Student Declaration for SANS Technology Institute’s Cohort 2013

STI’s accelerated cohort master’s programs will require you to be away from the office a significant amount of time during the twenty-six month program: about 33 days of attending class and a large amount of time outside the classroom will also be required for your success. The learning experience will enable you to use your new skills and knowledge immediately and you will continue to build on these strengths throughout the program. This form shows approximate times for each aspect of the master’s program and was designed to help you with scheduling your time. However, each person is unique so many of the numbers may vary depending on individual circumstances. Below is a chart of approximate time requirements for both STI master’s programs:

Master of Science in Information Security Management (MSISM)

Course Time:

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<td>MGT 305: Technical Communications &amp; Presentation Skills for Security Professionals, Assessment</td>
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<td>MGT 512: SANS Security Leadership Essentials For Managers with Knowledge Compression™</td>
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<td>SEC 504: Hacker Techniques, Exploits, and Incident Handling</td>
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<td>Audit 507 Auditing Networks, Perimeters, &amp; Systems</td>
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<td>LEG 523: Law of Data Security and Investigations</td>
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Additional time is described below for study/preparation for exams, gold papers/written assignments, community project requirements, etc.
Exams - Approximate Study Time

You must pass each exam with an 80 or higher. Approximate study times for GIAC exams range from 40 to 85 hours outside of the classroom for each exam. Times will vary depending on your experience. Most exams must be completed in 4 hours, some exams are 2 hours.

Written Assignments and Gold Papers – Approximate Preparation Time

The MSISM program requires seven GIAC Gold papers. Approximate preparation and research time for each paper is estimated to be between 20 and up to more than 80 hours depending on your topic and number of research issues.

When a Gold Paper is not available, the college provides Written Assignments. There are about three Written Assignments for a total of approximately 30 hours.

Community Project Requirements – see below

Master of Science in Information Security Engineering (MSISE)

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<td>SEC 401: SANS Security Essentials</td>
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<td>MGT 525: Project Management and Effective Communications for Security Professionals and Managers</td>
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<td>FOR 508: Computer Forensic Investigations and Incident Response OR Software Security Training</td>
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### Two Electives

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#### Exams – Approximate Study Time

You must pass each exam with an 80 or higher. Approximate study times for GIAC exams range from 40 to 85 hours outside of the classroom for each exam. Times will vary depending on your experience. Most exams must be completed in 4 hours, some exams are 2 hours.

#### Written Assignments and Gold Papers – Approximate Preparation Time

The MSISE program requires five GIAC Gold papers. Approximate preparation and research time for each paper is estimated to be between 20 hours and up to more than 80 hours depending on your topic and number of research issues.

When a Gold Paper is not available, the college provides Written Assignments. There are about three Written Assignments for a total of approximately 30 hours.

#### Community Project Requirements – Approximate Preparation Time

Both the MSISM and MSISE programs have seven Community Project Requirements. Below is a list of the projects and approximate preparation times:

- Work Study for one of the courses above. Course time incorporated in chart above. Set up/tear down requires additional time so it results in a total of about seven days with some evening work. An essay also is required.
- Group Discussion and Written Project – 24 hours from time of assignment to delivery
- Joint Written Project – 20 hours
- First Presentation – 10 hours
- Second Presentation – 10 hours
- Teaching Assistant (MSISM only) – 6 days (possibly some evenings)
- GSE (MSISE only) – 49 hours
  - Two days of labs – 16 hours
  - Multiple choice qualifying exam – up to 3 hours
  - Study/preparation time for GSE – 30 hours
- Security Awareness Talk – 20 hours
  (Reflections papers are required for some of the above – 8 hours)

Please complete the information below and return to:
SANS Technology Institute Master Program Registration
8120 Woodmont Avenue Suite 205
Bethesda, Maryland 20814
I have read and understand the approximate time requirements for the STI Cohort 2013 master’s program.

Applicant’s Name: ___________________________________________
Applicant’s Signature: _________________________________________
Date: ________________________________________ 111710