

COURSE OVERVIEW EE0290
Power Systems Design

Course Title

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Course Date/Venue

Session 1: May 11-15, 2025/Boardroom 1,
 Elite Byblos Hotel Al Barsha,
 Sheikh Zayed Road, Dubai, UAE
 Session 2: October 13-17, 2025/Fujairah
 Meeting Room, Grand Millennium
 Al Wahda Hotel, Abu Dhabi,
 UAE



Course Reference

EE0290

Course Duration/Credits

Five days/3.0 CEUs/30 PDHs

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.



Electric Power System has moved away from its regulated roots and is rushing headlong toward freewheeling competition, spurring more creative uses of energy and unprecedented advancements in plant efficiencies. Environmentalism has rushed forward too, ensuring that no power-generation technology is unscathed by demands for lower emissions and ecological impacts. Also over the past decade, computer capability has skyrocketed in effectiveness and plummeted in cost, launching a mass invasion of control rooms by digital instrumentation. Changes such as these make today's powerplant a more diverse and more complex mix of technologies than ever before.



This course is designed to provide a good coverage of the generation, transformation, transmission, distribution and utilization of electric power and energy as well as the modeling, analysis, planning, design, monitoring and control of modern electric power systems. It will provide a contemporary overview of this far-reaching field as well as bringing together the core of knowledge from all of the many topics encompassed by the field.

The course is intended to give participants a working knowledge of the modern electric power systems operations from generation through transmission and distribution through wiring. Basic electrical terminology and concepts are discussed with regard to design, construction, operations and maintenance of power plants substations and transmission and distribution lines. The effects of the deregulation of electric power utilities are discussed with interesting examples. The basic concepts of fiber optics and other telecommunications systems used in the electric power industry are also presented.

Further, the course will introduce and explore a number of engineering and economic problems involved in planning, operating, and controlling power generation and transmission systems in electric utilities. The topics included serve as an effective means to introduce participants to advanced operations methods applied to practical electric power engineering problems. Some topics cover methods that are currently being applied in the control and operation of the modern electric power systems. However, in a 5-day course it is, of course, impossible to consider all the problems and “best practices” in this advanced field. We can only introduce the types of problems that arise, illustrate theoretical and practical approaches and point the participant the direction of seeking more information and developing advanced skills as they are required. As a matter of fact, this course covers a wide range of topics related to the design, operation and control of power systems that are usually treated separately. Various issues are treated in depth with analytical rigor and practical insight. The subject matter is presented in a very interesting and unique perspective. It combines, in a structured way, control theory, characteristics and modeling of individual elements and analysis of different aspects of modern electric power systems.

Course Objectives

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

- Apply systematic techniques on the design, analysis, planning, monitoring, control, maintenance and troubleshooting of electric power system including generation, transformation, transmission, distribution, substation and utilization
- Identify the modern power system components and explain their functions
- Discuss the concept of electric power generation including synchronous machinery, thermal generating plants and distributed utilities
- Explain the theory and principles of transformers and identify its various types as well as their features and functions
- Determine the transmission system structure, components and accessories and sag and tension of conductor
- Identify the different types of substations such as substation grounding, lightning and substation fire protection
- Employ the distribution system modeling and analysis and power system operation and control
- Describe electric power utilization including the metering of electric power and energy and load characterization and load modeling
- Employ the methodological process of power system analysis and simulation and identify fault analysis in power systems

- Discuss the principles of power system protection and power system transients including the protection of synchronous generators, digital relaying, lightning strokes, over voltages, switching surges and insulation coordination
- Implement the power system dynamics and stability with its methodological applications used in modern power system
- Carryout power system planning and reliability applied in power systems
- Discuss the power electronics and power quality and recognize their practical use in modern electric power system
- Use economic dispatch of thermal units including its methods of solution
- Identify the factors affecting power system security and determine the variables to be considered in the environmental controls of electric power systems

Exclusive Smart Training Kit - H-STK®



*Participants of this course will receive the exclusive “Howard 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 power systems design for electrical power managers, engineers, superintendents, supervisors, foremen and those who are involved in the design, engineering, operation, maintenance and control of the electric power system or those who are interested in obtaining a working knowledge of the modern electric power system.

