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Introduction

This intermediate-to-advanced course provides a practical understanding of modern traffic signal systems and their role in traffic management and road safety.

The course covers signalized intersections, traffic-flow analysis, signal planning and control, Intelligent Transportation Systems ITS, real-time traffic information, data analysis, simulation and evaluation of signal-control scenarios. Participants will apply the concepts through computer-based practical exercises and an integrated case study.

Course Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Understand modern traffic signal systems and their applications.
- Analyse traffic conditions at signalized intersections.
- Understand signal planning, control and operational considerations.
- Evaluate traffic-flow conditions at signalized intersections.
- Compare alternative signal-control scenarios.
- Understand ITS integration with traffic signal systems.
- Use traffic data to support signal-management decisions.
- Apply simulation and analytical approaches to signal performance.
- Evaluate traffic safety and operational implications of signal strategies.

Course Outlines:

Day 1 - Fundamentals of Modern Traffic Signal Systems

- Principles and functions of traffic signal systems.
- Signalized intersections and traffic control.
- Traffic signals within integrated traffic management.
- Signal-related road safety considerations.
- Modern traffic control and signal technologies.



Day 2 - Traffic Signal Planning and Control - Practical Application

- Traffic flow at signalized intersections.
- Signal timing and operational considerations.
- Traffic demand and intersection assessment.
- Signal-control alternatives.
- Practical Exercise: Analyse an existing signalized intersection, identify operational problems and evaluate alternative signal-control approaches.

Day 3 - Intelligent Traffic Signal Systems - Practical Application

- Intelligent Transportation Systems and traffic signals.
- Sensors and real-time traffic information.
- Technology-supported traffic management.
- Adaptive traffic-management concepts.
- Practical Exercise: Develop an improved signal-control scenario using traffic-demand and real-time traffic information.

Day 4 - Traffic Data, Simulation and Signal Performance - Practical Application

- Traffic data collection for signal management.
- Signal performance indicators.
- Traffic simulation and modelling.
- Evaluation of alternative signal scenarios.
- Practical Exercise: Compare existing and proposed signal scenarios using traffic data and simulation-based results.

Day 5 - Integrated Advanced Signal Management Case Study

- Developing an integrated traffic signal improvement strategy.
- Evaluating signalized intersection scenarios.
- Integrating traffic signals with traffic-management systems.
- Assessing traffic-flow, safety and operational implications.
- Integrated Case Study: Evaluate an existing signalized intersection and develop a technology-supported improvement scenario.



Why Attend This Course? Wins & Losses!

Wins:

- Improved understanding of modern traffic signal systems.
- Stronger signal planning and evaluation skills.
- Practical experience with signalized intersection scenarios.
- Better understanding of ITS and technology integration.
- Improved use of traffic data and simulation.
- Enhanced ability to evaluate signal-management alternatives.

Losses if Not Attended:

- Limited understanding of modern traffic signal technologies.
- Reduced ability to evaluate signal-control alternatives.
- Limited use of traffic data for signal management.
- Reduced understanding of ITS integration.
- Less effective assessment of signalized traffic operations.

Conclusion:

This course combines theoretical knowledge with practical application to develop participants' understanding of modern traffic signal systems, traffic-flow analysis, signal control, ITS, data analysis and simulation. It enables participants to evaluate signalized traffic scenarios and support safer and more efficient traffic management.

Frequently Asked Questions FAQ

1. Who should attend this course?

Traffic engineers, transportation engineers, traffic planners, road safety professionals and traffic-management specialists.

2. Is the course suitable for intermediate-level participants?

Yes. It begins with fundamental signal-system concepts and progresses toward advanced control, ITS, data analysis and simulation applications.

3. Does the course include practical exercises?

Yes. Days 2, 3 and 4 include computer-based practical exercises, followed by an integrated case study on Day 5.



4. Does the course cover Intelligent Transportation Systems ITS?

Yes. ITS and its integration with modern traffic signal systems are covered.

5. Does the course require a specific traffic signal software package?

No. The course focuses on signal-system concepts, analytical methods, simulation-based evaluation and technology-supported applications rather than a specific software vendor.

