

COURSE OVERVIEW PE0390
Distillation Design, Operation, Control & Troubleshooting

Course Title

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Course Reference

PE0390

Course Duration/Credits

Five days/3.0 CEUs/30 PDHs

Course Date/Venue

Session(s)	Date	Venue
1	October 06-10, 2024	Horus Meeting Room, Holiday Inn & Suites Maadi, Cairo, Egypt
2	December 01-05, 2024	
3	February 09-13, 2025	



Course Description



This practical and highly-interactive course includes various practical sessions and exercises. Theory learnt will be applied using our state-of-the-art simulators.



The Distillation Process is used in many industries to separate mixtures into components. It is defined as a process in which a liquid or vapor mixture of two or more substances is separated into its component fractions of desired purity by the application and removal of heat. The application and removal of heat makes the distillation process energy intensive as it consuming up to 50 percent of a refinery's operating costs due to intense heating and cooling cycles. Having accurate measurements to feed the control system is critical for energy efficient, safe and reliable operation.



Improving distillation columns has always been challenging as problems can occur when operators and engineers have insufficient information about operating conditions. Failing to properly monitors and control process variables can result in decreased product quality and throughput, increased energy costs and unsafe operations that put employees and capital equipment at risk.

This course is designed to provide delegates with a detailed and up-to-date knowledge on the operation, design and troubleshooting of distillation process. It covers distillation technology; different distillation methods; and distillation process that involve normal operation of bubble plate, vapor velocity and velocity distribution.

The course will also discuss the factors influencing plate efficiency; the scope of distillation column including flash stages, process design basic and reflux ratio; how tray works; the various types and function of reboilers; features and use of condensers in the operation of distillation columns; instrumentation and control application; the importance of steam stripper and its efficiency; the purpose of pump around; as well as pump around heat removal, vapor flow and fractionation.

At the completion of the course, participants will be able to operate the vacuum system; explain the functional and structural efficiency of packed towers; employ distillation column packing as well as tray columns; recognize the guidelines and methods on how to determine the column diameter; and troubleshoot various distillation column problems.

Course Objectives

Upon the successful completion of this course, each participant will be able to: -

- Operate, control and troubleshoot distillation process in a professional manner
- Apply and gain an in-depth knowledge on distillation technology
- Identify the different distillation methods and implement distillation process involving the normal operation of bubble plate, vapor velocity and velocity distribution
- Determine the factors influencing plate efficiency and explain the scope of distillation column including flash stages, process design basic and reflux ratio
- Demonstrate how tray works and explain the types & function of reboilers
- Discuss the features & use of condensers in the operation of distillation columns and apply instrumentation & control
- Enumerate the importance of steam stripper and emphasize its efficiency
- Discuss the purpose of pump around and become familiar with pump around heat removal, vapor flow and fractionation
- Demonstrate the operation of the vacuum system and explain the functional and structural efficiency of packed towers
- Employ distillation column packing as well as tray columns and recognize the guidelines & methods on how to determine the column diameter
- Troubleshoot various distillation column problems

Who Should Attend


This course provides an overview of all significant aspects and considerations of distillation process for those who are involved in the operation, control and troubleshooting of such system. Process engineers, production engineers, operations engineers, maintenance engineers and other technical staff will definitely benefit from the technical and operational aspects of the course.

Course Certificate(s)

Internationally recognized certificates will be issued to all participants of the course who completed a minimum of 80% of the total tuition hours.

Certificate Accreditations


Certificates are accredited by the following international accreditation organizations: -

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The International Accreditors for Continuing Education and Training (IACET - USA)

Haward Technology is an Authorized Training Provider by the International Accreditors for Continuing Education and Training (IACET), 2201 Cooperative Way, Suite 600, Herndon, VA 20171, USA. In obtaining this authority, Haward Technology has demonstrated that it complies with the **ANSI/IACET 2018-1 Standard** which is widely recognized as the standard of good practice internationally. As a result of our Authorized Provider membership status, Haward Technology is authorized to offer IACET CEUs for its programs that qualify under the **ANSI/IACET 2018-1 Standard**.

Haward Technology's courses meet the professional certification and continuing education requirements for participants seeking **Continuing Education Units (CEUs)** in accordance with the rules & regulations of the International Accreditors for Continuing Education & Training (IACET). IACET is an international authority that evaluates programs according to strict, research-based criteria and guidelines. The CEU is an internationally accepted uniform unit of measurement in qualified courses of continuing education.

