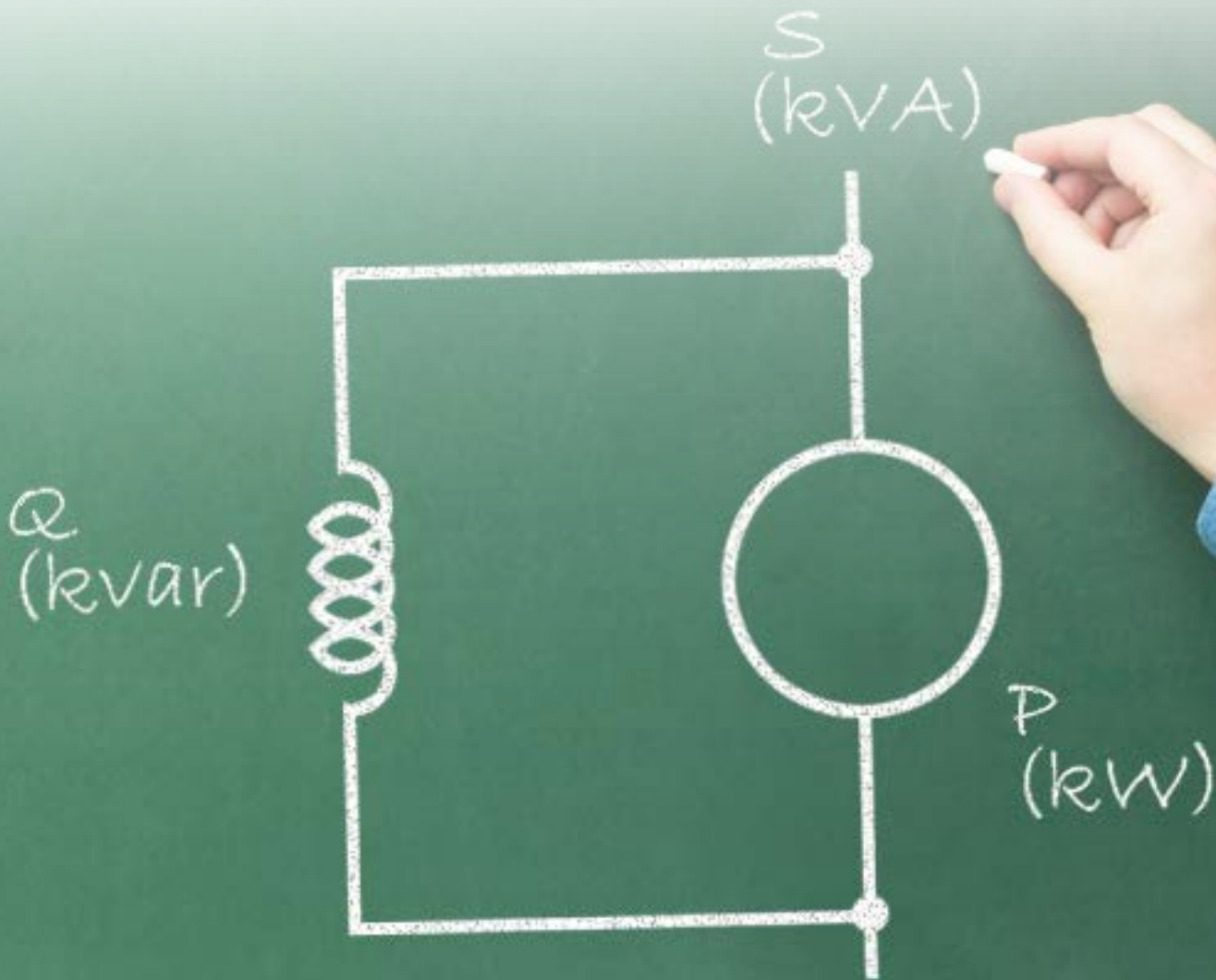


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## OVERVIEW

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In today's power grid, reactive power causes more blackouts than poor damping and energy instability combined. Reactive power problems are more severe for heavily loaded transmission systems and when equipment with high demands for reactive power, such as wind turbines and arc furnaces, are utilized. The cyclic nature of reactive power in some equipment adds more challenges for utility engineers when classic solutions cannot effectively address the problem.

