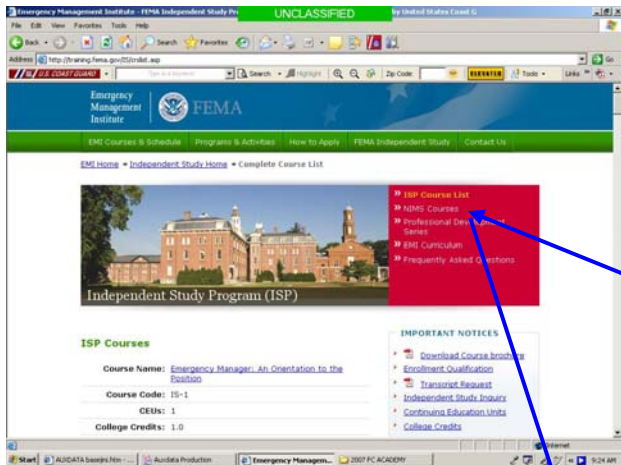


# Basic Incident Command System (ICS) Courses

*Why do I need ICS/IS courses to qualify for Auxiliary programs and elected office?*

You may get this question from your Members as they start qualifying in a number of the Auxiliary's programs.

When there is a major event that requires a large scale response from the Coast Guard and possibly other state, federal and municipal organizations, they use the Incident Command System (ICS) to structure and coordinate their efforts. As a leader in the Coast Guard Auxiliary, either elected or as qualified in an Auxiliary program, we may be called upon to help in such a situation. It is therefore important to have a basic understanding of how the Coast Guard will respond.



The basic ICS courses, found on the FEMA Independent Study Website, are not difficult, and may also benefit the Member in their everyday life. Encourage all your members to go online and take these ICS/IS courses. Other classroom courses may be required for specific programs. Make sure your Members are also aware of those requirements.

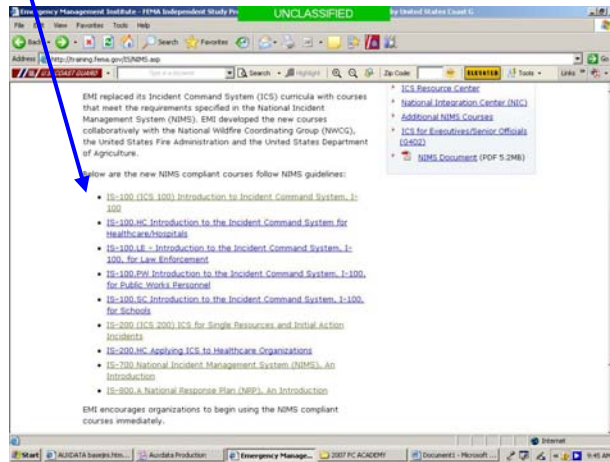
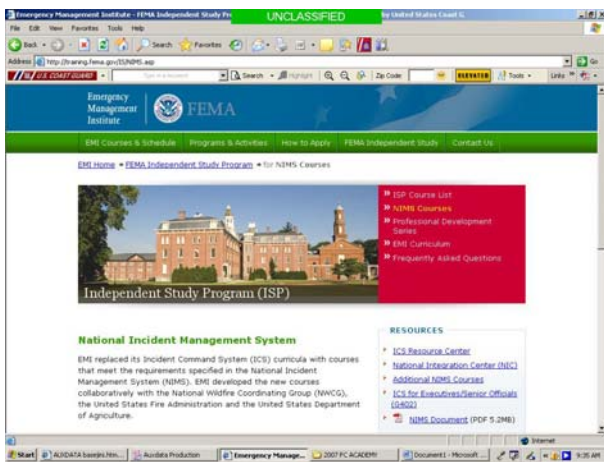
The main page for FEMA Independent Study can be found at: <http://training.fema.gov/is/crslst.asp>

Once there, click on NIMS Courses.

This will take you to a sight where you can easily find many of the necessary courses for qualification in Auxiliary programs and offices.

<http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.asp>

As you scroll down the page you will find links to the online courses needed for program qualifications and election to office: **ICS-100, ICS-200, IS-700 and IS-800.**



ICS-100 and ICS-200 can found by going directly to the websites listed here:

<http://www.training.fema.gov/emweb/is/is100.asp>

<http://www.training.fema.gov/emweb/is/is200.asp>

