with TimelyCare — a virtual health and well-being platform designed for college students.

ADMISSIONS

At Golden Gate University, we take a holistic approach to reviewing applications for our degree and certificate programs. While the following criteria serve as general guidelines, we consider each applicant's unique background and potential for success in our programs.

Different programs may prioritize different factors, and we encourage you to apply even if you do not meet every requirement listed below.

UNDERGRADUATE

Undergraduate program application requirements include:

- Minimum 2.0 GPA
- Online application
- Resume or CV
- Unofficial transcripts from all previously attended institutions (official transcripts will be required after admission)

GRADUATE

Graduate admission requirements include:

- Bachelor's degree (from an accredited U.S. institution or its equivalent from a recognized non-U.S. institution)
- Minimum 3.0 GPA (some programs may accept a minimum GPA of 2.5)
- Statement of Purpose
- Resume or CV demonstrating academic preparation and professional experience
- Any additional requirements depending on your specific program (GMAT/GRE scores, etc.)

INTERNATIONAL

In addition to our undergraduate or graduate application requirements, international applicants are required to submit:

- Transcript evaluations for foreign transcripts
- English Language Proficiency scores (exceptions apply)
- A copy of your passport
- A Certification of Finances form

MILITARY & VETERAN STUDENTS

Golden Gate University is in the top 15% of colleges and universities nationwide who have contributed to the Yellow Ribbon Program for our country's veterans to reach their educational goals.

From starting an application and navigating VA benefits to starting a career search and transitioning to civilian life, we're here to support you through every step of your journey.

Some programs may have additional application requirements. We encourage you to explore your program of interest on our website and contact an Enrollment Advisor if you have any questions.

TRANSFER YOUR CREDITS

Many of our students can accelerate the completion of their degrees by transferring credits earned from qualifying universities. We make it easy to learn how many of your credits will transfer so that you can get the most out of your previous education and earn your degree as quickly as possible.

EXPLORE TUITION & FINANCIAL AID OPTIONS

As a nonprofit university, our goal is to ensure that high-quality education is available to everyone. More than half of all GGU students receive financial aid through grants, scholarships, and federal aid. We have a dedicated team of financial aid counselors who can help you find the best options and create customized financial plans.

98%
of Graduates Recommend Earning a GGU Degree

17
Students Average Class Size

46
Countries Represented at Golden Gate University

START YOUR APPLICATION TODAY AT GGU.EDU

While Golden Gate University can provide online education to students residing in most states, there are some exceptions. Before applying, visit ggu.edu/accreditation to make sure you're eligible to receive online education from GGU in your state.

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OUR MISSION

Golden Gate University prepares individuals to lead and serve by providing high quality, practice-based educational programs as a nonprofit institution in an innovative and challenging learning environment that embraces professional ethics and diversity.

1901
GGU Founded

GGU is one of California's oldest private, nonprofit universities.

60+
Degrees & Certificates

Featuring degrees in business, law, accounting, taxation, technology, and more.

70,000+
Alumni Worldwide

Located in the heart of San Francisco, GGU has successful graduates across the world.

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