SANS Training Roadmap

Topic Course Code GIAC Certification Essentials ICS410 ICS/SCADA Security Essentials | GICSP Course Title

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

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

very Security Professional Should Know

SECURITY ESSENTIALS SEC401 Security Essentials: Network, Endpoint, and Cloud | GSEC

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.

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 requires continuous investment in skills development. Short-form modular training provides various teams with a role-focused understanding of evolving security concepts.

FORENSICS ESSENTIALS

Every Forensics and Incident Response Professional Should Know

BATTLEFIELD FORENSICS

FOR498 Battlefield Forensics & Data Acquisition | GBFA

CLOUD SECURITY ESSENTIALS

Every Cloud Security Professional Should Know

ESSENTIALS SEC488 Cloud Security Essentials | GCLD

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 FUNDAMENTALS

Built for professionals who need to be conversant in basic cloud security concepts, principles, and terms, but who are not responsible for hands-on cloud activities.

INTRODUCTION SEC388 Intro to Cloud Computing and Security

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

Every ICS Security Professional Should Know

ESSENTIALS ICS410 ICS/SCADA Security Essentials | GICSP

INDUSTRIAL CONTROL SYSTEMS SECURITY

Every ICS Security Manager Should Know

ESSENTIALS ICS418 ICS Security Essentials for Managers

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

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

Every Security Professional at any Skill Level Should Practice

MULTI-SKILL
MULTI-DISCIPLINE

BootUp CTF
Core NetWar
Core NetWar

Core NetWars
Core NetWars Continuous

SANS Cyber Ranges provide interactive hands-on exercises that cover a wide range of topics to solidify skills and create muscle memory.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

I Security Essentials

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AIS247: AI Security Essentials for Business Leaders

DESIGN, DETECTION, AND DEFENSIVE CONTROLS

Focused Cyber Defense Skills

ADVANCED
GENERALIST

SEC501 Advanced Security Essentials – Enterprise Defender | GCED

MONITORING
& OPERATIONS

SEC511 Continuous Monitoring and Security Operations | 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

OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS | PENETRATION TESTING, OFFENSIVE SECURITY

Every Offensive Professional Should Know

NETWORK
PEN TESTING

WEB APPS

SEC560 Enterprise Penetration Testing | GPEN

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

Every Forensics and Incident Response Professional Should Know

FOR500 Windows Forensic Analysis | GCFE
ENDPOINT
FORENSICS
FOR608 Enterprise-Class Incident Response & Threat Hunting
NETWORK
FOR572 Advanced Network Forensics: Threat Hunting,

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.

Analysis, and Incident Response | GNFA

CORE CLOUD SECURITY

Preparation for More Focused Job Functions

PREVENTION SEC510 Attack-Driven Cloud Security Controls and Mitigations | GPCS

AUTOMATION
& DEVSECOPS

SEC540 Cloud Security and DevSecOps Automation | GCSA

MONITORING
& DETECTION

ARCHITECTURE

SEC549 Enterprise Cloud Security Architecture

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

Every ICS Security Professional Should Know

ICS DEFENSE & RESPONSE ICS515 ICS Visibility, Detection, and Response | GRID

ICS ADVANCED SECURITY ICS612 ICS Cybersecurity In-Depth

NERC Protection

NERC SECURITY

ICS456 Essentials for NERC Critical Infrastructure Protection | GCIP

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.

CORE LEADERSHIP

Transformational Cybersecurity Leader

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

LDR551 Building and Leading Security Operations Centers | GSOM

CIS CONTROLS

SOC

Practice for Focused Job Functions

CYBER DEFENSE

DIGITAL FORENSICS & INCIDENT RESPONSE

INDUSTRIAL CONTROL SYSTEMS

POWER GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION

Cyber Defense NetWars

DFIR NetWars
DFIR NetWars
DFIR NetWars
OF NetWars

GRID NetWars

SEC566 Implementing and Auditing CIS Controls | GCCC

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

Platform-Focused

WINDOWS/
POWERSHELL

Topic-Focused

TRAFFIC ANALYSIS SEC503 Network Monitoring and Threat Detection In-Depth | GCIA

SIEM SEC555 SIEM with Tactical Analytics | GCDA

POWERSHELL SEC586 Security Automation with PowerShell

PYTHON CODING SEC573 Automating Information Security with Python | GPYC SEC673 Advanced Information Security Automation with Python

Open-Source Intelligence

DATA SCIENCE

OSINT SEC587 Advanced Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT) Gathering & Analysis

SEC595 Applied Data Science and Machine Learning for Cybersecurity Professionals | GMLE

SPECIALIZED OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS | FOCUSED TECHNIQUES & AREAS

Network, Web, and Cloud SEC660 Advanced Penetration Testing, Exploit Writing, EXPLOIT DEVELOPMENT and Fthical Hacking | GXPN CLOUD PEN TEST SEC588 Cloud Penetration Testing | GCPN Specialized Penetration Testing SOCIAL ENGINEERING SEC467 Social Engineering for Security Professionals SFC554 Blockchain and Smart Contract Security SEC565 Red Team Operations and Adversary Emulation | GRTP SEC670 Red Teaming Tools - Developing Windows Implants, Shellcode, Command and Control SEC575 iOS and Android Application Security
Analysis and Penetration Testing | GMOB PRODUCT SECURITY SEC568 Combating Supply Chain Attacks with Product Security Testing SEC580 Metasploit for Enterprise Penetration Testing PEN TEST SEC556 IoT Penetration Testing WIRELESS & IoT SEC617 Wireless Penetration Testing and Ethical Hacking | GAWN Purple Team

DETECTION
ENGINEERING

SEC599 Defeating Advanced Adversaries Purple Team Tactics and Kill Chain Defenses | GDAT
SEC699 Advanced Purple Teaming - Adversary
Emulation & Detection Engineering

SEC598 Security Automation for Offense, Defense, and Cloud

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

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 Intelligence

Digital Forensics & 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 & Analysis

SPECIALIZATION IN CLOUD SECURITY Specialization for Advanced Skills & Roles

ADDITION SECSO Application

APPLICATION
SECURITY

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

NERC CIP Compliance

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

Management Specialization

AUDIT & MONITOR AUD507 Auditing Systems, Applications, and the Cloud | GSNA

CLOUD DESIGN & IDR520 Cloud Security for Leaders

PROJECT LDR525 Managing Cybersecurity Initiatives & Effective Communication | GCPM

INCIDENT RESPONSE LDR553 Cyber Incident Management

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.