GLOBAL CAREER ACCELERATOR

George Mason University offers this **for-credit online global project** based experience that equips students with in-demand skills, real work experience, and a path to a great career in partnership with Podium Education.

For-credit virtual class	Gain real-world skills and experience	
Join students from around the world	Valuable Career Resources and Support	

Introduction

The Global Career Accelerator equips students with in-demand skills in applied technology and intercultural communication (ICC). Through live collaboration with peers from over 50 countries, participants learn to work in diverse, remote teams and build inclusive products. The program focuses on three core areas: global experience, applied learning, and ICC

Overview

Students will develop these skills through a combination of interactive LiveLabs, reflective assignments, and real-world projects aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs).

Students can choose from four technical skills tracks to specialize in key competencies and have access to unique global projects:

- Global Data Analytics
- Global Digital Marketing
- Global Coding for Data
- Global Web Development for Everyone
- Global Career Rotation

Credits

- GEOC 290: The Global Career Accelerator (3 or 6 credits)
- GEOC 490: The Global Career Accelerator (3 or 6 credits)

Important Dates

Term	App Open	App Close	Commit by
Summer	**Mar 11**	**Apr 21**	**May 1**
Fall	**Mar 11**	**Jul 25**	**Aug 7**
Spring	**Oct 15**	**Dec 7**	**Dec 14**

George Mason University Students say...

"The most amazing, beneficial program I have ever done. Possibly thesmartest career choice I will ever make!"

[My favorite part was] having an actual interactive environment. This did not feel like the average college course."

"The most valuable element of the accelerator programme to me has been interacting with the LiveLab instructors and completing projects that I can put on my Resume"

"I didn't want to take another summer course, but decided to do the GCA because of the certifications and real-world experience in order to better prepare myself for my future. I didn't know exactly what it entailed, but I honestly enjoyed it all very much and appreciated that there was never a second I felt like my abilities weren't enough or I didn't feel confident that I could get an assignment done and feel good about it. I had a great time and I'll miss working with data like this."

GEO Program Cost

Credit Options	Cost
3-credit course GEO Program Fee	**$ 1,790**
6-credit course GEO Program Fee	**$ 3,579**

Frequently Asked Questions

Is there a difference between credit options?

No. All options require the same coursework.

- 200-level = lower division
- 400-level = upper division

Which course level should I choose?

Consult your academic advisor. Most students take it as a general elective. The 400-level may count as an upper-division or technical elective, depending on your major.

Which track should I choose?

It depends on your goals. Each track offers different real-world skills. Review the Academics / Learning Outcomes tab or speak with your advisor for guidance.

When are classes held?

LiveLabs (synchronous sessions) meet once a week for 1.5 hours. You'll select a time slot during enrollment. Schedules are posted on the Academics / Learning Outcomes tab.

What's the workload?

1.5 hours of live session plus Team support. You should expect about five hours of asynchronous work per week depending on your technical skills and comfort level.

Can I change my course selection?

Yes, until the term starts. Email **GEOGCA@gmu.edu** with the subject line "Course Selection Change Request."

How much does it cost?

- 3 credits: $1,790
- 6 credits: $3,579

Note: These costs are separate from standard George Mason tuition and not part of flat-rate tuition.

Can I use financial aid?

Yes, but coverage depends on your aid package. Meet with your financial aid counselor to confirm. Program fees may not be covered.

How do I pay for the program?

Payment is made through Mason's Bill and Payment System, just like regular tuition.

How do I withdraw from the course?

Email **GEOGCA@gmu.edu** with the subject line "Course Withdrawal."

When can I withdraw without penalty?

Before committing to the course—no financial penalty applies.

Withdrawal and Refund Policy:

- Before committing: No penalty
- After committing but before the Last Day to Drop (100% Refund) deadline: $200 penalty
- After the Last Day to Drop (100% Refund) deadline and before unrestricted withdrawal 50% tuition plus $200 penalty
- After unrestricted withdrawal begins: No refund

How do I enroll?

Click Apply Now on the Overview tab of the program site. Review course details and costs before committing.

What happens after I apply?

- Your application is reviewed.
- You'll be accepted and asked to commit.

Once committed:

- The Registrar registers you in your selected course.
- Charges are added to your student account.
- Podium Education will contact you to choose your LiveLab time slot.

Virtual Information Sessions

- 4 March 1:00 - 2:00 pm
- 24 March 4:00 - 5:00 pm
- 4 April 10:00 - 11:00 am
- 17 April 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Register in Mason 360 to receive the link.

Contact and Information Requests

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