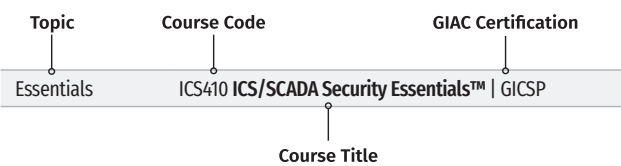


SANS Training Roadmap



Baseline Skills

Focused Job Roles

Specific Skills, Specialized Roles

NEW TO CYBERSECURITY | COMPUTERS, TECHNOLOGY, AND SECURITY

COMPUTER & IT FUNDAMENTALS	SEC275 Foundations: Computers, Technology & Security™ GFACT
CYBERSECURITY FUNDAMENTALS	SEC301 Introduction to Cyber Security™ GISF

These entry-level courses cover a wide spectrum of security topics and are liberally sprinkled with real-life examples. A balanced mix of technical and managerial issues makes these course appealing to attendees who need to understand the salient facets of information security basics and the basics of risk management.

CORE TECHNIQUES | PREVENT, DEFEND, MAINTAIN

SECURITY ESSENTIALS	SEC401 Security Essentials: Network, Endpoint, and Cloud™ GSEC
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Whether you are new to information security or a seasoned practitioner with a specialized focus, SEC401 will provide the essential information security skills and techniques you need to protect and secure your critical information and technology assets, whether on-premise or in the cloud.

LINUX SECURITY	SEC406 Linux Security for InfoSec Professionals
BLUE TEAM	SEC450 Blue Team Fundamentals: Security Operations and Analysis™ GSOC
ATTACKER TECHNIQUES	SEC504 Hacker Tools, Techniques, and Incident Handling™ GCIH

All professionals entrusted with hands-on cybersecurity work should be trained to possess a common set of capabilities enabling them to secure systems, practice defense in depth, understand how attacks work, and manage incidents when they occur. To be secure, you should set a high bar for the baseline set of skills in your security organization.

ROLE-BASED TRAINING FROM SANS SECURITY AWARENESS

Security Essentials for IT Administrators
Role-based PCI DSS Compliance Training
Protecting against cyber threats require continuous investment in skills development. Short-form modular training provides various teams with a role-focused understanding of evolving security concepts.

FORENSICS ESSENTIALS

DIGITAL ACQUISITION AND RAPID TRIAGE	FOR498 Digital Acquisition and Rapid Triage™ GBFA
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CLOUD SECURITY

ESSENTIALS	SEC488 Cloud Security Essentials™ GCLD
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If you are new to cybersecurity or looking to up-skill, cloud security essentials is a requirement for today's organizations. This course provides the basic knowledge required to introduce students to the cloud security industry, as well as in-depth, hands-on practice in labs.

Cloud Security for Developers

AWS	SEC480 AWS Secure Builder™ AWS Secure Builder Micro-Credential by GIAC
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Training designed for non-security technical professionals to make a swift and significant impact on the security of AWS workloads.

ROLE-BASED TRAINING FROM SANS SECURITY AWARENESS

Developer Secure Code Training
Educate everyone involved in the software development process including developers, architects, managers, testers, business owners, and partners with role-focused training that ensures your team can properly build defensible applications from the start.

INDUSTRIAL CONTROL SYSTEMS SECURITY

FOUNDATIONS	ICS310 ICS Cybersecurity Foundations™
ESSENTIALS	ICS410 ICS/SCADA Security Essentials™ GICSP
MANAGEMENT	ICS418 ICS Security Essentials for Leaders™

FOUNDATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Every Cybersecurity Manager Should Know	
CISSP® TRAINING	LDR414 SANS Training Program for CISSP® Certification™ GISP
SECURITY AWARENESS	LDR433 Managing Human Risk™ SSAP
RISK ASSESSMENT	LDR419 Performing a Cybersecurity Risk Assessment™
CIS IG1	SEC366 CIS Implementation Group 1™

With an increasing number of talented technologists, organizations require effective leaders to manage their teams and processes. Those leaders will not necessarily perform hands-on work, but they must know enough about the underlying technologies and frameworks to help set strategy, develop appropriate policies, interact with skilled practitioners, and measure outcomes.

ROLE-BASED TRAINING FROM SANS SECURITY AWARENESS

EndUser Awareness Training
Engaging, modular, and multilingual end-user training focuses on the most pressing risk and compliance topics to address employee security behaviors and develop a culture of security across your organization.

CYBER RANGES

MULTI-SKILL MULTI-DISCIPLINE	BootUp CTF Core NetWars SANS Skills Quest by NetWars
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SANS Cyber Ranges provide interactive hands-on exercises that cover a wide range of topics to solidify skills and create muscle memory.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

AI Security Essentials	
LEADERSHIP	AI5247 AI Security Essentials for Business Leaders™
THREAT HUNTING & DEFENSE	SEC595 Applied Data Science and AI/Machine Learning for Cybersecurity Professionals™ GMLE
APPLICATION SECURITY	SEC495 Leveraging LLMs: Building & Securing RAG, Contextual RAG, and Agentic RAG™
	SEC545 GenAI and LLM Application Security™

ROLE-BASED TRAINING FROM SANS SECURITY AWARENESS

Workforce Risk Management Fundamentals for AI
Designed for employees across all roles—from marketing to developers—this training prepares your team to adopt and use AI technologies safely and effectively.

