

Introduction

The SANS Technology Institute typically allows individuals to take up to two (2) graduate courses for credit without being enrolled in a certificate or master's degree program.

The non-degree student experience in the course is the same as that of a degree-seeking student. Non-degree students must satisfy all of the course requirements, including any exams, research papers, or simulations, within the same required timeframe (typically three months for three credit course) and will receive a grade for any course completed as a non-degree student.

Course Modalities & Tuition

- Non-degree students can take a course either live at a SANS event or via our [online modalities](#) (OnDemand, vLive, or Simulcast).
 - If you intend to take a course at a live event, you need to apply 90 days before your live event to ensure you get a spot at the event.
- Tuition for any single graduate course taken as a non-degree student is \$5,250, regardless of the associated credit hours.
- Corporate tuition reimbursement plans often cover courses taken as a non-matriculated student, because the SANS Technology Institute is regionally accredited. We strongly suggest reviewing the requirements of your employer's particular requirements prior to enrolling.
- Non-degree seeking students are *not* eligible to use VA Education Benefits or a SANS Voucher Program toward the tuition costs of the course.

Course Transferability & Title

- Successfully completed courses can be applied for credit towards a certificate or master's program should the individual apply and matriculate within 5 years of the course completion date.
- Graduate courses begin with "ISE" or "ISM" and have four digits, while training classes never use "ISE" or "ISM" and have only three digits. As an example, students would apply to take ISE 5101, not SEC 401, even though ISE 5101 incorporates SEC 401 class material.

Enrolling in a Single Graduate Course

To enroll in the SANS Technology Institute as a non-degree student and register for a course, please do the following:

1. Determine which course you'd like to take and that it is an option in the graduate school [course catalog](#).
 - a. Non-degree students cannot take a graduate school course that has a required writing assignment as part of the course requirements.
2. Consider whether you wish to take the SANS Institute class at a live event or via an online modality (OnDemand, vLive, or Simulcast). To determine your options for taking the class at a live event, please refer to the following SANS Institute web page where you will find a listing of dates, locations, courses, and instructors: <http://www.sans.org/find-training/live>
 - a. If you intend to take a course at a live event, you need to apply 90 days before your live event to ensure you get a spot at the event.
3. Complete the online application at apply.sans.edu. In this application, you will indicate which graduate course you seek to take, and provide the necessary contact and demographic information for our records. Once we receive all of the documents outlined above, we will contact you to finalize the process and provide you with instructions for registration and paying the tuition associated with the course.

Grading Policy

At the start of their course, students will receive a course syllabus with an outline of the course structure, requirements and grading policy. It is a student's responsibility to read the syllabus and fulfill all the requirements. Students will receive a grade for any course taken as a non-degree student. Upon completion of a graduate course, students receive an official grade report from his or her Student Advisor. Any other documentation issued does reflect a student's status in the graduate course.