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	Before or On 04 March	After 04 March
Half-Day Lecture – Member	USD 292	USD 355
Half-Day Hands-on – Member	USD 355	USD 408
Half-Day Lecture – Non-Member	USD 372	USD 435
Half-Day Hands-on – Non-Member	USD 435	USD 509

*Short Courses are available onsite and in-person only

Schedule

Sunday, 30 March 2025

08:30 - 12:30

SC105 Modulation Formats and Receiver Concepts for Optical Transmission Systems

Instructors

Peter Winzer, *Nubis Communications, USA*

Vivian Chen, *Nokia Bell Labs, USA*

Course Level

Advanced Beginner

Topic Categories

S4

SC203 400, 800Gb/s and Beyond Optical Communications Systems: Design and Design Trade-offs

Instructors

Ezra Ip, *NEC Labs, USA*

Chongjin Xie, *PhotonicX AI, USA*

Course Level

Advanced Beginner

Topic Categories

S1, S5

SC395 Modeling and Simulation of Optical Transmitter and Receiver Components for Coherent Communications

Instructors

Harald Rohde, *Nokia, Germany*

Howard Wang, *Nokia, USA*

Course Level

Advanced Beginner to Intermediate

Topic Categories

S4

SC432 Hands-on: Silicon Photonics Components

Instructor

Lukas Chrostowski, *University of British Columbia, Canada*

Course Level

Intermediate

Topic Categories

D2, D3



SC461 High-capacity Data Center Interconnects for Cloud-scale Networking

Instructors

Dirk van den Borne, *Juniper Networks, Germany*

Sander L. Jansen, *ADVA Optical Networking, Germany*

Mark Filer, *Stealth Startup, USA*

Course Level

Beginner

Topic Categories

N1, S1

SC463 Optical Transport SDN: Architectures, Applications, and Actual Implementations

Instructors

Achim Autenrieth, *ADVA Optical Networking SE, Germany*

Jörg-Peter Elbers, *ADVA Optical Networking SE, Germany*

Course Level

Intermediate

Topic Categories

N1, N3

Review the topic categories and course descriptions for a deeper understanding of what each course offers.

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Short Course Topic Categories

Devices, Components and Fibers

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S1 Datacom Subsystems and Systems

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SC469 Hands-on: Laboratory Automation and Control Using Python

Instructors

Jochen Schröder, *Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden*
Binbin Guan, *Microsoft, USA*
Roland Ryf, *Nokia Bell Labs, USA*

Course Level

Beginner

Topic Categories

S5

SC470 Secure Optical Communications

Instructors

Andrew Shields, *Toshiba Research Labs, UK*
Helmut Griebner, *Adva Network Security, Germany*

Course Level

Beginner to Advanced Beginner

Topic Categories

S5

09:00 - 12:00

SC177 High-speed Semiconductor Lasers and Modulators

Instructor

John Bowers, *University of California, Santa Barbara, USA*

Course Level

Intermediate

Topic Categories

D3

SC359 Networking for Data Centers and Machine Learning

Instructors

Hong Liu, *Google, USA*
Ryohei Urata, *Google, USA*

Course Level

Beginner

Topic Categories

D1, N2

SC459 Multimode Photonic Devices, Characterization and Applications

Instructor

Nicolas Fontaine, *Nokia Bell Labs, USA*

Course Level

Advanced Beginner

Topic Categories

D5

13:00 - 16:00

SC408 Space Division Multiplexing for Optical Communication Systems and Networks

Instructor

Roland Ryf, *Nokia Bell Labs, USA*

Course Level

Advanced Beginner

Topic Categories

S4, S5

SC485 Advanced Fiber Access Networks

Instructors

Jun Shan Wey, *Verizon, USA*
Rajesh Yadav, *Verizon, USA*

Course Level

Intermediate

Topic Categories

N4

SC512 Modern Subsea Cable Systems

Instructor

Mei Du, *Tata Communications, USA*

Course Level

Advanced Beginner

Topic Categories

S3

13:00 - 17:00

SC267 Silicon Microphotonics: Technology Elements and the Roadmap to Implementation