DESIGN, DETECTION, AND DEFENSIVE CONTROLS

Focused Cyber Defense Skills	
ADVANCED GENERALIST	SEC501 Advanced Security Essentials – Enterprise Defender™ GCED
MONITORING & OPERATIONS	SEC511 Cybersecurity Engineering: Advanced Threat Detection and Monitoring™ GMON
SECURITY ARCHITECTURE	SEC530 Defensible Security Architecture and Engineering: Implementing Zero Trust for the Hybrid Enterprise™ GDSA

The detection of what is happening in your environment requires an increasingly sophisticated set of skills and capabilities. Identifying security anomalies requires increased depth of understanding to deploy detection and monitoring tools and to interpret their output.

Open-Source Intelligence

OSINT	SEC497 Practical Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT)™ GOSI
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OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS | PENETRATION TESTING, OFFENSIVE SECURITY

Every Offensive Professional Should Know	
NETWORK PEN TESTING	SEC560 Enterprise Penetration Testing™ GPEN
WEB APPS	SEC542 Web App Penetration Testing and Ethical Hacking™ GWAPT

The professional who can find weakness is often a different breed than one focused exclusively on building defenses. A basic tenet of Red Team/Blue Team deployments is that finding vulnerabilities requires different ways of thinking and different tools. Offensive skills are essential for cybersecurity professionals to improve their defenses.

INCIDENT RESPONSE & THREAT HUNTING | HOST & NETWORK FORENSICS

ENDPOINT FORENSICS	FOR500 Windows Forensic Analysis™ GCFE FOR508 Advanced Incident Response, Threat Hunting, and Digital Forensics™ GCFA FOR608 Enterprise-Class Incident Response & Threat Hunting™ GEIR
NETWORK FORENSICS	FOR572 Advanced Network Forensics: Threat Hunting, Analysis, and Incident Response™ GNFA

Whether you're seeking to maintain a trail of evidence on host or network systems, or hunting for threats using similar techniques, larger organizations need specialized professionals who can move beyond first-response incident handling in order to analyze an attack and develop an appropriate remediation and recovery plan.

CORE CLOUD SECURITY

Preparation for More Focused Job Functions	
PREVENTION	SEC510 Cloud Security Controls and Mitigations™ GPCS
AUTOMATION & DEVSECOPS	SEC540 Cloud Native Security and DevSecOps Automation™ GCSA
MONITORING & DETECTION	SEC541 Cloud Security Threat Detection™ GCTD
ARCHITECTURE	SEC549 Cloud Security Architecture™ GCAD

With the massive global shift to the cloud, it becomes more critical for every organization to have experts who understand the security risks and benefits that come with public cloud use, how to navigate and take full advantage of multicloud environments, and how to incorporate security from the start of all development projects.

INDUSTRIAL CONTROL SYSTEMS SECURITY

DEFENSE & RESPONSE	ICS515 ICS Visibility, Detection, and Response™ GRID
ADVANCED SECURITY	ICS612 ICS Cybersecurity In-Depth™

NERC Protection

NERC SECURITY ESSENTIALS	ICS456 Essentials for NERC Critical Infrastructure Protection™ GCIP
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Industrial systems run the world, and the need for cyber security professionals to defend them is critical. Learn the skills needed to safeguard critical infrastructure for the sake of operations, national security, and the safety of human life.

STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP FOR CISOs

Transformational Cybersecurity Leader	
TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP	LDR512 Security Leadership Essentials for Managers™ GSLC
SECURITY STRATEGY	LDR514 Security Strategic Planning, Policy, and Leadership™ GSTRT
SECURITY CULTURE	LDR521 Security Culture for Leaders™
Operational Cybersecurity Executive	
VULNERABILITY MANAGEMENT	LDR516 Building and Leading Vulnerability Management Programs™
SOC	LDR551 Building and Leading Security Operations Centers™ GSOM
CIS CONTROLS	SEC566 Implementing and Auditing CIS Controls™ GCCC
Cyber Risk Officer	
TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP	LDR512 Security Leadership Essentials for Managers™ GSLC
RISK & COMPLIANCE	LDR519 Cybersecurity Risk Management and Compliance™
INCIDENT RESPONSE	LDR553 Cyber Incident Management™ GCIL

CYBER RANGES

Practice for Focused Job Functions	
CYBER DEFENSE	Cyber Defense NetWars
DIGITAL FORENSICS & INCIDENT RESPONSE	DFIR NetWars DFIR NetWars Continuous
INDUSTRIAL CONTROL SYSTEMS	ICS NetWars
POWER GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION	GRID NetWars

These interactive hands-on learning exercises cover specific job roles for in-depth practical application and assessment of cybersecurity subject matter to help advance your career in a specific field.

