



COURSE OVERVIEW PE0785

Production Planning & Scheduling in Petroleum Refineries

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Course Date/Venue

November 16-20, 2025/Boardroom 2, Elite Byblos Hotel, Al Barsha, Sheikh Zayed Road, Dubai, UAE

Course Reference

PE0785

Course Duration/Credits

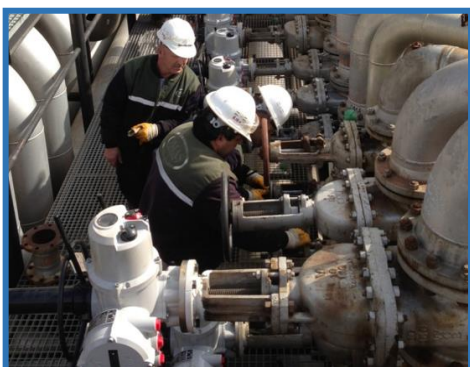
Five days/3.0 CEUs/30 PDHs

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.

The petroleum refining industry processes crude oil and produces a variety of products that are used in the transportation, residential, commercial, and industrial sectors of the economy.



In 2006, over two thirds of refinery output went to transportation uses, nearly a quarter went to industrial uses, and the remainder was used in residences, commercial activities, and electricity generation. The transportation sector remains the most heavily dependent on petroleum, drawing over 95% of its fuel needs from refineries.

Because the refining industry plays such a key role in providing energy for the economy, its structure and economic condition are matters of national interest. In recent years the industry has undergone significant change.



The traditional industry model, based on ownership by vertically integrated oil companies with profitability viewed within the context of a linked supply chain, has been altered by companies and joint ventures whose primary business is refining. Increasingly, the business model for these firms, as well as the integrated oil companies, is the standalone profit center.



Refiners now must earn market rates of return for investors, as well as returns sufficient to make investments in expansion, technological improvements, possible business restructuring, and to meet environmental regulations, both with respect to refined product specifications and refinery site operations and expansion.

The aim of this course is to provide participants with a complete and up-to-date overview of the refinery operational economics, planning and profitability. Upon the successful completion of this course, participant will gain a satisfactory understanding of the concepts of operational profitability, refinery configuration, planning objectives and tools, key crude and product qualities, crude and product pricing, practical refinery modelling, market dynamics, managing risk, performance measures and benchmarking. Actual case studies from around the world will be demonstrated to highlight the topics discussed.

Course Objectives

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

- Apply a comprehensive knowledge in operational economics, planning and profitability of modern oil refineries
- Discuss the concepts of operational profitability including gross refining margin (GRM), net refining margin and contribution margin
- Determine refinery configuration covering topping, hydroskimming, cracking, full conversion and niche products
- Identify and carryout planning objectives including production plans, selecting feedstock, feasibility, optimality, optimal product mix, marginal economics, investment opportunities and planning versus scheduling
- List the various planning tools, employ blending methods and illustrate process models
- Enumerate modeling tools covering simple stock balances (spreadsheet), linear programming (LP's), non-linear programming (NLP's), distributed error recursion and integer programming
- Identify the various model types pertaining to blending, multi-refinery and distribution, single refinery and time period
- Describe key crude and product qualities as well as crude and product pricing
- Illustrate practical refinery modeling covering simple LP construction, pooling problem, delta-base modeling, convexity constraints, marginal values or shadow prices, crude ranking and evaluation as well as weight and volume basis
- Recognize market dynamics covering the supply and demand vise as well as global versus local markets
- Manage risk using term contracts, hedging and risk versus reward
- Employ performance measures covering benchmark margin analysis, model validation and back-casting

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 refinery operational economics, planning and profitability. Planning engineers, process engineers, production engineers, scheduling engineers, marketing engineers and estimation engineers will definitely benefit from the practical approach of the course. Finance managers, commercial managers, estimation managers, section heads, supervisors and refineries/process plant consultants will gain an excellent knowledge from the operational aspects of this 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

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. Mohammad Hamami, is a **Senior Process Engineer** with an extensive practical experience within the **Oil, Gas, Refinery, Petrochemical** and **Power** industries. His experience covers **Clean Fuel Technology & Standards, Clean Fuel Specification, Emission Regulation, Crude Oil Production, Desulphurization, Synthesis Gas Production, Naphtha Isomerization, Diesel Fuel Additives, Storage Tanks Filtration, Fuel Quality Inspection, Process Plant Troubleshooting & Engineering Problem Solving, Process Equipment Operation, Process Plant Operation, Process Plant Start-up & Commissioning, Process Plant Optimization, Oil & Gas Field Operation, Oil Movement, Storage & Troubleshooting, Petroleum Refinery Process, Process Reactor Operation & Troubleshooting, LPG Oil & Gas Operation & Troubleshooting, Crude Oil & LNG Storage, LNG & LPG Plants Gas Processing, Refinery Process Operations Technology, Liquid Bulk Cargo Handling, Gas Conditioning & Processing Technology, Distillation Column Design & Operation and Gasoline & Diesel Fuel Technology**. Further he is also well-versed in **Refinery Operational Economics & Profitability, Aromatics Manufacturing Process, Hydrogen Production Operation, Steam Reforming Technology, Gas Treating, Hydro-treating & Hydro-Cracking, Catalyst Material Handling, Gas Sweetening & Sulfur Recovery, Hydro Carbon Dew Point (HCDP) Control, Heat Exchangers & Fired Heaters, Amine Gas Sweetening, Plastic Additives Selection & Application, Crude & Vacuum Process Technology, Flare & Pressure Relief Systems, Stock Management & Tank Dipping Calculation, NGL Recovery & Fractionation, Refrigerant & NGL Extraction and Catalytic Cracking & Reforming**.