Haward Technology Middle East will award **3.0 CEUs** (Continuing Education Units) or **30 PDHs** (Professional Development Hours) for participants who completed the total tuition hours of this program. One CEU is equivalent to ten Professional Development Hours (PDHs) or ten contact hours of the participation in and completion of Haward Technology programs. A permanent record of a participant's involvement and awarding of CEU will be maintained by Haward Technology. Haward Technology will provide a copy of the participant's CEU and PDH Transcript of Records upon request.

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British Accreditation Council (BAC)

Haward Technology is accredited by the **British Accreditation Council for Independent Further and Higher Education** as an **International Centre**. BAC is the British accrediting body responsible for setting standards within independent further and higher education sector in the UK and overseas. As a BAC-accredited international centre, Haward Technology meets all of the international higher education criteria and standards set by BAC.

Course Fee

US\$ 5,500 per Delegate + **VAT**. The rate includes Participants Pack (Folder, Manual, Hand-outs, etc.), buffet lunch, coffee/tea on arrival, morning & afternoon of each day.

Course Instructor(s)

This course will be conducted by the following instructor(s). However, we have the right to change the course instructor(s) prior to the course date and inform participants accordingly:



Dr. Hesham Abdou, PhD, MSc, PgDip, BSc, is a Senior Process & Petroleum Engineer with 40 years of integrated experience within the Oil & Gas industries. His specialization widely covers in the areas of Artificial Lift System, Artificial Lift Methods, Petroleum Economics, Petroleum Refinery Processing, Refinery Material Balance Calculation, Refinery Gas Treating, Asset Operational Integrity, Drilling Operations, Drilling Rig, Bits & BHA, Mud Pumps, Mud logging Services, Wireline & LWD Sensors, Casing & Cementing Operation, Completion & Workover Operations, Petroleum Engineering, Production Optimization, Well Completion, Rig & Rigless Workover, Advanced PVT & EOS Characterization, PVT/Fluid Characterization/EOS, Advanced Phase Behaviour & EOS Fluid Characterization, PVT Properties of Reservoir Fluids, Directional Drilling Fundamentals, Application & Limitation, Horizontal & Multilateral Wells (Analysis & Design), Directional, Horizontal & Multilateral Drilling, Root Cause Analysis (RCA), Root Cause Failure Analysis (RCFA), Root Cause Analysis Study, Root Cause Analysis Techniques & Methodologies, Process Hazard Analysis (PHA), Crude Oil Testing & Water Analysis, Crude Oil & Water Sampling Procedures, Equipment Handling Procedures, Crude & Vacuum Process Technology, Gas Conditioning & Processing, Cooling Towers Operation & Troubleshooting, Sucker Rod Pumping, ESP & Gas Lift, PCP & Jet Pump, Pigging Operations, Electric Submersible Pumps (ESP), Progressive Cavity Pumps (PCP), Natural & Artificial Flow Well Completion, Well Testing Procedures & Evaluation, Well Performance, Coiled Tubing Technology, Oil Recovery Methods Enhancement, Well Integrity Management, Well Casing & Cementing, Acid Gas Removal, Heavy Oil Production & Treatment Techniques, Water Flooding, Water Lift Pumps Troubleshooting, Water System Design & Installation, Water Networks Design Procedures, Water Pumping Process, Pipelines, Pumps, Turbines, Heat Exchangers, Separators, Heaters, Compressors, Storage Tanks, Valves Selection, Compressors, Tank & Tank Farms Operations & Performance, Oil & Gas Transportation, Oil & Gas Production Strategies, Artificial Lift Methods, Piping & Pumping Operations, Oil & Water Source Wells Restoration, Pump Performance Monitoring, Rotor Bearing Modelling, Hydraulic Repairs & Cylinders, Root Cause Analysis, Vibration & Condition Monitoring, Piping Stress Analysis, Amine Gas Sweetening & Sulfur Recovery, Heat & Mass Transfer and Fluid Mechanics.

During his career life, Dr. Hesham held significant positions and dedication as the **General Manager, Petroleum Engineering Assistant General Manager, Workover Assistant General Manager, Workover Department Manager, Artificial Section Head, Oil & Gas Production Engineer** from Agiba Petroleum Company and **Engineering Consultant/Instructor** for various Oil & Gas companies as well as a **Senior Instructor/Lecturer** for **PhD, Master & BSc degree students** from various universities such as the Cairo University, Helwan University, British University in Egypt, Banha University.

