

Global Freshman Academy FAQs

Q: Is Financial Aid Available?

A: We are pursuing scholarship and other opportunities for affordability, but at this time it is not available to GFA students.

Q: Can I receive university credit for courses via GFA even if I have not received my high school diploma or passed the high school equivalency exam?

A: Anyone can take these courses for ASU credit. However, if you'd like to apply them toward a university degree, you will most likely need your high school diploma or proof that you've passed the high school equivalency exam. This will also depend on the policies of the particular university to which you are applying.

Q: Is GFA for freshmen only?

A: No. While GFA is perfect for incoming Freshman who want to enjoy a flexible, economically-viable model for taking lower division level courses, ambitious high school students who want a jump-start for their college career, or adult-learners returning to Freshman year after a hiatus, these introductory-level courses can be taken by anyone who wants to continue lifelong learning or by educators who want to share resources with students.

Q: What is the cost associated per credit that a student would have to pay?

A: While Global Freshman Academy courses are offered at no cost, students will need to pay for the course ID verification (\$45) if they are interested in receiving credit for their passing grade and for the opportunity to receive credit from ASU. Each course will cost approximately \$200 per credit.

Q: Will GFA be extended to full college degrees?

A: At this time, edX and ASU are focused on breaking down the barriers to successfully completing freshman year. If you are interested in additional online courses, please see the complete list of [edX offered courses here](#). If you would like to learn more about full online degree programs offered by ASU, please visit asuonline.asu.edu.

Q: Will I get a letter grade on my Verified Certificate?

A: No. The Verified Certificate is provided by edX to any student who completes an ID Verified course with at least the minimum passing score (which varies, but will be clearly communicated via course materials) and will not feature a letter grade or percentage. Your Verified Certificate does not equal credit earned by ASU. If you'd like to convert your Verified Certificate to ASU credit, you will need to complete additional steps.

Q: Will I get a letter grade on my Arizona State University transcript?

A: Yes. Students who pursue the ID Verified track and complete the steps required for credit conversion will receive a letter grade from ASU for the course on their transcript.

Q: How do I receive a copy of my transcript?

A: In order to receive a copy of your transcript, you must submit a request through ASU's [University Registrar Services](#). Official transcripts cost \$15 while copies of your unofficial transcript are free of charge.

Q: Why is the estimated effort (18 hours per week) for these courses so high?

A: As a tier-1 public research university, ASU courses reflect the rigorous standards faculty members expect of their students. Given this, ASU recommends that for a 7.5 week course, students should be prepared to spend 6 hours a week on coursework for every 1 course credit. So for a 3 credit course, you should expect to spend approximately 18 hours of coursework per week.

Q: To what extent can I use credits earned via GFA to apply for a university degree?

A: Arizona State University is a regionally accredited university. Credits you earn via Global Freshman Academy will appear on an Arizona State University transcript and can be used as transfer credits anywhere ASU credits are accepted. We recommend that you check with your university to see whether ASU credits are accepted. While having earned ASU credits before you apply to a university will not guarantee your admittance, we believe many universities will value the hard work you have already completed.

Q: Will Arizona State University credits be accepted at international universities?

A: University credits are typically recognized globally when they come from accredited institutions. Please check with your local university to see Arizona State University credits are accepted.

Q: After having taken a class and passed, what is the maximum allotted time to pay for the credit through ASU?

A: You will be able to upgrade from a standard Verified Certificate to credit for one year after you successfully complete and pass the course.

Q: How will exam proctoring work?

A: Students who have chosen the Verified track in the course will be asked to re-verify their ID upon launching any proctored exam in a GFA course. During a proctored exam, students will be monitored for the duration of the exam, and suspect behavior will be flagged and reviewed within 3-5 days of exam submission. A webcam will be required for proctored exams.

Q: Will GFA courses be offering any accommodations for people with learning disabilities? Especially during proctored exams?

A: edX is committed to achieving full accessibility (WCAG 2.0 compliant or better) in the platform. We are continuously making accessibility improvements as we build out new capabilities and programs in order to meet this stringent standard. In terms of our proctoring solution, we are working with the software vendor and our university partners to ensure anyone taking courses for credit eligibility has an equitable experience. Accessibility is a key requirement for Arizona State University, as well. All Global Freshman Academy courses delivered through the edX platform will be

ADA compliant and transcripts for hearing impaired students will be available for each video.

Q: What is the full list of courses offered via Global Freshman Academy?

A: To see the most up-to-date list of courses offered by Global Freshman Academy, visit the [Future GFA Courses](#) section of the [Welcome to Global Freshman Academy](#) Course.

Q. If I fail a class in GFA, will it be reflected on my transcript?

A. If you do not pass the course, you will not be eligible for the upgrade to credit. The failure will not appear anywhere on your ASU transcript.

Q. If I fail a GFA course, will I have the option to retake it at no additional cost?

A: With the Global Freshman Academy, you only pay for the course credit once you receive a passing grade. If you need to retake a course, you can do so at anytime but will be required to again pay the \$45 ID Verification fee.

Q. If I already know the material of a course offered via GFA, would I have the option to test-out and receive ASU credit?

A. At this time, we do not offer an option to test out of the material offered in a GFA course. You will need to complete and pass all course material in order to be eligible for credit.

Q. Will you have courses in other subject areas? i.e. Education, Management, Psychics, Computer Science, etc.

A. The Global Freshman Academy is a collection of freshman level courses that fulfill a specific set of general education requirements. The general studies focus areas will include Mathematical Studies, English, Humanities, Arts and Design, Social-Behavioral Sciences and Natural Sciences. To see the most up-to-date list of courses offered by Global Freshman Academy, visit the [Future GFA Courses](#) section of the [Welcome to Global Freshman Academy](#) Course.

Q. How do I transfer the credits that I might earn through GFA?

A. Once you complete your course(s) and are ready to transfer the credit earned, you will simply request your official transcript from ASU and submit to the university to which you are applying.

Q. I have previously earned credits from other universities. Can I still take courses through GFA?

A. We would first recommend checking with the university of your choice, whether that is ASU or elsewhere, to see which of the credits you already have would transfer in and what freshman year classes you may still need to take. This will give you a better idea of what GFA courses you would find beneficial.

Q: I'm interested in taking 30 or more credits for the year, not the minimum of 24. Would I have the option to complete more than 24 credits for the freshman year of GFA.

A: To complete your full freshman year online, you will need to earn between 24-30 credits (courses are between 3 and 4 credits each). You are free to register for and

complete as many Global Freshman Academy courses as you wish. There are no limits. As long as you register for a Verified Certificate and pass the course, you will be eligible to convert to credit.