

AEROSPACE

SHORT COURSES

Fundamental Avionics (AERO0310)

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Course Description

This course provides a very broad overview of avionics. It covers the historical evolution of the avionics industry and usage of avionics to the present day. This gives the student an understanding of why avionics is what it is today, in addition to understanding how it works. The course covers legacy systems still in use and the latest state-of-the-art systems currently being installed. The avionics environment is an important part of this course. In the context of this course, "environment" refers not only to the physical environment of pressure, temperature, vibration, etc. but the regulatory environment. Systems are an important part of this course, and system communications and assessment are covered. This course introduces the student to the unique language of avionics (abbreviations, terms and acronyms) and connects these terms to the systems they represent.

Learning Objectives

- The evolution of the industry and the need for regulation, standards, certification, etc. for safe and effective avionics
- The basic foundation of navigation and the need for navigation aids that allow safe flight in reduced visibility conditions
- The science of radio signals, generation and transmission to provide signals-in-space for navigation
- The need for airborne communications and the necessary systems
- Understand space-based navigation and its role in present and future navigation

Who Should Attend?

This course is for engineers and technicians involved with avionics but may not have attended formal courses in avionics. It would also suit those who work in a specific area of avionics and who would benefit from learning the latest developments in areas outside of their discipline or a brush-up on basics.

Course Highlights

- A very comprehensive overview of avionics from the early years to the present
- Covers the fundamentals of navigation, communications and surveillance
- Explains the roles of world-wide regulatory and advisory groups
- Introduces future systems currently under development and equipage

- Special emphasis on satellite-based navigation; the backbone of future navigation and surveillance
- Covers safety assessment and human factors as associated with avionics systems

Course Outline

Day One

- Early history of aviation and wireless
- History of regulatory and advisory bodies
- Establishment of the World-wide Airspace System
- Federal Aviation Regulations, FAR
- European regulatory and advisory agencies
- Introduction to radio navigation
- Antennas and radio beams
- Non-directional beacon
- VHF Omni range, VOR
- Distance measuring, DME
- TACAN

Day Two

- Hyperbolic Navigation, LORAN, multi-lateration
- Landing Systems, ILS
- Radar altimeter
- Ground proximity warning systems
- Terrain Awareness and Warning System, TAWS
- Satellite navigation
- Global positioning system, GPS

Day Three

- Secondary radar, Mode A/C, Mode S
- Collision avoidance, TCAS
- Automatic Dependent Surveillance, Broadcast, ADS-B
- Weather radar
- Lightning detection
- Airborne communication
- Aeronautical telecommunications network, ATN
- Data buses/networking, ARINC 429, Mil 1553, AFDX
- Compass/gyros
- Air data systems

Day Four

- Inertial navigation
- Laser gyros

- Random Navigation, RNAV
- Required Navigation Performance, RNP Displays
- Human factors
- Electromagnetic compatibility
- High intensity radiated fields, HIRF
- Lightning effects

Day Five

- Airborne environment, DO-160
- Failure analysis
- Safety assessment
- Design assurance levels
- Reliability prediction, MIL-HDBK 217
- Software considerations, DO-178
- Hardware considerations, DO-254
- Flight data recorder
- Cockpit voice recorder
- Reliability and safety analysis

Classroom hours / CEUs

35 classroom hours

3.5 CEUs

Certificate Track

Avionics and Avionic Components

Course Fees

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Instructor Bio

Albert Helfrick is Professor Emeritus and former chair of the electrical and systems engineering department at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Previously, he was director of engineering for Tel-Instrument Electronics, a manufacturer of avionics test equipment. Before entering academia, he was a self-employed consulting engineer for four years where he and his company designed fire and security systems, consumer items and avionics. He has more than 50 years of experience in various areas of engineering including communications, navigation, precision testing and measurement, radar and security systems. He performed radiation hardening on military avionics, designed test equipment for the emerging cable television industry, designed general aviation avionics for Cessna Aircraft and precision parameter measuring and magnetic systems for Dowty Industries. Helfrick is the author of 12 books, numerous contributions to encyclopedias, handbooks and other collections. He has more than 100 technical papers and presentations, served as an expert witness in a number of civil cases and testified before Congress. He holds five U.S. patents, is a registered professional engineer in New Jersey, a Life Senior Member of the IEEE, and an associate fellow of the AIAA. Helfrick has received the AIAA Dr. John Ruth Digital Avionics award. He holds a B.S. in physics from Upsala College, M.S. in mathematics from New Jersey Institute of Technology and a Ph.D. in applied science from Clayton University.

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