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Which of your courses do I need to get to have your full series?

- **CISSP:**
  - CISSP domain videos 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8. (4 courses)
  - CISSP Hard questions #1, #2, #3, #4. (4 courses)
  - CISSP easy/mid questions #1, #2, #3, #4. (4 courses)
  - (Optional: CISSP: How to study full course, and CISSP easy/mid per domain questions). (5 courses)
- **CISM:**
  - CISM domain videos 1, 2, 3, 4. (4 courses)
  - CISM Hard questions. (1 course)

How should I study for my certification?

Since I get the questions so many times every week, I made my free “CISSP: How to study course” to answer those questions, this is also very relevant for CISM and PMP students.

For the CISSP I recommend this approach: (3-6 months)

1. Watch the videos (1-3 sources).
2. Read the book (I recommend the official Sybex and/or AIO).
3. Re-watch the videos.
4. Start doing easy/mid practice questions, after each test re-watch videos and reread book for the questions you got wrong.
5. Easy/mid questions is **ANYTHING NOT:** Boson, my own hard CISSP questions, or Luke Ahmed’s SNT. There are only around 2,000 of them total.
6. At this point it is really practice tests > weak areas > practice test > weak areas and on and on, until you score 80%+ in all domains on multiple test engines.
7. The last 1-2 months switch to hard CISSP questions (Boson, mine, SNT).
8. For the last 1-2 weeks, re-watch videos, revisit all your notes and study guides, be able to explain all concepts in what/how/where/when/why using scenarios.

For the CISM I recommend this approach: (2-4 months)

1. Watch the videos (1-2 sources).
2. Read the book (I recommend the CISM AIO, it is cheaper and a better book then the official one).
3. Re-watch the videos.
4. Get the official ISACA CISM QAE questions 9th edition.

5. They are retired CISM exam questions, they will give you an exact idea of HOW ISACA is asking the exam questions.
6. At this point it is really practice tests > weak areas > practice test > weak areas and on and on.

If you are doing both the CISSP and CISM certifications:

- If you pass the CISSP first, I only need 2-4 weeks extra to study for the CISM.
- If you pass the CISM first, you will need an additional 2-3 months for the CISSP. The CISSP questions are more technical, more convoluted, and the curriculum is larger.

You can NOT memorize your way to the CISSP or CISM certifications:

- **You need the knowledge.**
- **You need good English skills.**
- **You need to reason your way through the questions.**

Spend a few minutes on each question initially, deconstruct the question:

"What are they ACTUALLY asking here", after you are clear on what they are asking, look at the answer options, also deconstruct those if it is needed.

Often you will have 2 answers that are possibly right, you need to logic your way through why one of them is the MORE right answer.

Thank you for being here!