

FEMA Independent Study Courses

FEMA's Emergency Management Institute offers many online courses for you to learn more about emergency preparedness, mitigation, the emergency management system, and the disaster response process. Below are a few courses that you may be interested in:

- [IS 10.a - Animals in Disasters: Awareness and Preparedness](#)
- [IS 11.a - Animals in Disasters: Community Planning](#)
- [IS 22 - Are You Ready?: An In-depth Guide to Citizen Preparedness](#)
- [IS 244 - Developing and Managing Volunteers](#)
- [IS 288- The Role of Volunteer Agencies in Emergency Management](#)
- [IS 317 - Intro to Community Emergency Response Teams](#)
- [IS 324 - Community Hurricane Preparedness](#)
- [IS 394.a - Protecting Your Home or Small Business in Disaster](#)

All the course materials are available over the internet to all who are interested. Official enrollment in the course, which includes scoring the final exam, receiving a certificate, and maintaining student record is, however, limited to United States (US) residents and to those individuals outside the US with valid US Postal Service deliverable address including APOs and FPOs.

The EMI Independent Study program consists of self-paced courses designed for both the general public and people who have emergency management responsibilities. They are offered free-of-charge to all who qualify for enrollment, and [college credit](#) can be obtained through a for-fee service after successful completion of a course.

Each Independent Study Course includes lessons with practice exercises and a final examination. Those who score 75 percent or better are issued a certificate of achievement from EMI. Course completion times vary from two to fourteen hours, depending on the course and the student's background.