



Press Release



INCOSE Approves New Agreement with Loyola Marymount University

SAN DIEGO (November 2023) – The International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE) is excited to announce that Loyola Marymount University has had courses approved as equivalent to the certification knowledge exam, satisfying one of the requirements toward Associate Systems Engineering Professional (ASEP) and Certified Systems Engineering Professional (CSEP) certification.

Students who do well in university courses which have been assessed to have Academic Equivalence (AcEq) are allowed to bypass the certification knowledge exam when applying for ASEP and CSEP Certification. The assessments they complete through their coursework have been recognized by the INCOSE Certification Program’s reviewers as an equivalent alternative to the standardized test developed by INCOSE. Academic Equivalency coursework may be offered in any language.

John Poladian, of Loyola Marymount University said, “We are delighted to expand our offerings with a unique educational experience that helps students secure an ASEP or CSEP qualification, in addition to obtaining their engineering degree, providing them with a true competitive advantage in the modern workplace.”

Courtney Wright, INCOSE Certification Program Manager, said, “Universities adopting Academic Equivalency show commitment to offering their students a systems engineering education aligned with the INCOSE Systems Engineering Handbook. The program at Loyola Marymount University will bring the current best practices of systems engineering to their students and will introduce those students to continued professional development through INCOSE.”

Members of INCOSE’s Academic Council are eligible to offer Academic Equivalency upon recognition by the INCOSE Certification Program. Candidates who apply through AcEq must still meet all other INCOSE certification requirements, including individual membership and payment of application fees.

Any university wishing to participate in this program needs to be a member of the INCOSE Corporate Advisory Board (CAB) or the local INCOSE chapter equivalent. There are no additional fees associated with securing Academic Equivalence for CAB members. Universities that are members of local chapter affiliates have a low-cost path to participate in the Academic Equivalency program.

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The International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE) is a not-for-profit membership organization that promotes international collaboration in systems engineering practice, education, and research. INCOSE's mission is to "address complex societal and technical challenges by enabling, promoting and advancing systems engineering and systems approaches." Founded in 1990, INCOSE has more than 65 chapters and over 20,000 members and associates worldwide. For additional information about INCOSE visit www.incose.org.

About the INCOSE Systems Engineering Professional Certification

Certification is a formal process whereby a community of knowledgeable, experienced, and skilled representatives of an organization, such as INCOSE, provides confirmation of an individual's competency (demonstrated knowledge, education, and experience) in a specified profession. Certification differs from licensing in that licenses are permissions granted by a government entity for a person to practice within its regulatory boundaries. Certification also differs from a "certificate" that documents the successful completion of a training or education program.

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<https://www.incose.org/systems-engineering-certification/certification-agreements/equivalency-programs>

<https://www.incose.org/certblog/certification-blog/2022/01/21/it-s-not-what-you-teach-it-s-what-you-assess>

<https://www.incose.org/certblog/certification-blog/2022/01/28/ace-the-class-skip-the-exam>

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