Dr. Hesham has **PhD and Master** degrees as well as **Post Graduate Diploma in Mechanical Power Engineering** and a **Bachelor** degree in **Petroleum Engineering**. Further, he is a **Certified Instructor/Trainer** and a **Peer Reviewer**. Dr. Hesham is an active member of Egyptian Engineering Syndicate and the Society of Petroleum Engineering. Moreover, he has published technical papers and journals and has delivered numerous trainings, workshops, courses, seminars and conferences internationally.

Training Methodology

All our Courses are including **Hands-on Practical Sessions** using equipment, State-of-the-Art Simulators, Drawings, Case Studies, Videos and Exercises. The courses include the following training methodologies as a percentage of the total tuition hours:-

- 30% Lectures
- 20% Practical Workshops & Work Presentations
- 30% Hands-on Practical Exercises & Case Studies
- 20% Simulators (Hardware & Software) & Videos

In an unlikely event, the course instructor may modify the above training methodology before or during the course for technical reasons.

Accommodation

Accommodation is not included in the course fees. However, any accommodation required can be arranged at the time of booking.

Course Program

The following program is planned for this course. However, the course instructor(s) may modify this program before or during the course for technical reasons with no prior notice to participants. Nevertheless, the course objectives will always be met:

Day 1

0730 – 0800	Registration & Coffee
0800 – 0815	Welcome & Introduction
0815 – 0830	PRE-TEST
0830 – 0930	Theory of Distillation Introduction • Boiling Point Diagram • Raoult's Law • Vapor – Liquid Equilibrium • Exercise • Solution • Azeotropic Mixture
0930 – 0945	Break
0945 – 1100	Distillation Methods & Definition Flash Distillation • Steam Distillation • Rectification • Combination Rectification & Stripping • Exercise • Solution • Distillation Basic Definition
1100 – 1230	Distillation Process Normal Operation of Bubble Plate • Vapor Velocity • Velocity Distribution • Factors Influencing Plate Efficiency • Sieve-plate Towers
1230 – 1245	Break
1245 – 1330	Distillation Column Flash Stages • Process Design Basic • Reflux Ratio • Minimum Reflux Ratio • Minimum Number of Plates • Optimum Reflux
1330 – 1420	How Trays Work Down Common Backup & Flooding • Dumping & Weeping • Optimizing Tower Pressure
1420 -1430	Recap Using this Course Overview, the instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the Topics that were Discussed Today & Advise Them of the Topics to be Discussed Tomorrow
1430	Lunch & End of Day One



Day 2

0730 – 0930	Reboilers Function Reboilers Function • The Reboiler • Heat-Balance Calculations
0930 – 0945	Break
0945 – 1100	Types of Reboiler Thermosyphon, Gravity Feed & Forced • Thermosyphon Reboilers • Forced Circulation Reboilers • Kettle Reboilers • Don't Forget Fouling
1100 – 1230	Condensers Flooded Condenser Control • Subcooling, Vapor Binding, & Condensation • Condensation & Condenser Design • Pressure Control
1230 – 1245	Break
1245 – 1330	Instrumentation Levels, Pressures, Flows & Temperatures • Pressure Control • Flow Control • Level Control • Crude Tower Kerosene Side Stream Control • Cascade Level – Flow Control
1330 – 1420	Steam Stripper Heat of Evaporation • Stripper Efficiency
1420 - 1430	Recap Using this Course Overview, the instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the Topics that were Discussed Today & Advise Them of the Topics to be Discussed Tomorrow
1430	Lunch & End of Day Two

Day 3

0730 - 0930	Pumparound Closing the Tower Enthalphy Balance • Pumparound Heat Removal • Purpose of a Pumparound • Do Pumparounds Fractionate? • Vapor Flow • Fractionation
0930 – 0945	Break
0945 – 1100	Vacuum System Theory of Operation • Measuring Deep Vacuums
1100 – 1230	Packed Towers How Packed Towers Work • Maintaining Functional & Structural Efficiency in Packed Towers
1230 – 1245	Break
1245 – 1420	Distillation Column Packing Tray Columns – Packings • Tray Columns – Type of Packings • Tray Columns – Packings Correlations • Comparison Trays versus Packing • Randomly Packed Towers Sizing • Determine the Column Diameter • Randomly Packed Towers Column Height • Randomly Packed Towers Pressure Drop Correlation
1420 - 1430	Recap Using this Course Overview, the instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the Topics that were Discussed Today & Advise Them of the Topics to be Discussed Tomorrow
1430	Lunch & End of Day Three