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 Fee

US\$ 5,500 per Delegate + **VAT**. This rate includes H-STK® (Howard Smart Training Kit), buffet lunch, coffee/tea on arrival, morning & afternoon of each day.

Accommodation


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

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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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.

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

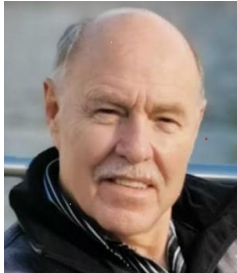
Haward Technology is an Authorized Training Provider by the International Accreditors for Continuing Education and Training (IACET), 2201 Cooperative Way, Suite 600, Herndon, VA 20171, USA. In obtaining this authority, Haward Technology has demonstrated that it complies with the **ANSI/IACET 2018-1 Standard** 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.

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. Fred Du Plessis is a **Senior Electrical Engineer** with over **30** years of extensive experience within the **Oil, Gas, Petrochemical, Refinery & Power** industries. His expertise widely covers in the areas of **Thermal Gas Power Generation, Power Station Operations, Power Generation Plant Outage Management, Power System Analysis, Power System Generation & Distribution, Electric Power System Design, Renewable Energy, Energy Storage Technologies, Maintenance, Testing & Troubleshooting, Transformer Protection, Transformer Problem and Failure Investigations, Power System Operation and Control, Fault Analysis in Power Systems, HV/MV Cable Splicing, High Voltage Electrical Safety, High Voltage Circuit Breaker Inspection & Repair, High Voltage Power System, HV Equipment Inspection & Maintenance, HV Switchgear Operation & Maintenance, Resin / Heat Shrink & Cold Shrink Joints, HV/LV Equipment, ORHVS for Responsible and Authorized Person High Voltage Regulation, Transformers Maintenance, inspections & repairs, Commissioning of LV & HV Equipment, Oil Purification and High Voltage Maintenance, HT Switch Gear -Testing, Safe Operating, Maintenance, Inspection & Repairs on LV & HT Cables - Testing (Pulse & Megger), Line Patrol in Low Voltage & Distribution, Transmission, Operating Principles up to 132KV, Abnormal Conditions & Exceptions, Commissioning & Testing, Transformer Inspections & Repairs, Live Line Work up to 33KV, Basic Power System Protection, High Voltage Operating Preparedness Phasing (110V to 132KV), HV Operating & Fault Finding (up to 132KV), Maintenance & Construction Supervision, VSD/VFD Installations & Testing, Electrical Panel Design, VSD/VFD Installations & Testing, Instrument Installation and wiring, AC/DC Supplies & Change Over Systems, AC & DC Winders and VLF Testing, Gas Turbines, Steam Turbine with a Station Generation, Project Management & Project Controls, Water Treatment & Reverse Osmosis Plant Management and Mechanical Maintenance Management.**

During Mr. Du Plessis's career life, he has gained his practical experience through several significant positions and dedication as the **Project Manager/Owner, Maintenance Manager, Project Execution Manager, Commissioning & Operating Manager, Acting Operating Manager, Optimization/Commissioning Manager, Operating Support Manager, Operating Production/Shift Manager, Operations Lead Engineer, Electrical Engineer, Production/Maintenance Planner, Unit Shift Supervisor, Principal Plant Operator, Workshop & Maintenance Consultant, Assistant Electrical Supervisor, Trainee Motor Mechanic and Senior Instructor/Trainer** from various international **power station** companies like the Dunamis Energy, Peterhead Power Station, Lijaco Services, Eskom, Matla Power Station, Grootvlei Power Station, Ellisras Brick & Ceramic, Hlalisani Mechanical Contractor, Matimba Power Station, Matimba Power Station, Eskom Kriel Power Station and Transvaal Provincial.

