Offshore Production Systems and Operations Leadership

GExperts Learning Academy | PC-X01 | PC | 12-18 weeks

Course overview

12-18 weeks PC programme focused on Offshore Production Systems and Operations Leadership, using energy-sector cases and applied decisions.

Designed for: Experienced professionals

Learning outcomes

- Explain core principles and terminology for Offshore Production Systems and Operations Leadership.
- Interpret an applied case using evidence and stated assumptions.
- Identify risks, safeguards, role boundaries and escalation points.
- Prepare a clear recommendation for a multidisciplinary audience.

Course guide

Work through each module objective, lesson and teaching note, complete the applied activity and assessment, then use the separate Academy practice page for practice questions and answer feedback.

Separate practice questions:
https://www.globalexpertsconsultoria.com/training/academy/courses/questions/?course=PC-X01

Academic and certification status

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Module 1: Offshore Production Systems and Operations Leadership: Core Co

Learning objectives

- Explain offshore production systems and operations leadership: core concepts, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Offshore Production Systems and Operations Leadership: Core Concepts
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Offshore Production Systems and Operations Leadership

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Offshore Production Systems and Operations Leadership: Core Concepts describes a practical part of Offshore Production Systems and Operations Leadership. Learners connect the principles to asset performance, people, operational risk, project value and local context.

Decision logic. Review the objective, evidence, limits, interfaces and applicable controls for offshore production systems and operations leadership: core concepts. Decisions require current information, role-appropriate authority, competent review and documented assumptions.

Worked example. Use an applied Namibia-relevant case in which a team plans offshore production systems and operations leadership: core concepts while balancing safety, integrity, schedule, cost, environmental protection and local capability.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Prepare a decision brief for offshore production systems and operations leadership: core concepts: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

Model answer guide. A sound response defines scope; uses current, traceable evidence; applies approved requirements and controls; records assumptions; assigns competent owners; checks interfaces; and communicates a measurable decision with an escalation path.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Prepare a decision brief for offshore production systems and operations leadership: core concepts: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

Summative: Applied decision brief or practical case assessed against the rubric; proposed pass mark 70%, subject to academic approval.

Practice

Use the separate Academy practice questions and answer key page for this module.

Module 2: Separation gas processing and utilities

Learning objectives

- Explain separation gas processing and utilities, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Separation gas processing and utilities
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Offshore Production Systems and Operations Leadership

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Production fluids are separated into oil, gas and water streams before further treatment. Gas compression, dehydration, oil stabilisation and utilities support product specifications and safe operation. Explain process flow diagrams before introducing instrument-level drawings.

Decision logic. Mass balance links input, output and accumulation. A bottleneck in power, cooling or compression can limit oil production. Product quality, emissions and integrity constrain throughput. Actual settings and alarm responses must follow approved procedures.

Worked example. A separator receives 100 mass units/hour; 55 leave as oil, 20 as gas and 25 as water, with no accumulation.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Reconcile a second balance with a missing stream and discuss measurement uncertainty.

Model answer guide. Total output plus accumulation must equal input; unexplained imbalance requires data checking.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Reconcile a second balance with a missing stream and discuss measurement uncertainty.

Assessment

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Practice

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Module 3: Production optimisation

Learning objectives

- Explain production optimisation, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Production optimisation
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Offshore Production Systems and Operations Leadership

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Production optimisation considers reservoir inflow, wellbore outflow, gathering network and facilities together. Nodal analysis examines pressure balance across the system. The best local setting may overload shared equipment or harm recovery.

Decision logic. Use constraints and marginal value to prioritise opportunities. Validate meter quality before changing settings. Changes require operating review and controlled implementation; the classroom does not authorise adjustments to live wells or control systems.

Worked example. Opening one fictional well increases its rate but exceeds separator capacity, reducing total stable production.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Identify the system bottleneck and compare two constrained operating cases.

Model answer guide. Optimise total safe value and honour facility limits, rather than maximising each well independently.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Identify the system bottleneck and compare two constrained operating cases.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

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Practice

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Module 4: Offshore Production Systems and Operations Leadership: Evidenc

Learning objectives

- Explain offshore production systems and operations leadership: evidence and decision gates, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Offshore Production Systems and Operations Leadership: Evidence and Decision Gates
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Offshore Production Systems and Operations Leadership

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Offshore Production Systems and Operations Leadership: Evidence and Decision Gates describes a practical part of Offshore Production Systems and Operations Leadership. Learners connect the principles to asset performance, people, operational risk, project value and local context.

