COURSE OVERVIEW IE0919
Final Control Elements, Valves & Actuators

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Course Date/Venue
November 23-27, 2025/Boardroom 2, Elite Byblos Hotel, Al Barsha, Sheikh Zayed Road, Dubai, UAE

Course Reference
IE0919

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.

This course is designed to provide participants with a detailed and up-to-date overview of Final Control Elements, Valves & Actuators. It covers the final control elements (FCEs) and the importance in maintaining process variables; the classification of final control elements and control valves as FCEs; the valve types and configurations, valve flow characteristics and valve sizing and selection; the actuators as FCE drivers, pneumatic actuators, electric and electro-hydraulic actuators; the hydraulic actuators including working principle, high-force applications, system components, fluid considerations, maintenance requirements and safety measures; and the valve positioners and controllers and its role in improving accuracy.

During this interactive course, participants will learn the final control element response and dynamics, smart final control elements; the control strategies with FCEs, specialty valves as FCEs and FCE performance testing and standards; the final control elements in safety systems and troubleshooting FCEs, valves and actuators; the mechanical installation of valves and actuators and pneumatic and electrical hook-up; the commissioning of final control elements and routine maintenance of valves and actuators; the valve and actuator overhauling procedures and FCE lifecycle management and reliability; the applications of final control elements by industry; and the energy efficiency and sustainability of FCEs.

Course Objectives

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

- Apply and gain an in-depth knowledge on final control elements, valves and actuators
- Discuss final control elements (FCEs) and its importance in maintaining process variables
- Classify final control elements and identify control valves as FCEs
- Recognize valve types and configurations, valve flow characteristics and valve sizing and selection
- Identify actuators as FCE drivers, pneumatic actuators, electric and electro-hydraulic actuators
- Discuss hydraulic actuators including working principle, high-force applications, system components, fluid considerations, maintenance requirements and safety measures
- Explain valve positioners and controllers and its role in improving accuracy
- Discuss final control element response and dynamics, smart final control elements
- Apply control strategies with FCEs, specialty valves as FCEs and FCE performance testing and standards
- Recognize final control elements in safety systems and troubleshoot FCEs, valves and actuators
- Apply proper mechanical installation of valves and actuators, pneumatic and electrical hook-up, commissioning of final control elements and routine maintenance of valves and actuators
- Implement valve and actuator overhaul procedures and FCE lifecycle management and reliability
- Apply applications of final control elements by industry and discuss energy efficiency and sustainability of FCEs

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 final control elements, valves and actuators for instrumentation and control engineers, process engineers, maintenance and reliability engineers, automation engineers, project engineers and other technical staff.

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:

Dr. Ahmed El-Sayed, PhD, MSc, BSc, is a **Senior Instrumentation & Control Engineer** with over **30 years** of extensive experience in the **Oil**, **Gas**, **Power**, **Petroleum**, **Petrochemical** and **Utilities**. He specializes in **DCS & ESD** System Architecture, **Distributed Control System**, **DCS** & **SCADA**, Distributed Control System (**DCS**) Selection & Troubleshooting, **DCS**, **Process Control**, **Control Systems & Data Communications**, Advanced **DCS Yokogawa**, **Yokogawa CENTUM VP DCS**, **Modern Distributed Control System** (**DCS**) **& Process Instrumentation**, **Cyber Security** of Industrial System, **DCS System** (**Honeywell**), **DCS Experion** System, **DCS Siemens Telepherm XP**, **Measurement Devices & Control** System, Quality Measurement Instruments (**QMI**) **Analysers & Sample** Systems, **Instrumentation & Control** Systems, **Control System** Orientation, **Instrumentation Protection Devices** Maintenance & Testing, **Protection Devices** Troubleshooting, **Relay Coordination Using ETAP Software**, **Power System Study on ETAP**, **ETAP-Power System Analysis**, **Flow Measurement** Foundation, **Hydrocarbon** Measurement & Sampling, **Gas Dosiers** Preparation, **Gas/Liquid Fuel** Measurement, **Instrumentation Measurement & Control System**, **Flow** Measurement, **Pressure** Measurement, **Level & Temperature** Measurement, Uninterruptible Power Supply (**UPS**) **Battery Charger**, **Industrial UPS Systems Construction & Operation**, **Test Lead-Acid & Ni-cad Battery Systems**, **Hazards & Safe Work Practices**, **Transformer** Operational Principles, Selection & Troubleshooting; **HV & LV Transformers**, **Control Valves & Actuators**, **Electrical Safety**, **Protection Relay Application**, **Maintenance & Testing**, **NEC** (National Electrical Code), **NESC** (National Electrical Safety Code), **Electrical Safety**, **Electrical Hazards Assessment**, **Electrical Equipment**, **Personal Protective Equipment**, Lock-Out & Tag-Out (**LOTO**), Confined Workspaces, Alerting Techniques, Electrical Transient Analysis Program (**ETAP**), Power **Quality**, Power **Network**, Power **Distribution**, **Distribution Systems**, **Power Systems Control**, **Power Systems Security**, Power **Electronics**, Electrical **Substations**, **UPS** & **Battery System**, **Earthing & Grounding**, Power **Generation**, **Protective Systems**, **Electrical Generators**, **Power** & **Distribution Transformers**, **Electrical Motors**, **Switchgears**, **Transformers**, **AC** & **DC Drives**, **Variable Speed Drives** & **Generators**, **Generator Protection**, **GE Gas Turbines**, PLC, SCADA, Instrumentation, Automation, Valve Tuning, SIS, SIL, ESD, Alarm Management Systems, Engine Management System, Bearing & Rotating Machine, Fieldbus Systems and Fiber Optics Technology. He is currently the **Systems Control Manager** of **Siemens** where he is in-charge of Security & Control of Power **Transmission Distribution** & **High Voltage** Systems and he further takes part in the Load Records Evaluation & Transmission Services Pricing.

