

AMI 6-12 Diploma Course

August 2021- May 2022

Proposal pending approval from AMI and confirmation of a 3-6 trainer

Blended Format

- Collaborative, online virtual classroom via Zoom led by AMI training staff
- Autonomous, self-guided coursework through a learning management system (Populi)
- On-site modules that allow for community building within a prepared environment, observation exercises and reflections, key presentations, and hands-on practice with Montessori materials
- Observation sessions in AMI 6-12 classrooms (90 hours)
- Practice Teaching component in AMI elementary classrooms (120 hours)

Foundation Course

- It begins during the first on-site module at SIMS
- Transitions to online format (3 weeks), and continues during the 6-12 training (visual aids, material presentations and key references are integrated throughout the elementary course)
- Holders of an AMI 3-6 diploma may audit the online Foundation session
- Students without AMI 3-6 diploma must take the Foundation course and complete 9 hours of observations in a primary classroom

Schedule 2021-2022

On-site module 1: **Aug 9-14** (one week) form community, cosmic framework, key materials
M-F full day 8:30a-4:45pm; S half day 9:00a-12:00 noon

Distance block 1: Aug 16- Sep 3 online Foundation
M-F 1p-4p via Zoom + self-guided learning engagement
Sep 7-30 (4 weeks) online elementary
M, W, Th 1p-4p via Zoom + self-guided learning engagement

On-site module 2: **Oct 4-22** (three weeks) M-F full day

Distance block 2: Nov 8-Dec 16 M, W, Th 1p-4p + self-guided learning (No class 11/24-25)

On-site module 3: **Jan 4-21** (three weeks) M-F full day (No class 1/17/22)

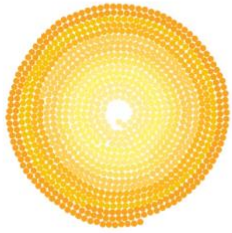
Distance block 3: Mar 14-Apr 13 (2-3 weeks) M, W, Th 1p-4p + self-guided engagement
(2 weeks) online written reviews & exams (hours to be adjusted)

On-site module 4: **Apr 18-May 15** (4 weeks) S. practice, oral exams and graduation (date TBD)

Other components:

- 3 weeks of observations to be scheduled during Oct 25-Nov 5 and Jan 24-Feb 4
- 4 weeks of teaching practice to be scheduled during Feb 7-Mar 11
- 9 hours (2-3 days) of observations in a 3-6 classroom to be scheduled during Aug-Oct





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The AMI 6-12 diploma course is an intensive full-time program. Students are expected to engage in self-guided distance learning activities and complete coursework in a timely manner, including: viewing pre-recorded videos, illustrating reference albums, making classroom materials, writing presentation summary cards, reports, reflections and other assignments.

Strong candidates for this course have:

- Determination and self-motivation to become a Montessori teacher
- Proven ability to pursue academic work (bachelor's degree)
- Excellent organizational skills and self-discipline
- Very good communication skills (spoken and written English)
- Good computer skills (and reliable internet access)
- Integrity and a positive outlook in life

Additionally, having access to Montessori materials locally during distance learning blocks allows the student for self-guided practice.

Requirements for certification

- 90% attendance in all live (online/on-site) class sessions and events
- 140 hours of supervised practice with Montessori materials
- 90 hours of observation and observation reports
- 120 hours of teaching practice and corresponding reports
- timely submission and acceptance of 9 reference albums, properly illustrated
- purchase of AMI approved charts and timelines
- acceptance of teacher made materials
- passing of written and oral examinations

