

FAQs: Young Masters Programme

General

Q: Is it necessary for all the student group members to have internet connection at home?

A: No. Having internet connection at home is not at all necessary. As internet connectivity is required for very minimal time per week hence student group can make use of internet service available in their schools or else can use a cyber café or make use of smart phones embedded with internet facility.

Q: Can students studying in Vernacular medium join this course?

A: Yes. Students studying in any medium and in any type of school can join this programme. There is also a facility available where one can translate the site into 52 different languages to make learning easy. However as the mission assignments are shared in the global classroom consisting of student groups from different countries, hence mission assignments can only be uploaded in English language.

Q: What happens after I register?

A: By registering you will get access to the website. You can then explore and learn more about how the website and the YMP course works. Registration is required to do the course work.

Q: Will I be obliged to do something after I have registered?

A: No, by registering you only become a member of the YMP website. By being a member you can explore and learn more about how the website and the YMP course works and invite your friends to explore the YMP. You will also receive news on when the YMP course starts.

Q: I understand that the registration is free, is the program free too?

A: Yes, that's right, the registration at the GoYMP website and participation in the YMP is free of charge for all students and teachers.

Q: What do I do when I have a technical problem?

A: Contact our support team at support@goymp.org.

Q: How can I translate the site into my language?

A: You can translate the site into 52 different languages using the free Google Chrome web browser.

Step 1: [Download and install the Google Chrome web browser](#)

Step 2: [Use the translation toolbar in Google Chrome](#)

Registration

Q: I have registered but have not received any e-mail from the GoYMP website?

A: First, please check your spam- or junk box in your e-mail. To avoid this in the future, we suggest that you add our e-mail address to your e-mail contact list.

Then, if you cannot find the e-mail from us in your spam box it could be that the e-mail address you provided in your registration was wrong, likely mis-spelled. In this case, the password will not have been sent to you. If you have not received the registration e-mail from us in 2 hours, please contact us at support@goymp.org

Q: I have deleted the e-mail with my password. What should I do?

A: Go to the website: www.goymp.org. When you are asked to sign in, click on “Forgot your password?”. Type in your e-mail address and we will send you an e-mail with your account information.

Q: I have been invited as a teacher or student to join the YMP. What do I do next?

A: Click the link in the e-mail. After you have registered and set up your profile, you will be able to accept your invitation.

Course

Q: How long is the course?

A: The course will take approximately 20 weeks to complete if students spend an average of 3-5 hours per week of study and research. After the course is completed, students can opt to also do a voluntary project work.

Q: How does the course work?

A: The YMP course material is divided into 24 missions. It takes about 3-5 hours to complete a mission. The student group needs to finish one mission per week to keep up with the pace of the rest of the global classroom. This is how a mission works:

1. Study the YMP course material.
2. As a student group, complete the mission’s off-line assignment.
3. One person posts your student group’s assignment to the global classroom, on behalf of the group.
4. In every third mission, students must give feedback on other groups’ assignments, and in return receive feedback on their own assignment.

Students and teachers receive a personal diploma when they have completed the YMP course.

Q: When does the course start?

A: The course starts as soon as a global classroom has been created. Your teacher can also request that the group starts the course on a certain date. The system will then place the group in a classroom that starts on a date as close as possible to the one requested by your teacher. Please note that it cannot be guaranteed that a global classroom opens exactly on the requested date, but only on the closest date possible.

Q: What is a student group?

A: To be able to participate in the YMP all students have to be placed in a student group by a teacher at their school. There can be 3-5 students in each group. The student group is then placed in a global virtual classroom together with 20 other groups from different countries.

A teacher can manage several student groups divided between different classrooms. The members of a student group do all course missions, tasks and assignments together. Then, one member of the student group posts the mission assignment on behalf of the whole group. Although just one student is required to post the answers to each assignment, throughout the duration of the course, any of the students in the group can post the group's answers to the tasks. It doesn't have to be the same person each time.

Q: What is a classroom?

A: A classroom consists of 20 student groups from different countries and schools (60-100 students). Student groups must belong to a global classroom to be able to participate in the course. Once student groups are in a classroom, they will start the YMP at the same time. The students in the classroom will go through the course together at the same pace. Every third mission, the groups in a classroom will also review each other's assignments and give and receive feedback in a peer review system. There are opportunities to chat to other students in your classroom on the GoYMP website, using the on-line chat space, called "Stories". You can also send messages to other students in your classroom via your YMP inbox.

Q: How do I get access to a classroom?

A: A classroom is created automatically as soon as 20 student groups from at least three different countries, with the same required start date, are ready and available to start. You will receive a message in you inbox at the GoYMP website when a classroom has been generated for your student group/s.

Q: Why do I have to wait for the classroom to be created?

A: This depends on both the start time that the teacher has requested when creating the student groups and also on how many student groups are pending. A classroom will start when there are 20 student groups from at least three different countries ready to start the course.

Q: What is a mission?

A: The course material of the YMP is divided into missions. These are like chapters in a textbook. For each mission, the student group reads the course material and then at the end it has to do off-line tasks to complete the mission's assignment. The assignment is then posted in the global classroom. Once the student group has completed a mission, the next mission will unlock. After completing each mission, students will be awarded credits.

Q: How does the credit system work?

A: You are basically awarded with credits for everything you achieve in the YMP.

100 credits are awarded for every mission your group completes.
2 credits are awarded for every star your assignment is graded with in the feedback mission. 5 is the highest grade. 1 is the lowest grade. Assignments are divided into 3 tasks.

E.g.