During his career life, Dr. Ahmed has been actively involved in different Power System Activities including Roles in Power System Planning, Analysis, Engineering, **HV Substation** Design, Electrical Service Pricing, Evaluations & Tariffs, Project Management, Teaching and Consulting. His vast industrial experience was honed greatly when he joined many International and National Companies such as **Siemens**, **Electricity Authority** and **ACETO** industries as the **Instrumentation & Electrical Service Project Manager**, **Instrumentation & Control Engineer**, **Energy Management Engineer**, **Department Head**, **Assistant Professor**, **Instrumentation & Control Instructor**, **Project Coordinator**, **Project Assistant and Managing Board Member** where he focused more on dealing with Technology Transfer, System Integration Process and Improving Localization. He was further greatly involved in manufacturing some of **Power System** and **Control & Instrumentation Components** such as Series of Digital Protection **Relays**, MV **VFD**, **PLC** and **SCADA** System with intelligent features.

Dr. Ahmed is well-versed in different electrical and instrumentation fields like **ETAP**, Load Management Concepts, **PLC** Programming, Installation, Operation and Troubleshooting, **AC Drives** Theory, Application and Troubleshooting, Industrial Power Systems Analysis, AC & DC Motors, Electric Motor Protection, DCS SCADA, Control and Maintenance Techniques, Industrial Intelligent Control System, **Power Quality** Standards, Power Generators and Voltage Regulators, Circuit Breaker and Switchgear Application and Testing Techniques, **Transformer** and **Switchgear** Application, Grounding for Industrial and Commercial Assets, Power Quality and **Harmonics**, **Protective Relays** (O/C Protection, Line Differential, Bus Bar Protection and **Breaker Failure Relay**) and Project Management Basics (PMB).

Dr. Ahmed has **PhD**, **Master's** & **Bachelor's** degree in **Electrical Engineering** from the **University of Wisconsin Madison**, **USA** and **Ain Shams University**, respectively. Further, he is a **Certified Instructor/Trainer**, a **Certified Internal Verifier/ Assessor/Trainer** by the **Institute of Leadership and Management** (**ILM**), an active member of IEEE and ISA as well as numerous technical and scientific papers published internationally in the areas of Power Quality, Superconductive Magnetic Energy Storage, SMES role in Power Systems, Power System **Blackout** Analysis, and Intelligent Load Shedding Techniques for preventing Power System Blackouts, HV **Substation Automation** and Power System Stability.