During his long professional career, Mr. Mohammad worked as a **Refinery Manager, Operations Manager, Section Head/Superintendent** and **Process Engineer** for **Process Units, Utilities & Oil Movement** in various companies. He has been responsible for a number of **technological-driven world-scale hydrocarbon processing projects** from **beginning to successful start-up**.

Mr. Mohammad has a **Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering**. He is an **active member** of the **American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE)** and has presented **technical papers** at its **several national meetings**. He has largely participated in the **start-up of seven world-scale process plants** which made him an **International Expert in Process Plant Start-Up and Oil Movement** and a **Certified Instructor/Trainer**

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.

Accommodation

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



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, 16th of November 2025

0730 – 0800	Registration & Coffee
0800 – 0815	Welcome & Introduction
0815 – 0830	PRE-TEST
0830 – 0900	Concepts of Operational Profitability Gross Refining Margin (GRM) • Net Refining Margin • Contribution Margin
0900 – 0930	Refinery Configuration Topping • Hydroskimming • Cracking (FCC & Hydrocracking)
0930 – 0945	Break
0945 – 1215	Refinery Configuration (cont'd) Full Conversion (Coking) • Niche Products (Lubes, Asphalt, Solvents, Aromatics, other Petrochemicals)
1215 – 1230	Break
1230 – 1420	Case Study
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, 17th of November 2025

0730 – 0930	Planning Objectives Production Plans (Unit Operating Goals, Blending Operations) • Feedstock Selection • Feasibility • Optimality (Minimum Cost, Maximum Profit)
0930 – 0945	Break
0945 – 1100	Planning Objectives (cont'd) Optimal Product Mix • Marginal Economics • Investment Opportunities • Planning versus Scheduling
1100 – 1215	Planning Tools Blending Methods (Linear (Volume/Weight), Blending Indices, Interaction Coefficients) • Process Models (Fixed Yield, Operational Modes, Simulation)
1215 – 1230	Break



1230 – 1420	Planning Tools (cont'd) Modeling Tools (Simple Stock Balances (Spreadsheet), Linear Programming (LP's), Feasibility, Linear Relationships, Non-Linear Programming (NLP's), Feasibility, Local Optima, Distributed Error Recursion & Integer Programming) ● Model Types (Blending, Single Refinery, Multi-Refinery and Distribution & Time Period)
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, 18th of November 2025

0730 – 0930	Key Crude & Product Qualities Sulfur & Gravity ● Other Properties
0930 – 0945	Break
0945 – 1100	Key Crude & Product Qualities (cont'd) Environmental Regulations
1100 – 1215	Crude & Product Pricing Pricing Basis (FOB, CIF & Import Parity)
1215 – 1230	Break
1230 – 1420	Case Study
1420 – 1430	Recap
1430	Lunch & End of Day Three

Day 4: Wednesday, 19th of November 2025

0730 – 0930	Practical Refinery Modeling Constructing a Simple LP ● The Real World is Non-Linear (The Pooling Problem, Delta-Base Modeling & Convexity Constraints) ● Marginal Values or Shadow Prices
0930 – 0945	Break
0945 – 1100	Practical Refinery Modeling (cont'd) Crude Ranking & Evaluation ● Weight versus Volume Basis
1100 – 1215	Market Dynamics The Supply-Demand Vise ● Global versus Local Markets
1215 – 1230	Break
1230 – 1420	Case Study
1420 – 1430	Recap
1430	Lunch & End of Day Four

Day 5: Thursday, 20th of November 2025

0730 – 0930	Managing Risk Term Contracts ● Hedging (Futures & Arbitrage) ● Risk versus Reward
0930 – 0945	Break
0945 – 1100	Performance Measures Benchmark Margin Analysis ● Model Validation
1100 – 1215	Performance Measures (cont'd) Back-Casting ● "The Farmer & the Bale of Hay"
1215 – 1230	Break



1230 – 1345	Case Study
1345 – 1400	Course Conclusion
1400 – 1415	POST-TEST
1415 – 1430	<i>Presentation of Course Certificates</i>
1430	<i>Lunch & End of Course</i>

Practical Sessions

This practical and highly-interactive course includes real-life case studies and exercises:-



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