Mr. Du Plessis has a **Bachelor's** (with Honours) degree in **Operations Management**. Further, he holds certification in Red & Silver Seal Accreditation Power Generation – (ESETA), a SAMTRAC & NOSA **Auditor** – (NOSA), a **Certified Instructor/Trainer** and has further delivered various trainings, seminars, conferences, workshops and courses globally.

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 – 0745	Registration & Coffee
0745 – 0800	Welcome & Introduction
0800 – 0815	PRE-TEST
0815 – 1000	Overview of Modern Power System Components Structure of the Electrical Power System • Generating Units (Synchronous Generators, Exciters and Automatic Voltage Regulators, Turbines and their Governing Systems) • Substations • Transmission and Distribution Network (Overhead Lines and Underground Cables, Transformers, Shut and Series Elements, Flexible AC Transmission Systems (FACTS)) • Protection
1000 – 1015	Break
1015 – 1115	Electric Power Generation Hydroelectric Power Generation • Synchronous Machinery • Thermal Generating Plants • Distributed Utilities
1115 – 1215	Transformers Theory and Principles • Power Transformers • Distribution Transformers • Underground Distribution Transformers • Dry Type Transformers • Instrument Transformers • Transformer Connections • Loading Power Transformers • Transformer Testing • Transformer Installation and Maintenance • Problem and Failure Investigations • On-line Monitoring of Liquid-Immersed Transformers
1215 – 1230	Break
1230 – 1420	Transmission System Concept of Energy Transmission and Distribution • Transmission Line Structures • Insulators and Accessories • Transmission Line Construction and Maintenance • Insulated Power Cables for High Voltage Applications • Transmission Line Parameters • Sag and Tension of Conductor • Corona and Noise • Geomagnetic Disturbances and Impacts upon Power System Operation • Lightning Protection • Reactive Power Compensation
1420 – 1430	Recap
1430	Lunch & End of Day One

Day 2

0730 – 0930	Substations Gas Insulated Substations • Air Insulated Substations • High Voltage Switching Equipment • High Voltage Power Electronics Substations • Considerations in Applying Automation Systems to Electric Utility Substations • Substation Automation
0930 – 0945	Break
0945 – 1100	Substations (cont'd) Oil Containment • Community Considerations • Animal Deterrents/Security • Substation Grounding • Grounding and Lightning • Seismic Considerations • Substation Fire Protection
1100 – 1215	Distribution Systems Power System Loads • Distribution System Modeling and Analysis • Power System Operation and Control

1215 – 1230	Break
1230 – 1420	Electric Power Utilization Metering of Electric Power and Energy • Basic Electric Power Utilization – Loads, Load Characterization and Load Modeling • Electric Power Utilization: Motors
1420 – 1430	Recap
1430	Lunch & End of Day Two

Day 3

0730 – 0930	Power System Analysis and Simulation The Per-Unit System • Symmetrical Components for Power System Analysis • Power Flow Analysis • Fault Analysis in Power Systems • Practical Examples
0930 – 0945	Break
0945 – 1100	Power System Analysis and Simulation (cont'd) Modeling of Power System Using Computer Analysis Software • Load Flow Analysis • Short Circuit Analysis • Motor Starting • Practical Examples
1100 – 1215	Power System Protection Basic Overview of System Protection • Instrument Transformers • Protection Relays • Time Grading Principles • Practical Examples
1215 – 1230	Break
1230 – 1420	Power System Protection (cont'd) Unit Protection • Transformer Protection • The Protection of Synchronous Generators • Transmission Line Protection • Use of Oscillograph Records to Analyze System Performance
1420 – 1430	Recap
1430	Lunch & End of Day Three