Decision logic. Review the objective, evidence, limits, interfaces and applicable controls for offshore production systems and operations leadership: evidence and decision gates. Decisions require current information, role-appropriate authority, competent review and documented assumptions.

Worked example. Use an applied Namibia-relevant case in which a team plans offshore production systems and operations leadership: evidence and decision gates while balancing safety, integrity, schedule, cost, environmental protection and local capability.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Prepare a decision brief for offshore production systems and operations leadership: evidence and decision gates: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

Model answer guide. A sound response defines scope; uses current, traceable evidence; applies approved requirements and controls; records assumptions; assigns competent owners; checks interfaces; and communicates a measurable decision with an escalation path.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Prepare a decision brief for offshore production systems and operations leadership: evidence and decision gates: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

Summative: Applied decision brief or practical case assessed against the rubric; proposed pass mark 70%, subject to academic approval.

Practice

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Module 5: Well control and barrier management

Learning objectives

- Explain well control and barrier management, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Well control and barrier management
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Offshore Production Systems and Operations Leadership

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. A barrier system prevents unintended fluid flow. Show primary and secondary barrier envelopes and the need for defined performance standards. Recognising indications, reporting promptly and following the authorised well-control programme are distinct from being certified to operate equipment.

Decision logic. Teach barrier status with evidence, not equipment names alone. An installed component may be unavailable, untested or outside its operating envelope. Barrier changes require controlled review. No live well-control drill or shut-in sequence is prescribed by this awareness content.

Worked example. A component appears on the drawing, but its required test record is missing. Treat its verified availability as unresolved.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Construct a barrier-status register from a fictional well diagram.

Model answer guide. Record function, verification, owner, limitation and escalation; do not mark an unverified barrier healthy.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Construct a barrier-status register from a fictional well diagram.

Assessment

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Practice

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Module 6: Flow assurance

Learning objectives

- Explain flow assurance, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Flow assurance
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Offshore Production Systems and Operations Leadership

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Flow assurance manages the ability to transport fluids through operating and transient conditions. Hydrates, wax, scale, corrosion and slugging can threaten performance. Explain the pressure-temperature-composition relationship qualitatively with a cooling pipeline sketch.

Decision logic. Assess startup, shutdown and restart as well as steady operation. Chemical treatment, insulation and operating strategies interact with facilities and environmental constraints. Classroom discussion does not prescribe inhibitor doses or live restart sequences.

Worked example. A pipeline flows normally when warm but cools during a long shutdown, changing restart risk.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Build a flow-assurance risk register for normal operation and shutdown.

Model answer guide. Include fluid data, thermal history, safeguards, monitoring and an authorised specialist review before restart.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Build a flow-assurance risk register for normal operation and shutdown.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

Summative: Applied decision brief or practical case assessed against the rubric; proposed pass mark 70%, subject to academic approval.

Practice

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Module 7: Offshore Production Systems and Operations Leadership: Applied

Learning objectives

- Explain offshore production systems and operations leadership: applied case, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Offshore Production Systems and Operations Leadership: Applied Case
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Offshore Production Systems and Operations Leadership

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Offshore Production Systems and Operations Leadership: Applied Case describes a practical part of Offshore Production Systems and Operations Leadership. Learners connect the principles to asset performance, people, operational risk, project value and local context.

Decision logic. Review the objective, evidence, limits, interfaces and applicable controls for offshore production systems and operations leadership: applied case. Decisions require current information, role-appropriate authority, competent review and documented assumptions.

Worked example. Use an applied Namibia-relevant case in which a team plans offshore production systems and operations leadership: applied case while balancing safety, integrity, schedule, cost, environmental protection and local capability.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Prepare a decision brief for offshore production systems and operations leadership: applied case: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

Model answer guide. A sound response defines scope; uses current, traceable evidence; applies approved requirements and controls; records assumptions; assigns competent owners; checks interfaces; and communicates a measurable decision with an escalation path.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Prepare a decision brief for offshore production systems and operations leadership: applied case: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

Summative: Applied decision brief or practical case assessed against the rubric; proposed pass mark 70%, subject to academic approval.

Practice

Use the separate Academy practice questions and answer key page for this module.

Module 8: Production readiness and marine assurance

Learning objectives

- Explain production readiness and marine assurance, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Production readiness and marine assurance
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Offshore Production Systems and Operations Leadership

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Operational readiness brings people, procedures, equipment, spares, assurance and emergency arrangements together before service. Marine assurance addresses vessel capability, condition and interfaces for the intended task. Treat readiness as evidence-based acceptance.

