



GLOBAL FORENSIC ALLIANCE ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS

The Global Forensic Alliance (GFA) is a strategic alliance between multiple partner institutions working in both The United States and Latin America. It serves to provide accreditation and training guidelines for companies, organizations, and institutions offering forensic, criminology, and other criminal justice related education and training. Member institutions accredited by the GFA, as well as by those seeking accreditation, agree to meet the following requirements:

1. Member Institutions must require staff to have and maintain professional integrity and good character.
2. Member Institutions must only employ instructors with a higher education from accredited institutions.
3. All subjects, classes, and courses must be taught by at least one instructor holding at least a post-graduate level education from an accredited institution (e.g., a Masters Degree or a PhD).
4. All instructors must have demonstrable expertise directly related to their areas of instruction, either by virtue of formal education, training, experience, or research such as studies, articles, or chapters published in peer reviewed journals or texts.
5. Students may not serve as instructors in courses or programs they are currently taking.
6. All programs must be taught with clearly defined curriculum, up to date research, and up to date textbooks.
7. Member Institutions must have and adhere to clearly written policies, defining and forbidding sexual harassment and coercion. There must also be clearly defined penalties.
8. Member Institutions must have and adhere to clearly written anti-discrimination policies related to at least gender, sexual orientation, race, and religion.
9. Member Institutions must have and adhere to clearly written codes of conduct for both students and staff. At the very least, these codes should define and forbid criminal behavioral, dishonesty, academic misconduct, and sexual relationships between students and staff.
10. Member Institutions must have and adhere to a clear mechanism for registering student complaints (e.g., office of professional responsibility; office of student affairs; or Dean of Students).