



OIL AND GAS | OG-068

Upstream Oil and Gas for Non-Technical Professionals

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Why Attend

Many people in the oil and gas industry work in finance, HR, legal, procurement, IT and administration without a technical background. Understanding how the upstream business works helps them contribute more effectively and communicate with technical colleagues.

This Aractech course explains the upstream life cycle from exploration to abandonment in clear language: how oil and gas are found, drilled, developed and produced, how reserves are estimated, how projects are evaluated, and how contracts, fiscal terms and economics shape decisions. No technical background is required.

Course Methodology

- Clear, non-technical presentations
- Videos and visuals
- Simple exercises
- Case studies
- Group discussions

Course Objectives

- Describe the upstream oil and gas life cycle
- Understand exploration, drilling and production basics
- Explain reserves and resources
- Understand field development and project decisions
- Understand contracts, fiscal terms and economics
- Communicate effectively with technical teams

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Target Audience

- Finance, HR and legal professionals in oil and gas
- Procurement and supply chain staff
- IT and administrative staff
- Government officials

Course outline

Detailed course outline

Day-by-day outline for Upstream Oil and Gas for Non-Technical Professionals.

Day 1 - The Upstream Industry

- 09:00-09:39 | Oil and gas in the energy mix
- 09:39-10:18 | Industry structure
- 10:18-10:57 | Upstream life cycle
- 10:57-11:00 | Key players
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-12:05 | Key players (continued)
- 12:05-12:43 | Industry terminology
- 12:43-14:00 | Exercise: Industry map

Day 2 - Exploration and Appraisal

- 09:00-09:39 | Petroleum geology basics
- 09:39-10:18 | Seismic
- 10:18-10:57 | Exploration wells
- 10:57-11:00 | Appraisal
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-12:05 | Appraisal (continued)
- 12:05-12:43 | Risk
- 12:43-14:00 | Case study: A discovery

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Day 3 - Drilling and Development

- 09:00-09:39 | Drilling basics
- 09:39-10:18 | Well completion
- 10:18-10:57 | Field development options
- 10:57-11:00 | Facilities
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-12:05 | Facilities (continued)
- 12:05-12:43 | Project phases
- 12:43-14:00 | Exercise: Development concept

Day 4 - Production and Operations

- 09:00-09:39 | Production processes
- 09:39-10:18 | Reservoir management
- 10:18-10:57 | Maintenance
- 10:57-11:00 | HSE
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-12:05 | HSE (continued)
- 12:05-12:43 | Decommissioning
- 12:43-14:00 | Exercise: Production profile

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Day 5 - Commercial Aspects

- 09:00-09:45 | Contracts and fiscal terms
- 09:45-10:30 | Project economics
- 10:30-11:00 | Reserves reporting
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-11:45 | Reserves reporting (continued)
- 11:45-12:30 | Energy transition
- 12:30-13:15 | Careers and collaboration
- 13:15-14:00 | Capstone: Upstream business review

Seminar dates

Available seminar dates

Live dates and pricing for Upstream Oil and Gas for Non-Technical Professionals generated from the course details page.

Date	Location	Format	Fee
16 - 20 November 2026	London	Classroom	€2,315
7 - 11 December 2026	Amsterdam	Classroom	€2,830
21 - 25 December 2026	Paris	Classroom	€3,825
11 - 15 January 2027	Munich	Classroom	€3,225
8 - 12 February 2027	London	Classroom	€2,315
8 - 12 March 2027	Kuala lumpur	Classroom	€1,925
12 - 16 April 2027	London	Classroom	€2,315
10 - 14 May 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	€2,815
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