



GAM Advance Driver Syllabus

Run No.	Topic	Description	Associate's Homework Plan
	Pre-Drive Preparation	Post Observer allocation introduction to the Advanced Driving Course and core elements to prepare the Associate for their initial driving assessment.	Action Sign the Documents Declaration Form. First Drive Preparation Read Course Logbook - Section 1: Human Factors - Section 3: Core Driving Skills Read Course Handouts - Inclement Weather. - Communication - Learning Styles Read - Your vehicle handbook Study The Highway Code.
1.	Introduction and initial driving assessment	An introductory session to gauge the Associate's current driving standard. This session can be used to improve "core driving skills" (e.g. steering/braking/ gears/mirrors) and/or bad habits that need to be addressed.	Read Course Handouts - Pre-Drive Checks - Emergency Vehicles - Car Technology Next Drive Preparation Read Course Logbook - Section 2: IPSGA Study The Highway Code
2.	Introduction to the system of car control	This session should start with a detailed briefing covering IPSGA. Further work to ensure: - Pull-Push Steering 3 Stage braking - Brake-Gear-Overlap/ Steering Gear Overlap	Next Drive Preparation Read Course Logbook Spoken Thoughts (p54-55) Study The Highway Code
3	Developing system of car control skills	Building on the previous drive, this session can be used to develop use of IPSGA. Analyse IPSGA in more detail, with more technical roads/junctions for IPSGA practice and include brake-gear-overlap scenarios. Building in the 'I' part of IPSGA to ensure all information is taken in. 'TUG'	Next Drive Preparation Read Course Logbook Section 4: Bends Study The Highway Code
4	Bends/ Corners/ Limit Point of View	LPoV may have already been touched on in previous sessions but this briefing should be detailed on LPoV analysis (closing/ moving/matched). The route should then reflect the briefing and cover a bends' and corners' route, keeping a focus on IPSGA. Include slow manoeuvre.	Next Drive Preparation Read Course Logbook - Section 5: Junctions and Roundabouts - Section 8: Manoeuvring Study The Highway Code



5	Junctions and Roundabouts	IPSGA relating to junctions and roundabouts. Closed and open junctions and visibility. Plan boards for roundabouts and junctions. Consideration to straight lining roundabouts with the introduction of SLAP. Include slow manoeuvre.	Next Drive Preparation Read Course Logbook - Section 6: Overtaking - Section 7: Motorways and Dual Carriageways Study The Highway Code
6.	Overtaking and Motorways & Dual Carriageways	Detailed briefing on overtaking techniques (momentum and 3-stage) followed by a route that has potential for overtakes, still with a focus on IPSGA. Detailed briefing on differences between dual carriageways and motorways, focusing on associated dangers on each road type. Slip road entry and exit techniques should be covered.	Next Drive Preparation Read Course Handouts - The Thinking Driver - Vulnerable Road Users Study The Highway Code Revise Logbook, all sections
7.	Revisit areas that the Associate considers warrants more attention	Development drive to ensure the Associate can control their vehicle with finesse, competence and proficiency in confined situations or limited spaces. Consolidation of all advanced driving techniques focusing on weaknesses/areas that require further development. After a detailed debrief, a demo drive should be given to the Associate focusing on the area(s) Associate needs to improve, keeping a focus on IPSGA.	Study The Highway Code Particularly signs, and names of lines and pedestrian crossings. Revise Logbook.
8.	As above, if needed	Consolidation of all advanced driving techniques focusing on weaknesses/areas that require further development.	Revise Logbook. Study The Highway Code
9.	Adding polish/sparkle	Development drive to improve anything raised from previous session and to assess/develop all areas of advanced driving. 5 S's: Safety, System, Smoothness, Speed, Sparkle.	Read Course Handouts The Test Read 'The Test - what to expect' – on GAM website, under Driving Resources. Study The Highway Code

General resources

- IAM Course Logbook and (online) handouts.
- GAM induction presentation - available to download from GAM website.
- Driving resources - available to download from GAM website. (GAM guidance notes)
- Vehicle handbook
- Highway Code.
- Reg Local – YouTube videos.
- Acronyms and Phrases (covers the acronyms and phrases that summarise the concepts in this syllabus)
- Roadcraft: The Police Driver Handbook (not essential but useful, details: www.roadcraft.co.uk).