Day 4

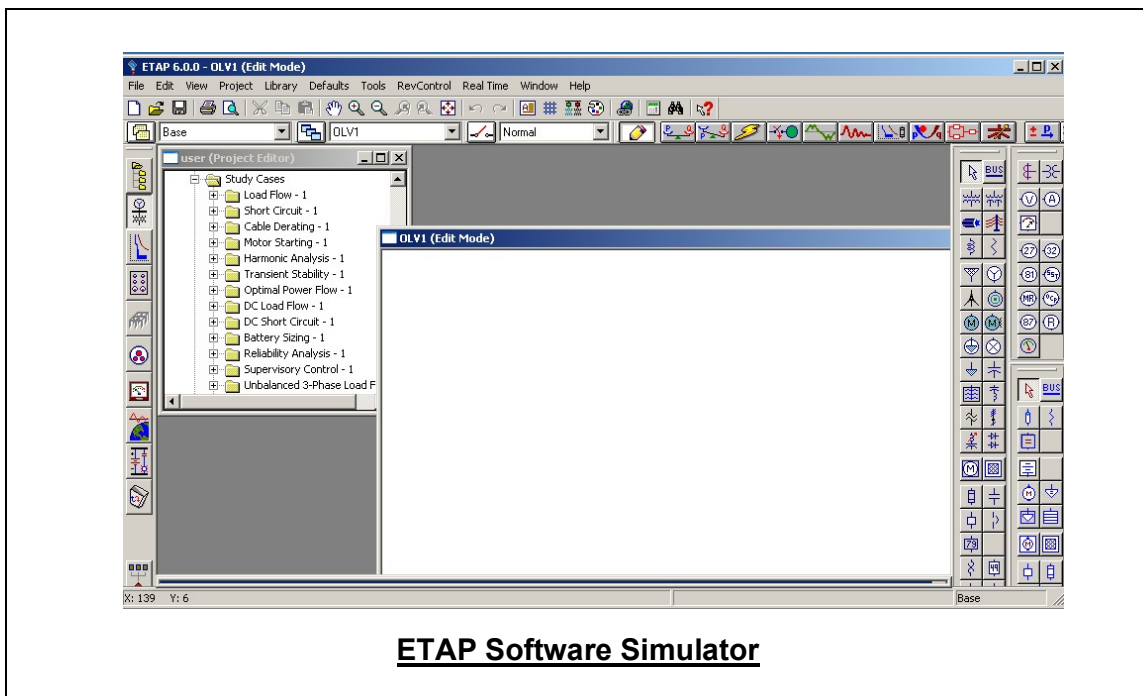
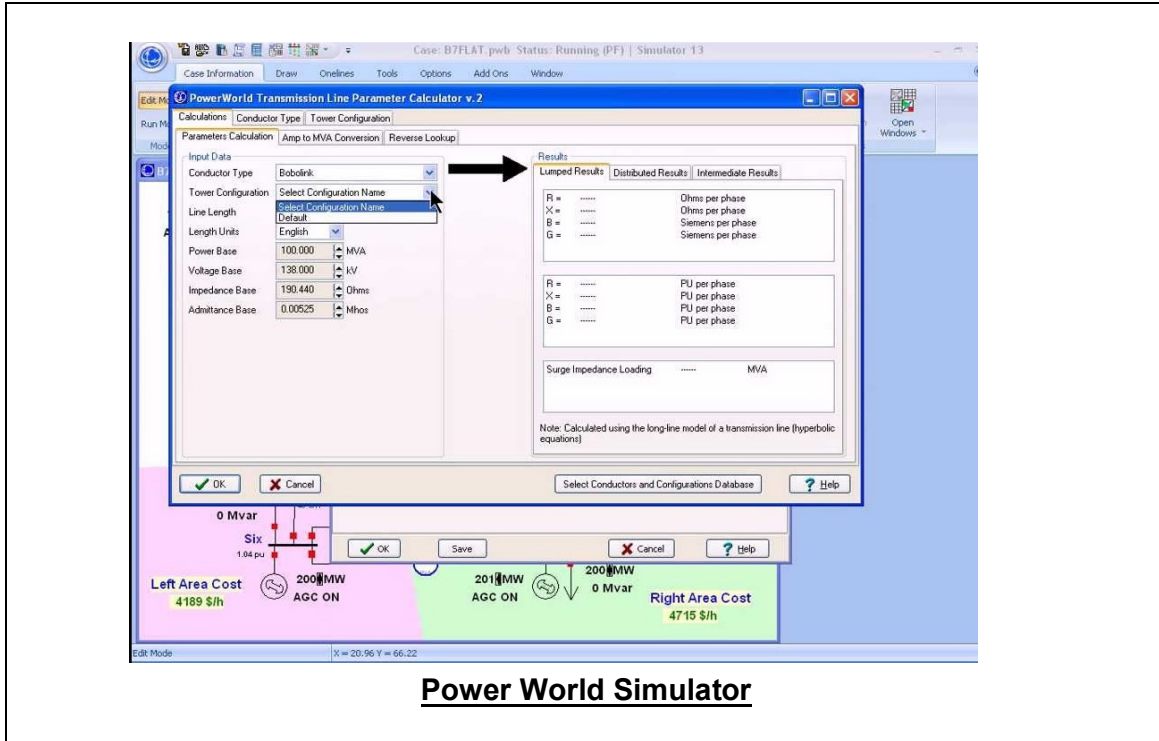
0730 – 0930	Power System Transients Characteristics of Lightning Strokes • Overvoltages Caused by Direct Lightning Strokes • Overvoltages Caused by Indirect Lightning Strokes • Switching Surges • Very Fast Transients • Transient Voltage Response of Coils and Windings • Transmission System Transients • Insulation Coordination
0930 – 0945	Break
0945 – 1100	Power System Dynamics and Stability Power System Stability • Transient Stability • Small Signal Stability and Power System Oscillations • Voltage Stability • Direct Stability Methods
1100 – 1215	Power System Planning (Reliability) Planning • Short-Term Load and Price Forecasting with Artificial Neural Networks • Transmission Plan Evaluation – Assessment of System Reliability • Power System Planning • Power System Reliability
1215 – 1230	Break
1230 – 1420	Power Electronics Power Semiconductors Devices • Uncontrolled and Controlled Rectifiers • Inverters • Active Filters for Power Conditioning • Fiber Optics
1420 – 1430	Recap
1430	Lunch & End of Day Four