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 Fee

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

Course Program

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

Day 1: ***Sunday, 23rd of November 2025***

0730 – 0800	*Registration & Coffee*
0800 – 0815	*Welcome & Introduction*
0815 – 0830	***PRE-TEST***
0830 – 0930	***Introduction To Final Control Elements (FCEs)*** *Definition & Role in the Control Loop • Types: Control Valves, Dampers, Variable Frequency Drives • Comparison with Sensors & Controllers • Importance in Maintaining Process Variables*
0930 – 0945	*Break*
0945 – 1030	***Classification of Final Control Elements*** *Power-Operated versus Manually Operated • Linear versus Rotary Motion • Direct Acting versus Reverse Acting • Fail-Safe versus Fail-Fixed*
1030 – 1130	***Control Valves as FCEs*** *Function & Working Principle • Control Valve as the Most Common FCE • Typical Components (Body, Actuator, Positioner) • Applications in Various Industries*
1130 – 1215	***Basic Valve Types & Configurations*** *Globe, Gate, Ball, Butterfly Valves • Single-Seated versus Double-Seated Valves • Control versus Isolation Valves • Valve Body Styles & Trim*
1215 – 1230	*Break*
1230 – 1330	***Valve Flow Characteristics*** *Linear, Equal Percentage, Quick Opening • Inherent versus Installed Characteristics • Selection Based on Process Needs • Control Range & Turndown Ratio*

1330 – 1420	***Valve Sizing & Selection Basics*** *Flow Coefficient (Cv & Kv) • Pressure Drop Calculation • Velocity & Noise Considerations • Sizing Tools & Vendor Software*
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, 24th of November 2025***

0730 – 0830	***Basics of Actuators as FCE Drivers*** *Function & Types • Energy Sources: Pneumatic, Hydraulic, Electric • Actuation Force versus Valve Requirements • Control Signal Compatibility*
0830 – 0930	***Pneumatic Actuators*** *Diaphragm versus Piston Types • Spring-Return versus Double-Acting • Air Supply & Pressure Range • Fail-Open/Fail-Close Configuration*
0930 – 0945	*Break*
0945 – 1100	***Electric & Electro-Hydraulic Actuators*** *Motor-Driven Operation • Power Supply & Torque Characteristics • Feedback & Control Systems • Common Failure Modes*
1100 – 1215	***Hydraulic Actuators*** *Working Principle & High-Force Applications • System Components & Fluid Considerations • Maintenance Requirements • Safety Measures*
1215 – 1230	*Break*
1230 – 1330	***Valve Positioners & Controllers*** *Role in Improving Accuracy • Pneumatic, Electro-Pneumatic, Digital Types • Communication Protocols: HART, Fieldbus • Calibration & Diagnostics*
1330 – 1420	***Final Control Element Response & Dynamics*** *Dead Time & Hysteresis • Linearity & Repeatability • Actuator Speed & Stroking Time • Impact on Process Loop Performance*
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, 25th of November 2025***

0730 – 0830	***Smart Final Control Elements*** *Integration with Control Systems • Smart Diagnostics & Self-Calibration • Remote Monitoring Capabilities • Benefits in Predictive Maintenance*
0830 – 0930	***Control Strategies with FCEs*** *Proportional, on-Off, & Modulating Control • Position versus Flow-Based Control • Interlocks & Safety Functions • Loop Tuning Considerations*
0930 – 0945	*Break*
0945 – 1100	***Specialty Valves as FCEs*** *Control Ball Valves, V-Port Valves • Angle Valves & Three-Way Valves • Cryogenic & High-Pressure Valves • Slurry & Abrasive Service Valves*
1100 – 1215	***FCE Performance Testing & Standards*** *ANSI/ISA Valve Performance Standards • Bench Testing for Stroke & Leakage • Calibration Procedures • Functional Testing with Control Systems*
1215 – 1230	*Break*

1230 – 1330	***Final Control Elements in Safety Systems*** *Emergency Shutdown Valves (ESDVs) • Safety Instrumented Systems (SIS) Integration • Fail-Safe Mechanisms & SIL Rating • Proof Testing & Verification*
1330 – 1420	***Troubleshooting FCEs, Valves, & Actuators*** *Common Symptoms & Root Causes • Actuator Drift & Air Leaks • Positioner Malfunction • Valve Sticking or Seat Damage*
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, 26th of November 2025

0730 – 0830	***Mechanical Installation of Valves & Actuators*** *Alignment & Support • Gasket & Flange Practices • Torque Specifications • Vibration Considerations*
0830 – 0930	***Pneumatic & Electrical Hook-Up*** *Air Supply Routing & Filtering • Solenoid & Control Wiring • Grounding & Shielding • Intrinsic Safety Requirements*
0930 – 0945	*Break*
0945 – 1100	***Commissioning of Final Control Elements*** *Pre-Commissioning Checks • Stroke Tests & Calibration • Functional Loop Checks • Troubleshooting During Startup*
1100 – 1215	***Routine Maintenance of Valves & Actuators*** *Lubrication & Cleaning • Repacking & Seal Inspection • Actuator Service Intervals • Maintenance Logs & History*
1215 – 1230	*Break*
1230 – 1330	***Valve & Actuator Overhaul Procedures*** *Safe Removal & Disassembly • Internal Inspection for Wear • Replacement of Trims & Seals • Reassembly & Bench Testing*
1330 – 1420	***FCE Lifecycle Management & Reliability*** *Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF) • Reliability-Centered Maintenance (RCM) • Spare Part Strategies • Asset Performance Monitoring*
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*

