

Gemology

The Texas Institute of Jewelry Technology at Paris Junior College offers a one-semester certificate in Gemology. Completion requires 12 credit hours of Gemology and 4 credit hours of Applied Jewelry Practices. The curriculum includes the development of skills in the identification of gemstones, detection of imitation and synthetic materials, and the proper use and care of laboratory instruments. Students study the formation, recovery, merchandising, advertising, display, promotion, buying and selling of precious stones. The course is designed to prepare the graduate for employment as a gemologist, with an emphasis on retail jewelry operations.

Students are accepted into the Gemology Program two times per year with classes beginning in August and January. This TIJT program requires a deposit of \$100.00 to reserve a bench station. This deposit will be applied toward the required tool kit and is refundable only if written cancellation is received by the following dates:

Fall Semester: July 15
Spring Semester: Dec. 1

If possible, prospective students are encouraged to tour the PJC campus and the TIJT division and/or request complete information and cost packet. You may schedule a tour or request an information packet by calling 903.782.0380 or 1.800.232.5804.

To receive a certificate in this program, a grade of “C” or better must be maintained in all courses.

CERTIFICATE IN GEMOLOGY (16 Credit Hours)

First Semester

HRGY 1313.....	Fundamental Gemology I
HRGY 1314.....	Fundamental Gemology II
HRGY 1350.....	Intermediate Gemology
HRGY 2331.....	Advanced Gemological Practices*
HRGY 1417.....	Applied Jewelry Practices

* **Capstone Experience:** Students will take a hands-on exam in a lab setting at the end of the semester.

See HOROLOGY for course descriptions.