Day 5

0730 – 0900	Power Quality <i>Wiring and Grounding for Power Quality • Harmonics in Power Systems • Voltage Sags • Voltage Fluctuations and Lamp Flicker in Power Systems • Power Quality Monitoring</i>
0900 – 0915	Break
0915 – 1145	Economic Dispatch of Thermal Units and Methods of Solution <i>The Economic Dispatch Problem • Thermal System Dispatching with Network Losses considered • The Lambda-Iteration Method • Gradient Methods of Economic Dispatch (Gradient Search, Economic Dispatch by Gradient Search) • Newton’s Method • Economic Dispatch with Piecewise Linear Cost Functions • Economic Dispatch Using Dynamic Programming • Base Point and Participation Factors • Economic Dispatch Versus Unit Commitment</i>
1145 – 1200	Break
1200 – 1300	Power System Security <i>Factors Affecting Power System Security • Contingency Analysis: Detection of Network Problems (An Overview of Security Analysis, Linear Sensitivity Factors, AC Power Flow Methods, Contingency Selection, Concentric Relaxation, Bounding)</i>
1300 – 1345	Environmental Controls <i>Environmental Legislation and Regulation • Air Emission Controls (Electrostatic Precipitators, Fluidized-Bed Boilers, NOx Controls, Flue-Gas Treatment) • Water Emission Controls</i>
1345 – 1400	Course Conclusion
1400 – 1415	POST-TEST
1415 – 1430	<i>Presentation of Course Certificates</i>
1430	<i>Lunch & End of Course</i>

Simulators (Hands-on Practical Sessions)

Practical sessions 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 our state-of-the-art simulators “Power World” and “ETAP software”.



Course Coordinator

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