



EducationUSA Canada Spotlights

Minerva Schools at KGI

in San Francisco, CA

Minerva Schools at KGI's global undergraduate program is designed for the 21st century. Based out of San Francisco, Minerva attracts bright, curious, and ambitious students from all over the world. Inside the classroom, students participate in active discussions and seminars designed using the most cutting-edge technology and science of learning. Outside the classroom, students gain once-in-a-lifetime personal and professional experiences in seven global hubs around the world: San Francisco, Seoul, Hyderabad, Berlin, Buenos Aires, London, and Taipei.



A Conversation with a Minerva Student

My name is Tessa Owens, and I live in Victoria, BC, Canada! I'm studying economics at Minerva with a minor in business. Fun fact: I've been extremely inflexible for my whole life — the last time I was able to touch my toes was when I was a toddler.

Why Minerva?

I transferred to Minerva after my first year studying at the University of British Columbia (UBC). I wasn't sure if I wanted to give up everything and start my undergraduate degree again, but after I met the students at Minerva I knew there was something incredibly special about this group of my future peers. I don't think I'd ever shared a room with so many Olympiad winners before — I was overwhelmed by how intelligent and unique the students were. The truly inspiring group of students at Minerva coupled with the uniquely international dimension of the program was what pushed me to finalize my transfer from UBC.



Who would be a good fit at Minerva?

I think there are a couple of key characteristics that any potential Minervan should have. A sense of adventure is a big one — you have to be willing to deal with culture shock on a recurring five-month basis for your entire four years of study. If adjusting to new places, new lifestyles, and new flavours are not for you, you may find it hard to follow Minerva's global rotation.

Another thing that all Minervans have is a genuine love for learning; the courses are really tough and require lots of preparation, time, and engagement. I have found the courses at Minerva to be incredibly rewarding, but don't expect these rewards to come with minimal effort! If this sounds like you, I encourage you to apply! Applications are completely free and full need-based financial aid is offered to all admitted students. Apply [here](#).



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