



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**The Bureau of Diplomatic Security
Diplomatic Security Training Center
Information Assurance and Cybersecurity
Training Program**



Information Assurance Training Program

Mission: To train and sustain a workforce capable of effectively addressing and overcoming the information security challenges required to support U.S. Foreign Policy in the global threat environment now and into the future.



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Information Assurance Training Program

- Created the role-based training program in 1998
- Provide role-based instructor-led training to over 1,000 State Department employees and contractors each year
- Courses are taught domestically and overseas
- Meets the FISMA mandated requirements for role-based training
- Follows NIST SP 800-16 and 800-50, as well as the CNSS training guidelines



Information Assurance Training Program

- Current Information Assurance Role-Based Training Courses:
 - IA for Information System Security Officers
 - IA for System Administrators (Windows based)
 - IA for Managers
 - IA for Senior Level Managers
 - IA for Executives
 - IA for Special Agents



Cybersecurity Curricula

- Recent cyber threats and cyber incidents required expansion and changes
- Focus will be on authorization, continuous monitoring, and cybersecurity roles and responsibilities
 - Address changes due to NIST Risk Management Framework (SP 800-37, SP 800-53, SP 800-53A, SP800-39)
 - Address evolving cybersecurity responsibilities within the Dept.
- Strategy is to reuse existing curricula for cost savings and efficiency -- and capitalize on the silos of excellence



Cybersecurity Curricula

- IA for ISSO (3 courses – system, abroad, domestic)
- IA for System Owners (modified)
- IA for Approving Authorities (modified)
- Security for Application Developers (COTS-based)
- Security for Web Developers (COTS-based)
- Security for Database Developers (COTS-based)
- Security for Data Center Staff
- Responding to Cyber Incidents (GOTS-based)
- IA for Acquisition Professionals (GOTS-based)
- IA for Security Control Assessors
- Introduction to Cyberlaw (GOTS-based)



DoS/DHS Interagency Agreement

- Signed in September
- Partnership to provide IA courses for four roles:
 - ISSO
 - System Administrator
 - System Owner
 - Approving Authority
- Develop a framework and conduct pilots for a federal cybersecurity training exercise program (red team/blue team training and exercises)





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