



Introduction to UAV Training Course

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Introduction:

This introduction to unmanned aerial vehicle UAV program provides general and in-depth knowledge about the world of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles UAVs and drones by presenting a historical introduction to UAVs and a simplified entry into the world of manned and unmanned aircraft, helicopters, and drones.

The Introduction to Unmanned Aerial Vehicle UAV course will explore the different aspects of engines used in UAVs, illustrate the various UAV applications for civil and scientific purposes, and describe the processes of takeoff and landing for all types of unmanned aircraft.

Additionally, the Introduction to Unmanned Aerial Vehicle UAV course addresses how to mitigate the risks posed by drones, comply with regulations, and use UAV technology safely and responsibly. Participants will also learn about the engineering behind drone designs, manufacturing techniques, and the materials used in drone construction.

Targeted Groups:

- Safety and operations managers from airlines, airports, air navigation service providers ANSPs, civil aviation authorities CAAs, and aviation-related organizations.
- Air Traffic Control Officers ATCO.
- Operators of unmanned systems.
- Public Service departments Police/Fire.
- Small UAS for-profit operators.

Course Objectives:

At the end of this introduction to unmanned aerial vehicle UAV training course, participants will be able to:

- Gain knowledge about the components and subsystems of different types of UAV systems and their systems.
- Examine the advantages, UAV applications, and performance of various drones.
- Learn about the equipment used in UAV training, operations, launch, and control systems.
- Monitor the potential dangers of drones and strategies for UAV operations management.
- Explore UAV interceptors and jammers.
- Acquire a comprehensive understanding of UAV technology, its applications, and UAV design.

Targeted Competencies:

At the end of this introduction to the unmanned aerial vehicle UAV program, target competencies will be able to:

- Understand UAV components and technology.
- Know UAV regulations and safety protocols.
- Proficiency in UAV flight operations.
- Skills in UAV maintenance and troubleshooting.
- Ability to analyze UAV data and applications.
- Awareness of ethical considerations in UAV use.
- Capability to integrate UAVs into various industries.

Course Outline:

An in-depth analysis of UAV technology includes equipment, systems, UAV design, applications, sizes, manufacturing techniques, benefits, civilian and scientific UAV applications, and potential risks associated with drones.

Unit 1: General and Historical Introduction to Drones:

- The early beginnings and evolution of military drones.
- Development of drones in the 70s, 80s, & 90s.
- The rise of commercial drones.
- The popularization of hobby drones.
- Success stories in the commercial drone sector.
- Percepto and the evolution of autonomous drone technology.

Unit 2: Aerodynamics of Drones:

- The principles of vertical motion in UAVs.
- How do drones turn rotate?
- Movement in the forward and sideways directions.
- Role of computers in drone flight control.

Unit 3: UAV Propulsion Systems:

- Propulsion system configurations for various UAVs.
- Different types of fuel propulsion systems.
- Various engine types, including piston and turbo engines.
- Advanced engines like ramjets and their applications in UAV design.

Unit 4: Civil and Scientific Uses of Drones:

- Diverse types of UAV payload sensors.
- Applications of thermal detection in UAV technology.
- Utilization of multispectral cameras.
- The role of Light Detection and Ranging LiDAR in UAV applications.
- 3D modeling with UAVs: operating rules, regulations, and data processing.

Unit 5: Security Applications of Drones:

- Conduct remote patrols using UAVs.
- Gather actionable insights through unmanned aerial vehicle systems.
- Identify environmental hazards.
- Conduct search and rescue operations.
- Enhance surveillance capabilities with UAVs.
- Drone usage in monitoring traffic.
- UAVs in firefighting scenarios.

Unit 6: Anti-Drone Systems and Countermeasures:

- Protect infrastructures and utilities from UAV threats.
- Prevent contraband smuggling in correctional facilities.
- Security operations and counter-terrorism efforts using UAVs.
- Border security and preserving national sovereignty through UAV monitoring.
- Intelligence gathering via UAV program deployment.

Unit 7: Addressing UAV Challenges:

- Innovations like hydrogen fuel cells for UAVs.
- The IntuVue RDR-84K Radar and its impact on UAV design.
- Importance of the Inertial Measurement Unit in UAV stability.
- The role of small UAV SATCOM in unmanned aerial vehicle operations.