

COURSE OVERVIEW PE0120

Catalyst Selection & Production Optimization

Course Title

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Course Date/Venue

December 14-18, 2025/TBA Meeting Room,
Mövenpick Hotel Istanbul Golden Horn,
Istanbul, Turkey

Course Reference

PE0120

Course Duration/Credits

Five days/3.0 CEUs/30 PDHS



Course Description



This practical and highly-interactive course includes real-life case studies and exercises where participants will be engaged in a series of interactive small groups and class workshops.



Most process plant operations are divided into two sectors; the reactor section and the separation section. The high value products are produced in the reactor section and purified in the separation section. The proper reactor design and catalyst selection can greatly improve company profit margins. The net effect is to produce increasing amounts of higher value products by improving selectivity.



Reactor design and catalyst developments are one of the largest Research and Development (R&D) Divisions in Chemical Engineering. To stay abreast of the current reactor designs and catalyst developments should be an operations personnel's target.

This course will guide the participants to develop key concepts and techniques to operate, select and optimize catalytic processes in process plants. These key concepts can be utilized to make proper design and operating decisions in order to optimize production.

The course is intended to give engineers and senior operators who work with solid catalysts the knowledge on different types of catalysts used in the petroleum and petrochemical industries.

The course will provide concise description of today's most important catalytic processes, including petroleum refining, supported metal catalysis, zeolot catalysis, oxidation catalysis, air pollution control and synthesis gas reactions.

Course Objectives

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

- Develop key concepts and techniques to operate, select and optimize catalytic processes
- Apply catalyst development and catalyst evaluation techniques in alkylation, hydrogenation, dehydrogenation, isomerization, hydro cracking and de-alkylation, fluidized catalytic cracking, hydrodesulphurization and catalytic reforming
- Implement and optimize Ziegler-Natta polymerization processes
- Operate and select Metallocene Catalysts
- Command the key requirements and implications of the Reaction Mechanisms
- Describe Post Metallocene Single-site Catalysts
- Analyze current problems and future trends in single-site catalysis
- Recognize competitive advances in Zeigler-Natta technology for polypropylene and polyethylene

Exclusive Smart Training Kit - H-STK®



*Participants of this course will receive the exclusive “Haward Smart Training Kit” (H-STK®). The H-STK® consists of a comprehensive set of technical content which includes **electronic version** of the course materials conveniently saved in a **Tablet PC**.*

Who Should Attend

This course provides an overview of all significant aspects and considerations of catalyst selection and production optimization for those who are making day-to-day decisions regarding production, operation, economics, troubleshooting and solving catalyst problem in process plant, R&D, R&T, or laboratory. This includes managers, superintendents, supervisors, process engineers, chemical engineers, chemists and other senior technical staff.

Accommodation

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

Course Fee


US\$ 6,000 per Delegate + **VAT**. This rate includes H-STK® (Haward Smart Training Kit), buffet lunch, coffee/tea on arrival, morning & afternoon of each day.

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

Haward's certificates are accredited by the following international accreditation organizations: -

-  British Accreditation Council (BAC)

Haward Technology is accredited by the **British Accreditation Council** for **Independent Further and Higher Education** as an **International Centre**. Haward's certificates are internationally recognized and accredited by the British Accreditation Council (BAC). 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.

-  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.

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:



Mr. Yasser Almasood is a **Senior Process Control Engineer** with almost **20 years** of industrial experience within the, **Oil & Gas, Refinery and Petrochemical** industries. His wide expertise covers in the areas of **Gas Processing** Calculation, **Process Reactor** Operation & Troubleshooting, **Catalytic Reactors, Heat Exchanger, Distillation Columns, Pumps, Distributed Control System (DCS), Catalytic Reformer Unit, Polymerization, Dehydrogenation, Gas Processing Plant Operations & Control, Gas Processing Monitoring & Troubleshooting, Process Plant Start-up Commissioning & Troubleshooting, Process Plant Optimization & Energy Conservation, Process Equipment Design & Troubleshooting, Advanced Operation Skills, Refinery Process Yield Optimization, Oil & Gas Processing, Troubleshooting Oil & Gas Processing Facilities, Polymers & Polymerization, Applied Process Engineering, Process Plant Troubleshooting & Engineering Problem Solving, Process Plant Performance & Efficiency, Process Design & Optimization, Desalination Processes, Reverse Osmosis and Molecular Sieves**. Further, he is also well-versed in **Process Analyzers & Analytical Instrumentation, Process Control, Instrumentation & Safeguarding, Process Controller, Control Loop & Valve Tuning, Industrial Distribution Systems, Industrial Control & Control Systems, Distributed Control System, Control Valves & Actuators, Advanced Process Control (APC) Technology, Process Control & Loop Tuning, Process Control & Automation, AspenTech, Aspen HYSYS, Pro II, exSILentia, OLGA, Flare System Analyzer, Aspen PIMS, DYNsim, RiskWISE, MS Office and IBM Maximo**.

During his career life, Mr. Yasser has gained his practical and field experience through his various significant positions and dedication as the **Senior Process Engineer, Process Engineer, Oil & Gas Process & Safety Instructor, On-Job Instructor, Process Senior Operator, Acting DCS Operator and Shift Controller** for various multi-national companies such as the **ADNOC Gas Processing (GASCO), Conoco Phillips Gas Plant and Syrian Gas Company (SGC)**.

Mr. Yasser has a **Bachelor's** degree in **Petroleum Engineering**. Further, he is a **Certified Instructor/Trainer** and has further delivered numerous training, courses, workshops, seminars and conferences worldwide.

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.

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: Sunday, 14th of December 2025

0730 – 0800	Registration & Coffee
0800 – 0815	Welcome & Introduction
0815 – 0830	PRE-TEST
0830 – 0930	Introduction Chemistry Overview • Refinery Overview Petrochemical Plant Overview
0930 – 0945	Break
0945 – 1100	Alkylation Introduction, History, Process Overview & Process Chemistry Feedstock, Reaction, Catalyst • Process Variables & Common Problems • Advanced in Catalyst Development • Catalyst Evaluation Techniques
1100 – 1230	Hydrogenation Introduction, History, Process Overview & Process Chemistry • Feedstock, Reaction, Catalyst • Process Variables & Common Problems • Advance in Catalyst Development • Catalyst Evaluation Techniques
1230 – 1245	Break
1245 – 1420	Dehydrogenation Introduction, History, Process Overview & Process Chemistry • Feedstock, Reaction, Catalyst • Process Variables & Common Problems • Advance in Catalyst Development • Catalyst Evaluation Techniques
1420 – 1430	Recap Using this Course Overview, the Instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the Topics that were Discussed Today and Advise Them of the Topics to be Discussed Tomorrow
1430	Lunch & End of Day One

Day 2: Monday, 15th of December 2025

0730 – 0900	Isomerization Introduction, History, Process Overview & Process Chemistry • Feedstock, Reaction, Catalyst • Process Variables & Common Problems • Advance in Catalyst Development • Catalyst Evaluation Techniques
0900 – 0915	Break

0915 – 1100	Hydrocracking & De-Alkylation Introduction, History, Process Overview & Process Chemistry • Feedstock, Reaction, Catalyst • Process Variables & Common Problems • Advance in Catalyst Development Catalyst Evaluation Techniques
1100 – 1230	Fluidized Catalytic Cracking Introduction, History, Process Overview and Process Chemistry • Feedstock, Reaction, Catalyst • Process Variables & Common Problems • Advance in Catalyst Development • Catalyst Evaluation Techniques
1230 – 1245	Break
1245 – 1420	Hydrodesulfurization Introduction, History, Process Overview & Process Chemistry • Feedstock, Reaction, Catalyst • Process Variables & Common Problems • Advance in Cat Development • Catalyst Evaluation Techniques
1420 – 1430	Recap Using this Course Overview, the Instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the Topics that were Discussed Today and Advise Them of the Topics to be Discussed Tomorrow
1430	Lunch & End of Day Two