Task 1 is graded with 3 stars = 6 credits

Task 2 is graded with 4 stars = 8 credits

Task 3 is graded with 5 stars = 10 credits

Total credit for this assignment = 24 credits

You will be given the opportunity to earn extra credits by for example choosing to upload a photo with your assignment.

Q: How does the ranking system work?

A: The ranking works like a level system in a computer game. Your rank will increase with every mission you complete.

Student

Q: I am interested to join YMP but no other student from my school is interested in joining. Can I invite my friends from other schools to join my student group?

A: No. YMP platform is designed in such a way where students need to discuss and complete the tasks as a team. These students can be from different classes from the same school between the age group of 13-19 years.

Q: None of the teachers from my school are interested to become my guide (teacher) in YMP. Can a teacher from other school become my guide OR can my parents become my guide?

A: No. Only a teacher from your school can become your guide. A teacher teaching any subject, having interest in YMP and be friendly with internet can become your guide.

Q: I have registered as a student and sent an invitation to my teacher. What do I do next?

A: Wait until the teacher has accepted your invitation and created a group of 3-5 students from your school. You will be notified by e-mail when that happens. In the next step, your student group will be placed in a global classroom. You will again be notified by e-mail when you have been assigned to a global classroom.

Q: I am now in a student group, what happens next?

A: You are waiting to be placed in a classroom. This might take some time depending on:

1. What starting date your teacher has requested; and
2. The number of other groups waiting to be placed in a classroom.

In order for a classroom to be created, there needs to be 20 student groups with approximately the same start date, from at least 3 different countries, ready and registered to join the programme.

Q: There is vacation in my school and I'm not able to meet my other student group members and we are running behind schedule in our global classroom. Can I individually take initiatives and do the missions?

A: No. As a student group, you have to complete the mission's off-line assignment together. You can post your student group's assignment to the global classroom, on behalf of the group.

Q: Can I share the YMP learnings on other social networking sites?

A: Yes, you can share your learnings, stories on other social networking sites like facebook. There is a system within YMP platform by which you can do this.

Q: How will I receive my diploma?

A: When you have completed the course you will be able to print your diploma (one time only). You can improve the grade on your diploma by opting to do voluntary project work after the completion of the course.

Q: Will the people in my classroom get access to my e-mail address?

A: No. Only the YMP-teacher at your school has access to your e-mail. Once you are on the GoYMP website, you can chat with the people in your classroom on-line in the social network page "Stories" or via message in your GoYMP mail inbox.

Q: Can I opt out from my student group any time I want to?

A: Yes, you can opt out from the group any time you want to. This feature will be available with your teacher. He/She can remove you from the group, but then you will not be awarded with the diploma.

Teacher

Q: I have formed a student group in my school and want to add my child in that student group. However he is not studying in the same school. Can I add him?

A: No. A particular student group consists of students from the same school. These students could be from classes 8th -12th in the age-group of 13-19 years.

Q: As a teacher, do I get the same diploma as the students would get?

A: No. The role of the teacher is to facilitate the student learning process on YMP platform, hence the teachers don't get the same diploma as are awarded to the students. Instead the teachers get a certificate mentioning all the student groups that a particular teacher has guided in that academic year. The students get a diploma as soon as they complete all the missions and the teacher gets the certificate only at the end of the academic year.

Q: I have registered as a teacher and invited several students. What do I do next?

A: As soon as the students have accepted your invitation and registered on the GoYMP website you will be able to create a student group with 3-5 students in each group. You will get a message in your inbox on the GoYMP website as soon as a student has accepted your invitation.

Q: How does a teacher create a student group?

A: After registering on the GoYMP website as a teacher, you must invite students via the website. An e-mail is then sent out to the students that you have invited. The student has to accept the invitation by registering on the site and pressing the 'Accept invitation' link shown in the registration process, or in their inbox on the GoYMP website. The teacher will then be able to create groups. There must be 3-5 students in each student group.

Q: How many student groups can I form as a teacher?

A: As far as the teacher is comfortable to guide and facilitate the student groups, he/she can form 'n' number of groups in an academic year.

Q: Can I share the administration of a student group with another teacher?

A: Yes, you may have one co-teacher per student group. The teacher you wish to share the administration of a group with must be registered at the same school as you are. After the co-teacher has registered at the GoYMP website, you press the 'gears' icon next to the student group you wish to share, and press the 'add co-teacher' link.

Q: As a co-teacher do I get the same certificate as the teacher gets?

A: Yes. Teacher and the co-teacher get the same certificate as the roles performed by both are similar in nature.

Q: How can I view my students' assignments as a teacher?

A: Open the student group view. Click on "Assignment" in "Stories" or press one of the filled squares in their progress bar.

Q: Can I edit the assignment once it is submitted by my student group?

A: No. Teacher can do no editing once the assignment is submitted by the student group. Hence as a teacher you should see the final assignment and give your feedback to the group before it is submitted by the student group. After submission of the assignment you can only give your comments on the assignment posted.

Q: What happens if my students are behind schedule?

A: Student groups must keep up with the pace of the rest of the classroom in order to be able to give and receive feedback on their assignments. When a group is behind the classroom schedule their teacher will be notified and be asked to tell the students to speed up. When a group is three weeks behind they will get moved to another classroom that is further behind in the course.

Q: What happens if my students are ahead of schedule?

A: That is fine. They will need at least one other group that keeps the same pace to be able to complete their feedback missions. Feedback missions involve giving feedback on another student group's assignments.

Q: Can I remove or add any student from the existing student group?

A: Yes, a teacher can remove any student from the group if he is persistently not doing well. Similarly a teacher can add a new student to the group if the members in the group are less than 5. However the teacher should see that the student is not added towards the end of the course as this would mean a student getting the diploma without actually going through the process.