Instructor

Lionel Kimerling, *MIT, USA*

Course Level

Beginner

Topic Categories

D2, D3

SC514 FEC Techniques for Optical Communications

Instructor

Georg Böcherer, *Huawei Technologies, Technical University of Munich, Germany*

Course Level

Beginner to Intermediate

Topic Categories

S2

13:30 - 17:30

SC216 An Introduction to Optical Network Design and Planning

Instructor

Thomas Strasser, *Molex, USA*

Course Level

Advanced Beginner

Topic Categories

N1, N3

SC384 Background Concepts of Optical Communication Systems

Instructor

Alan Willner, *University of Southern California, USA*

Course Level

Beginner

Topic Categories

S5

Schedule

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SC369 Hands-on: Test and Measurement for Coherent Optical Transceivers

Instructors

Fabio Pittala, *Keysight, Germany*
Michael Koenigsmann, *Keysight, Germany*

Course Level

Advanced Beginner

Topic Categories

S4

SC393 Digital Signal Processing for Coherent Optical Transceivers

Instructor

Chris Fludger, *Infinera, Germany*

Course Level

Intermediate

Topic Categories

S4

SC443 Optical Amplifiers: From Fundamental Principles to Technology Trends

Instructors

Peter Andrekson, *Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden*
Michael Vasilyev, *University of Texas, Arlington, USA*

Course Level

Beginner and Advanced Beginner

Topic Categories

S2



SC444 Emerging Optical Communication Technologies for F5G Evolution

Instructor

Dr. Xiang Liu, *Huawei Technologies, China*

Course Level

Intermediate

Topic Categories

N4

SC448 Evolving Software-Defined Optical Network: Architecture and Design Principles

Instructor

Ramon Casellas, *Ph.D., IEEE SM; OSA M, CTTC, Spain*

Course Level

Advanced Beginner

Topic Categories

N2, N3

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SC452 FPGA Prototyping for Optical Subsystems

Instructors

Noriaki Kaneda, *Nokia, USA*
Robert Elschner, *Fraunhofer HHI, Germany*

Course Level

Advanced Beginner

Topic Categories

S4

SC453A Hands-on: Fiber Optic Handling, Measurements and Component Testing

Instructors

Steve Baldo, *Seikoh Giken, USA*
Chris Heisler, *Santec California Corporation, USA*
J erome Allaigne, *Data-Pixel, France*
Julien Maille, *Data-Pixel, France*

Course Level

Beginner

Topic Categories

D4, D5

SC454 Hands-on: Silicon Photonics Design – Circuits

Instructor

Wim Bogaerts, *University of Ghent, Belgium*

Course Level

Beginner

Topic Categories

D2, D3

SC473 Photonic Switching Systems

Instructors

David Neilson, *Nokia Bell Labs, USA*
Benjamin Lee, *NVIDIA, USA*

Course Level

Advanced Beginner

Topic Categories

D2

SC483 Machine Learning in Optical Networks

Instructor

Massimo Tornatore, *Politecnico di Milano, Italy*

Course Level

Beginner

Topic Categories

N3, N4

SC487 Hands-on: Laboratory Automation and Control Using Python (Advanced)

Instructors

Jochen Schr oder, *Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden*
John Dorigi, *Keysight Technologies, Inc., USA*

Course Level

Advanced

Topic Categories

S5

SC513 Data Center Short Links – Link Design, Modeling, Test and Measurements

Instructors

Petar Pepeljugoski, *IBM Research, USA*
Greg D. Le Cheminant, *Keysight Technologies, USA*

Course Level

Advanced Beginner

Topic Categories

S1

SC525 Photonic and Electronic Packaging – Materials, Processes, Equipment and Reliability