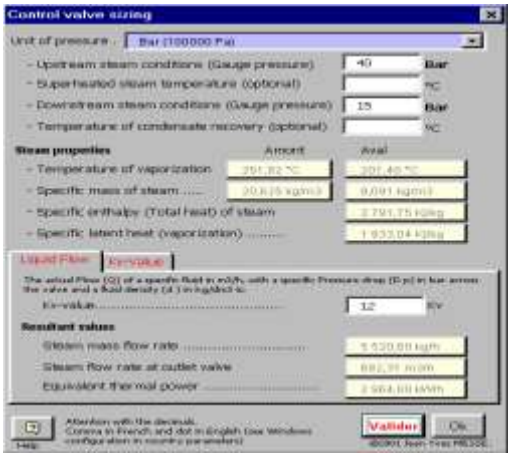
Day 5: Thursday, 27th of November 2025

0730 – 0830	***Applications of Final Control Elements by Industry*** *Oil & Gas (ESDVs, Control Valves) • Power Generation (Boiler Feed Control) • Water Treatment (Chlorine Flow Control) • Petrochemical (Pressure Control Valves)*
0830 – 0930	***Energy Efficiency & Sustainability of FCEs*** *Minimizing Pressure Drop • VFDs versus Control Valves • Emission Control with Tight Shut-off • Automation for Energy Savings*
0930 – 0945	*Break*
0945 – 1100	***Case Studies: FCE Failures & Resolution*** *Process Upset Due to Actuator Failure • Cavitation in A Control Valve • Incorrect Valve Sizing • Poor Loop Tuning Impacting FCE Behavior*

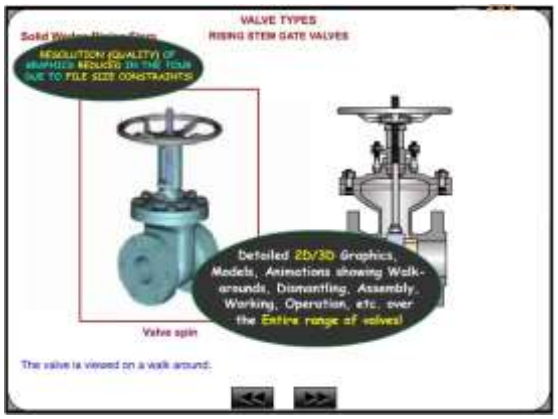
1100 – 1230	***Hands-on Workshop: FCE System Setup*** *Valve & Actuator Assembly • Positioner Configuration • Simulated Loop Testing • Diagnostic Tool Usage*
1230 – 1245	*Break*
1245 – 1345	***Hands-on Workshop: Valve & Actuator Calibration*** *Manual Calibration of Positioners • HART Device Communication • Auto-Stroke Tuning • Air Leak Detection & Correction*
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*

Simulator (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 one of our state-of-the-art simulators "Valve Sizing Simulator", "Valve Simulator 3.0", "Valvestar 7.2 Simulator" and "PRV²SIZE Simulator".



Valve Sizing Simulator



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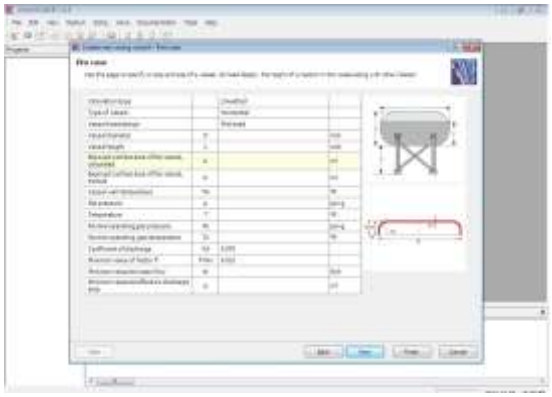

Valvestar 7.2 Simulator

PRV²SIZE Simulator

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