This course is designed to cover the concept of reactive power, its impact on system losses and grid voltage, the concept of voltage collapse, the planning of reactive power, the cyclic problem of reactive power, and classic and advanced methods for compensating for reactive power in utility systems.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

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- Utility technicians and engineers
- Field technicians and engineers
- Manufacturing technicians and engineers
- System operators
- Maintenance crew and engineers
- Energy producers technicians and engineers
- Consultants and researchers in conventional and renewable energy

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

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- Concepts of AC systems
- Real and reactive powers
- Power factor of loads
- Consumption and production of reactive power
- The link between reactive power and system voltage
- Voltage collapse
- The impact of reactive power on utility grids and loads
- The cyclic reactive power and voltage flickers
- Methods to compensate for system reactive power and improvement of power factor
- Regulations and compliances



*Dr. El-Sharkawi presents voltage stability issues and control in an easy-to-understand for engineers and utility professionals. He successfully marries the mathematics with practical applications well."*

Electrical Engineer, BPA



*This course will teach you an in-depth understanding of reactive power and how it has been controlled."*

– Principal Engineer, PacifiCorp

## AGENDA

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Thursday, January 29, 2015

**8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Course Timing**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Group Luncheon**

**AC systems**

**Real and reactive powers**

**Power factor**

**Inductive and capacitive loads**

**Voltage problems associated with excessive reactive powers (poor power factor)**

**Impact of reactive power on utility grids and loads**

- Transmission losses
- Voltage deviation
- Voltage collapse

**The cyclic reactive power and voltage flickers**

- Industrial loads
- Renewable energy systems

**Reactive power production at power plants**

**Reactive power control at power plants**

Friday, January 30, 2015

**8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast**

**8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Course Timing**

**Reactive power control at the grid**

- Fixed reactive power compensations
- Adaptive reactive power compensation (STATCOM, SVC, etc.)
- Synchronous condenser
- FACTS

**Regulations of voltage and power factor**



*Material was presented in a way that can be understood by many levels of knowledge in the electrical field."*

– Special Tester,  
Portland General Electric

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## INSTRUCTOR

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### Mohamed A. El-Sharkawi / Fellow / IEEE

Mohamed A. El-Sharkawi received his Ph.D. in electrical engineering from the University of British Columbia in 1980. That same year, he became a faculty member at the University of Washington, where he is presently a professor of electrical engineering. He has also served as associate chair and as chairman of the Office of Graduate Studies and Research.

During the past 30 years, Mohamed has taught courses on power systems, electric safety, transmission lines, electromagnetic transients, electric drives, and power electronics. He has organized and chaired numerous conferences, panels, and special sessions in IEEE and other professional organizations. He has published over 200 papers and book chapters in his research areas and holds five licensed patents. He has authored three textbooks, *Fundamentals of Electric Drives*, *Electric Safety: Practice and standards*, and *Electric Energy: An Introduction*.

## INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

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The instructors will use PowerPoint presentations, group discussions and classroom exercises for course instruction.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF PROGRAM

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Participants must sign in/out each day, be in attendance for the entirety of the course to be eligible for IACET continuing education credit.

## IACET CREDITS

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EUCI is authorized by IACET to offer 1.0 CEUs for the course.

## EVENT LOCATION

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## REGISTER 3 SEND 4TH FREE

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Any organization wishing to send multiple attendees to these conferences may send 1 FREE for every 3 delegates registered. Please note that all registrations must be made at the same time to qualify.

## PROCEEDINGS

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The proceedings of the course will be published, and one copy will be distributed to each registrant at the course.



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## EVENT LOCATION

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## PLEASE REGISTER THE FOLLOWING

- REACTIVE POWER, VOLTAGE STABILITY, AND CONTROL**  
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EARLY BIRD ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 16, 2015: US \$1195

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