Decision logic. Use independent challenge and clear ownership of exceptions. Operational teams must accept the asset with known limitations and an approved response. A dashboard with all green cells is unreliable if supporting records are missing or outdated.

Worked example. A readiness review shows trained staff but no tested spare-parts supply route for a critical pump.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Create a readiness dossier and a conditions-to-close register.

Model answer guide. Include maintenance, spares, competence, emergency drills and marine interfaces with accountable owners.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Create a readiness dossier and a conditions-to-close register.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

Summative: Applied decision brief or practical case assessed against the rubric; proposed pass mark 70%, subject to academic approval.

Practice

Use the separate Academy practice questions and answer key page for this module.

Module 9: Safety and project leadership

Learning objectives

- Explain safety and project leadership, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Safety and project leadership
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Offshore Production Systems and Operations Leadership

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Leadership sets priorities through decisions, resources and response to bad news. Explain the difference between stated values and incentives that reward unsafe shortcuts. Leaders need clear delegation, listening and evidence-based challenge.

Decision logic. Use leading indicators tied to important barriers and delivery outcomes. Review overdue actions and organisational capacity, not just aggregate counts. Encourage escalation and resolve conflicting objectives openly. Authority remains accountable even when tasks are delegated.

Worked example. A manager requests schedule recovery while critical tests are incomplete. The team must resolve priorities explicitly.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Write a leadership response and a 30-day improvement plan.

Model answer guide. Require safe sequencing, resources, action owners and follow-up; do not reward concealment of incomplete work.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Write a leadership response and a 30-day improvement plan.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

Summative: Applied decision brief or practical case assessed against the rubric; proposed pass mark 70%, subject to academic approval.

Practice

Use the separate Academy practice questions and answer key page for this module.

Module 10: Offshore Production Systems and Operations Leadership: Compe

Learning objectives

- Explain offshore production systems and operations leadership: competence review, interpret a case, select appropriate controls and justify a documented decision.

Lessons

1. Purpose and key terms of Offshore Production Systems and Operations Leadership: Competence Review
2. Systems and operating context
3. Evidence, assumptions and decision gates
4. Hazards, safeguards and escalation
5. Applied case: Offshore Production Systems and Operations Leadership

Detailed teaching notes

Teaching notes

Core explanation. Offshore Production Systems and Operations Leadership: Competence Review describes a practical part of Offshore Production Systems and Operations Leadership. Learners connect the principles to asset performance, people, operational risk, project value and local context.

Decision logic. Review the objective, evidence, limits, interfaces and applicable controls for offshore production systems and operations leadership: competence review. Decisions require current information, role-appropriate authority, competent review and documented assumptions.

Worked example. Use an applied Namibia-relevant case in which a team plans offshore production systems and operations leadership: competence review while balancing safety, integrity, schedule, cost, environmental protection and local capability.

Facilitator prompts. Ask learners to distinguish verified facts from assumptions, identify who has decision authority, name stop-work triggers and state what evidence could change their recommendation. Compare technical, HSE, commercial and community perspectives.

Activity. Prepare a decision brief for offshore production systems and operations leadership: competence review: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

Model answer guide. A sound response defines scope; uses current, traceable evidence; applies approved requirements and controls; records assumptions; assigns competent owners; checks interfaces; and communicates a measurable decision with an escalation path.

Assessment evidence. Score accuracy (30%), use of evidence (20%), safeguards (20%), analysis (20%) and communication (10%).

Applied activity

Prepare a decision brief for offshore production systems and operations leadership: competence review: scope, evidence, assumptions, hazards, safeguards, owner, decision gate and escalation trigger.

Assessment

Formative: 10-question practice quiz with answer feedback

Summative: Applied decision brief or practical case assessed against the rubric; proposed pass mark 70%, subject to academic approval.

Practice

Use the separate Academy practice questions and answer key page for this module.

Facilitator close-out and resources

Facilitator close-out

Record attendance, assessment evidence, learner support needs, incidents and improvement actions according to approved provider processes. Do not sign learners off for regulated or safety-critical work without the authorised assessment and certification route.

Resources and references

- Supplied GExperts/IUM reference materials; verify reuse rights and currentness.
- Current applicable Namibian legislation, standards and approved site procedures supplied by the provider.
- Case worksheet and instructor slides must be produced and reviewed before course release.