Day 4

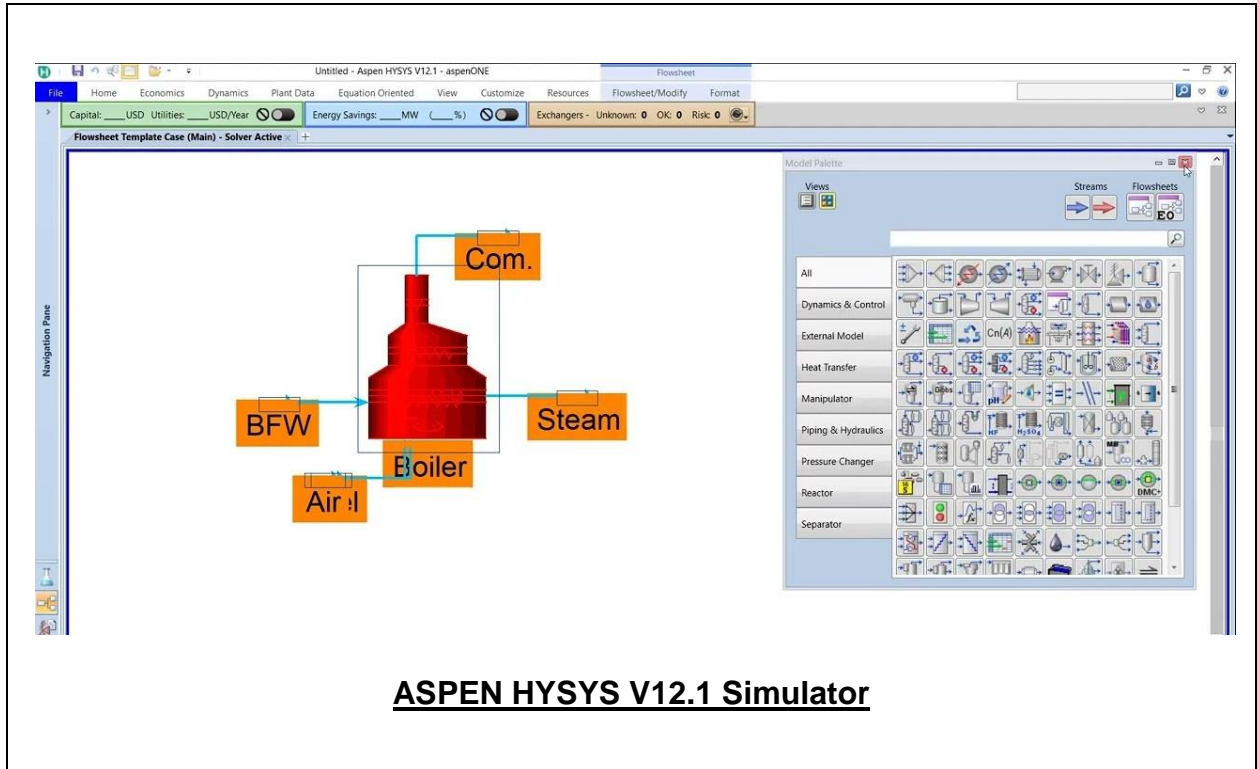
0730 – 0930	Inspection, Troubleshooting & Case Studies Tray Deck Levelness • Loss of Downcomer Seal due to Leaks
0930 – 0945	Break
0945 – 1100	Inspection, Troubleshooting & Case Studies (cont'd) Effect of Missing Caps • Repairing Loose Tray Panels
1100 – 1230	Inspection, Troubleshooting & Case Studies (cont'd) Improper Downcomer Clearance • Inlet Weirs
1230 – 1245	Break
1245 – 1420	Inspection, Troubleshooting & Case Studies (cont'd) Seal Pans
1420 - 1430	Recap
1430	Lunch & End of Day Four

Day 5

0730 – 0930	Inspection, Troubleshooting & Case Studies (cont'd) Drain Holes • Vortex Breakers
0930 - 0945	Break
0945 – 1100	Inspection, Troubleshooting & Case Studies (cont'd) Chimney Tray Leakage
1100 – 1230	Inspection, Troubleshooting & Case Studies (cont'd) Shear Clips
1230 – 1245	Break
1245 – 1345	Inspection, Troubleshooting & Case Studies (cont'd) Bubble-Cap Trays • Final Inspection
1345 - 1400	Course Conclusion
1400 – 1415	POST-TEST
1415 - 1430	Presentation of Course Certificates
1430	Lunch & End of Course

Simulator (Hands-on Practical Sessions)

Practical session will be organized during the course for delegates to practice the theory learnt. Delegates will be provided with an opportunity to carryout various exercises using the state-of-the-art simulators “ASPEN HYSYS” simulator.



Course Coordinator

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