



Satellites in Broadcasting

This course has been developed from both our Basic SNG Operations Course (run for over more than a decade) and satellite communications courses we have delivered to companies within industry over many years. The course has been broadened to meet the demand for training with a wider application in the use of satellites in broadcasting, from SNG contribution to Direct-To-Home distribution.

Our public courses have proven very popular, helping a number of delegates obtain employment in industry. The training we deliver is widely respected and we are supported by several major satellite operators, service providers, and equipment manufacturers.

Aimed at absolute beginners to those with intermediate level experience, no prior knowledge is assumed before taking this course. Delegates will typically come from the following backgrounds:

- Broadcast technical staff
- Control Room staff
- Managers
- Planners/Schedulers
- Satellite operator staff
- Craft practitioners (Cameraman/Picture editor/Sound operator)
- Manufacturers' sales staff
- UK Military leavers wishing to start a career in broadcasting by satellite

*“Terrific value
for money ... my
company will
quickly recoup
the investment.”*

Our four day course for up to six participants will equip delegates with the theoretical and practical knowledge to understand the processes involved in uplinking and downlinking signals within the broadcasting environment. Delegates will not only learn the theory behind the subject but also undertake basic operations of a satellite uplink and downlink, based on using a transportable satellite uplink.

We deliberately keep the number of delegates restricted to no more than six to maximize the tutor/student contact time, and so that everyone has the benefit of undertaking at least one if not several live transmissions.

The first two days of the course cover the theory of use of satellites in broadcasting, delivered in a digestible format - even for those from a non-technical background. We look at the technology and principal components that make up broadcast satellite uplink & downlink systems for both contribution and distribution.

On days 3 & 4, the course continues with a number of practical exercises designed to reinforce and expand on the theory learnt.

*“Beautiful venue
... lovely food ...
great atmosphere
for learning as a
beginner.”*

Course Syllabus

Theory

Introduction to satellites

- History of Satellites
- Satellite Orbits
- Types of satellite & launching satellites
- Use in broadcasting (contribution & distribution)

Satellite Configuration

- Frequency bands used (L, C, Ku, DBS & Ka)
- Uplink & Downlink frequencies
- Polarization
- Transponders – organization and usage
- Link Budget – overview

System Principles Overview

- Broadcast Video & Audio
- MPEG Compression & Encoding
- Multiplexing channels
- DTH Transmission
- Encryption of signals
- Conditional access
- IP connectivity for Ka-band
- DVB Modulation & FEC
- Upconverters
- Amplifiers
- Antennas
- Link Performance
- Monitoring & Communications

Working with Satellites

- Frequency Parameters
- Using a Spectrum Analyzer
- LNBS & Calculating receive frequencies
- Finding & identifying satellites - carriers, beacons & polarisation
- Interference – identifying and avoidance, carrier ID

Accessing Satellites

- Satellite Control Centres and their role
- How to access the satellite
- Protocols, alignment, routine tests etc.
- ‘Talk up’ & ‘Talk down’ procedures
- Site surveys & safety for SNG operations

Practicals

- Practical exercises using a manually-operated Ku-band uplink/downlink terminal
- Uplink/downlink station assembly, techniques in finding satellites, alignment, and receiving and transmitting to different satellites.
- Using a spectrum analyser
- Use of a Ka-band IP terminal
- Demonstration of a working SNG vehicle



Course Details

Cost: On application

Included: All tuition, course materials, refreshments, and lunches over the four days

Excluded: Overnight accommodation and transportation

Qualification: Throughout the course, delegates will be continuously assessed, and provided they reach the required standard will each receive a Certificate of Competency on completion.

Prerequisites for attending course: NONE

Sample Course Preview - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8YzqAZ-9ac> (note this is for our Basic SNG Ops course, which is the forerunner to this course)

Location: University of Bedfordshire, Putteridge Bury Conference Centre, Hitchin Road, Luton LU2 8LE, UK (or potentially at your Company location).

The Putteridge Bury Conference Centre is just 10 minutes from London Luton airport and Luton train station.



Booking Enquiries: please email training@beaconseek.com to enquire further, or call +44 (0)1582 842717

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