Instructor

Peter O'Brien, *Tyndall National Institute, Ireland*

Course Level

Advanced Beginner

Topic Categories

D1

SC527 Optical Satellite Networks

Instructor

Vincent Chan, *MIT, USA*

Course Level

Advanced Beginner

Topic Categories

N1, N3, S5

09:00 - 12:00

SC114 Technologies and Applications for Passive Optical Networks (PONs)

Instructor

Yuanqui Luo, *Futurewei, USA*

Course Level

Advanced Beginner

Topic Categories

N4, S4

SC465 Transmission Fiber and Cables

Instructor

John Hedgpeth, *Corning Optical Communications, USA*

Course Level

Advanced Beginner

Topic Categories

D4

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SC217 Applications of Radio-Over-Fiber Technologies Including Future 5G Networks

Instructor

Dalma Novak, *Octane Wireless, USA*

Course Level

Advanced Beginner

Topic Categories

S3

SC261 ROADM Technologies and Network Applications

Instructor

Thomas Strasser, *Infinera, USA*

Course Level

Advanced Beginner

Topic Categories

D1, D2, N3

SC447 The Life Cycle of an Optical Network: From Planning to Decommissioning

Instructor

Andrew Lord, *BT Labs, BT, UK*

Course Level

Advanced Beginner and Intermediate

Topic Categories

N1

SC526 Optical Wireless Technologies, Systems and Applications

Instructor

Harald Haas, *University of Strathclyde, Scotland*

Course Level

Advanced Beginner

Topic Categories

N4, S5

SC528 Hands-on: Fiber Optic OFCnet Course: Practical Fiber Optic Network Testing in a Realistic Network Environment

Instructors

Gwenn Amice, *EXFO, USA*

Course Level

View Course Description

Topic Categories

N1, N5



13:30 - 17:30

SC160 Microwave Photonics

Instructor

Jose Capmany, *Polytechnic University of Valencia, Spain*

Course Level

Advanced Beginner

Topic Categories

S2

SC325 Highly Integrated Monolithic Photonic Integrated Circuits

Instructor

Chris Doerr, *Doerr Consulting, LLC, USA*

Course Level

Advanced Beginner

Topic Categories

D2, D3

SC327 Modeling and Design of Long-Haul Fiber-Optic Communication Systems

Instructor

René-Jean Essiambre, *Nokia Bell Labs, USA*

Course Level

Advanced Beginner

Topic Categories

S5

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SC328 Standards for High-Speed Optical Networking

Instructor

Tom Huber, *Nokia, USA*

Course Level

Intermediate

Topic Categories

N1, N3, S1, S4

SC357 Circuits and Equalization Methods for Coherent and Direct Detection Optical Links

Instructors

Alexanders Rylyakov, *Nokia, USA*
Sudip Shekhar, *University of British Columbia, Canada*

Course Level

Advanced Beginner

Topic Categories

D1, D3, S1, S4

SC431 Photonic Technologies in the Data Center

Instructor

Clint Schow, *University of California, USA*

Course Level

Advanced Beginner

Topic Categories

D1, D3

SC433 Introduction to Photodetectors and Optical Receivers

Instructor

Andreas Beling, *University of Virginia, USA*

Course Level

Beginner

Topic Categories

D3

SC451 Optical Fiber Sensors: Principles & Applications

Instructors

Alexis Mendez, *MCH Engineering, LLC, USA*
Andres Chevarria, *Luna, Inc., USA*

Course Level

Advanced Beginner and Intermediate

Topic Categories

D5

SC453B Hands-on: Fiber Optic Handling, Measurements and Component Testing

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Steve Baldo, *Seikoh Giken, USA*
Chris Heisler, *Santec California Corporation, USA*
J erome Allaigne, *Data-Pixel, France*
Julien Maille, *Data-Pixel, France*

Course Level

Beginner

Topic Categories

D4, D5