Day 3: Tuesday, 16th of December 2025

0730 – 0900	Catalytic Reforming Introduction, History, Process Overview & Process Chemistry • Feedstock, Reaction, Catalyst • Process Variables & Common Problems • Advance in Catalyst Development • Catalyst Evaluation Techniques
0900 – 0915	Break
0915 – 1100	Ziegler-Natta Polymerization Commercial Ziegler-Natta Polymers
1100 – 1230	Ziegler-Natta Polymerization (cont'd) Heterogeneous Ziegler-Natta Catalysts and Mechanism of Polymerization
1230 – 1245	Break
1245 – 1420	Ziegler-Natta Polymerization (cont'd) Stereochemistry of Ziegler-Natta Polymerization
1420 – 1430	Recap Using this Course Overview, the Instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the Topics that were Discussed Today and Advise Them of the Topics to be Discussed Tomorrow
1430	Lunch & End of Day Three

Day 4: Wednesday, 17th of December 2025

0730 – 0900	Ziegler-Natta Polymerization (cont'd) Homogeneous Ziegler-Natta Polymerization
0900 – 0915	Break
0915 – 1045	Ziegler-Natta Polymerization (cont'd) Metathesis & Ring-Opening Metathesis Polymerization
1045 – 1215	Basic Principles of Metallocene & Single-Site Chemistry & Catalysts Ziegler-Natta Olefin Polymerization • Metallocene Chemistry: General Aspects
1215 – 1230	Break

1230 – 1330	Historical Development of Metallocene Catalysts Titanocene & Lanthanide Catalysts • Zirconocene Catalysts • Current Scope of Metallocene Catalyst Applications
1330 – 1420	Reaction Mechanisms Catalyst Activation, Propagation, Chain Transfer, Deactivation • Active Site Structure: Key Requirements & Implications • Co-catalysts • Influence of Counterions, Lewis Bases, TMA • Kinetic Profiles • Comparison of Single-Site & Multi-Site Catalysts
1420 – 1430	Recap Using this Course Overview, the Instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the Topics that were Discussed Today and Advise Them of the Topics to be Discussed Tomorrow
1430	Lunch & End of Day Four

Day 5: Thursday, 18th of December 2025

0730 – 0900	Post Metallocene Single-Site Catalysts Constrained Geometry Ti Catalysts • Amide-Based Ti & Zr Catalysts • FI Catalysts • Living Olefin Polymerization • Discrete V and Cr Catalysts • Key Design Issues for Late Metal Catalysts • Di-imine Ni & Pd Catalysts • Pyridine-Bis-Imine Fe and Co Catalysts • New Catalysts Derived from SHOP Systems
0900 – 0915	Break
0915 – 1100	Current Problems & Future Trends in Single-Site Catalysis Ligand & Metallocene Synthesis: Problems & Prospects • Cocatalysts, Activators & Anions • Polar Monomers: Toward Functionalized Polyolefins • Functionalized Polynorbornenes • Ethylene-acrylate Copolymerization • Prospects for Vinyl Halides, Vinyl Acetate & other Polar Monomers • General Strategies for Catalyst Design & Development
1100 – 1230	Competitive Advances in Zeigler-Natta Technology for Polypropylene & Polyethylene Advanced Zeigler-Natta Catalysis & Multiple Process Technology vs. Metallocene Revolution, Competition & Complementarity • Stepping Out of the Box with Zeigler-Natta & Metallocene Catalyst for Propylene Based Resins
1230 – 1245	Break
1245 – 1345	Competitive Advances in Zeigler-Natta Technology for Polypropylene & Polyethylene (cont'd) NovaCat T: A New Zeigler-Natta Catalyst for Polyethylene Production in Gas Phase Reactors
1345 – 1400	Course Conclusion Using this Course Overview, the Instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the Course Topics that were Covered During the Course
1400 – 1415	POST-TEST
1415 – 1430	Presentation of Course Certificates
1430	Lunch & End of Course

Practical Sessions

This practical highly-interactive course includes the following real-life case studies:-



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