ADVANCED CYBER DEFENSE | HARDEN SPECIFIC DEFENSES

Topic-Focused	
TRAFFIC ANALYSIS	SEC503 Network Monitoring and Threat Detection In-Depth™ GCIA
SIEM	SEC555 Detection Engineering and SIEM Analytics™ GCDA
PYTHON CODING	SEC573 Automating Information Security with Python™ GPYC SEC673 Advanced Information Security Automation with Python™
DATA SCIENCE	SEC595 Applied Data Science and AI/Machine Learning for Cybersecurity Professionals™ GMLE
Open-Source Intelligence	
OSINT	SEC587 Advanced Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT) Gathering & Analysis™

SPECIALIZED OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS | FOCUSED TECHNIQUES & AREAS

Network, Web, and Cloud	
EXPLOIT DEVELOPMENT	SEC660 Advanced Penetration Testing, Exploit Writing, and Ethical Hacking™ GXPEN SEC760 Advanced Exploit Development for Penetration Testers™
CLOUD	SEC588 Cloud Penetration Testing™ GCPN
Specialized Penetration Testing	
SOCIAL ENGINEERING	SEC467 Social Engineering for Security Professionals™
AI	SEC535 Offensive AI – Attack Tools and Techniques™
RED TEAM	SEC565 Red Team Operations and Adversary Emulation™ GRTPE SEC670 Red Teaming Tools – Developing Windows Implants, Shellcode, Command and Control™
MOBILE	SEC575 iOS and Android Application Security Analysis and Penetration Testing™ GMOB
PRODUCT SECURITY	SEC568 Product Security Penetration Testing – Safeguarding Supply Chains and Managing Third-Party Risk™
PEN TESTING	SEC580 Metasploit for Enterprise Penetration Testing™
WIRELESS & IoT	SEC556 IoT Penetration Testing™ SEC617 Wireless Penetration Testing and Ethical Hacking™ GAWN
Purple Team	
DETECTION ENGINEERING	SEC598 Security Automation for Offense, Defense, and Cloud™ SEC599 Defeating Advanced Adversaries – Purple Team Tactics and Kill Chain Defenses™ GDAT SEC699 Advanced Purple Teaming – Adversary Emulation & Detection Engineering™

DIGITAL FORENSICS, MALWARE ANALYSIS, & THREAT INTELLIGENCE | SPECIALIZED INVESTIGATIVE SKILLS

Specialization	
CLOUD FORENSICS	FOR509 Enterprise Cloud Forensics & Incident Response™ GCFR
RANSOMWARE	FOR528 Ransomware and Cyber Extortion™
MALWARE ANALYSIS	FOR610 Reverse-Engineering Malware: Malware Analysis Tools and Techniques™ GREM
	FOR710 Reverse-Engineering Malware: Advanced Code Analysis™
Threat Intelligence	
CYBER THREAT INTELLIGENCE	FOR578 Cyber Threat Intelligence™ GCTI
	FOR589 Cybercrime Investigations™
Digital Forensics and Media Exploitation	
SMARTPHONES	FOR585 Smartphone Forensic Analysis In-Depth™ GASF
MAC FORENSICS	FOR518 Mac and iOS Forensic Analysis and Incident Response™ GIME
LINUX FORENSICS	FOR577 LINUX Incident Response and Threat Hunting™ GLIR

SPECIALIZATION IN CLOUD SECURITY

Specialization for Advanced Skills and Roles	
APPLICATION SECURITY	SEC522 Application Security: Securing Web Apps, APIs, and Microservices™ GWEB
AI APPLICATION SECURITY	SEC545 GenAI and LLM Application Security™
CLOUD PEN TEST	SEC588 Cloud Penetration Testing™ GCPN
CLOUD FORENSICS	FOR509 Enterprise Cloud Forensics and Incident Response™ GCFR
CLOUD DESIGN & IMPLEMENTATION	LDR520 Cloud Security for Leaders™

Learning how to convert traditional cybersecurity skills into the nuances of cloud security is a necessity for proper monitoring, detection, testing, and defense.

ROLE-BASED TRAINING FROM SANS SECURITY AWARENESS

ICS Cybersecurity Awareness Training
NERC CIP Compliance Training
Help protect critical systems by reinforcing the behavior your engineers, system operators and others who interact with operational technology environments require to prevent, identify and respond to cyber incidents.

LEADERSHIP SPECIALIZATIONS

Management Specialization	
CLOUD DESIGN & IMPLEMENTATION	LDR520 Cloud Security for Leaders™
PROJECT MANAGEMENT	LDR525 Managing Cybersecurity Initiatives & Effective Communication™ GCPM

ROLE-BASED TRAINING FROM SANS SECURITY AWARENESS

Security Essentials for Business Leaders and Managers
Leadership-focused modules enable managers to efficiently build and sustain a secure digital environment crucial for business operations.