Interactive Study Tools
- Provide students with over 600 pages of pre-course study materials at wildwell.com
- Provide students with study guide that covers up to 150 interactive well control questions and answers.
- Provide students with a 50 question test to determine their well control knowledge gaps.

Preliminary Items
- Safety: escape routes, muster points, etc.
- Discussion of special needs
- Introductions
- Class paperwork

Serious Well Control Problem From the Wild Well Library
- Students form teams
- Team discussion of the potential lateral well control problem
- Simulator exercise demonstrating the well control challenge
- Return to class to discuss the challenge

Well Control Course Objectives
- Formations, pore pressure, fracture gradients
- Killsheet, kick detection, flow checks, well shut-in, and gas behavior
- Well control methods
- Well control equipment (barriers, BOPs, manifolds, accumulator, etc.)
- Completing the well and post-completion activity
- Final well control simulation: from kick to kill, with a complication
- Assessments: skills and written

Formations, Pore Pressure, Fracture Gradient
- Formation structure
  ■ Porosity
  ■ Permeability
- Fracture gradients, kick tolerance, pore pressures
- Related formulas/math (hydrostatic pressure, the U tube, force, MAASP, etc.)
- Equivalent mud weight
- Kick tolerance
- Pore pressure vs. fracture gradient (drilling margin/window)
- Simulator exercise demonstrating a FIT; discussion of LOT (if needed, depending upon class knowledge level)
- Discuss casing and cementing program
- Discuss drilling fluids program

Barriers
- Philosophy and operation of barrier systems
- Number of barriers for safe operation
- Testing barriers

Shallow Gas, Water Flows and Tophole Drilling
- Definitions and causes of pressure in tophole formations
- Causes of underbalance tophole
- Diverting practices
- Tophole drilling practices and causes of kicks

Abnormal Pressure Warning Signs
- Abnormal pressure
- Shaker evidence
- Changes in mud properties
- Changes in drilling data/parameters

Kick Detection
- Well flow with pumps off
- Pit gain
- Flow return rate increase

Killsheet, Kick Detection, Flow Checks, Well Shut-in, and Gas Behavior
- Related formulas/math (capacities/volumes, strokes, circulation times, etc.)
- Causes of kicks
- Kick signs
  ■ Overt kick signs
  ■ Pre-kick signs
- Flow-check procedures
- Shut-in procedures and verification
  ■ Drilling
  ■ Tripping
  ■ Out of hole
  ■ Running casing and cementing
  ■ Wireline
  ■ Shut-in methods
  ■ Blind and blind shear rams
  ■ Diverting
- Post shut-in monitoring and activities
  ■ Kick log
  ■ Gas migration
  ■ Trapped pressure
  ■ Handling ballooning
  ■ Bumping the float
  ■ Line-up
- Paper killsheet with preliminary well data
  ■ Well data, volume calculations
  ■ Discuss the importance of a killsheet
Surface Drilling Well Control Course Outline
IADC

- Simulator exercises demonstrating hard and soft shut-in
  - Kick detection and shut-in
  - Students complete killsheet with simulator well data
    (or instructor-given data)
  - Discussion of killsheet calculations:
    What do they mean? (if needed) Discussion of
    IADC WellSharp rounding rules
- Gas behavior
  - While drilling
  - In horizontal wells
  - While shut-in

Well Control Methods
- Review of related formulas/math (capacities/volumes,
  strokes, circulation times, kill mud, MAASP, ICP, FCP, etc.)
- Wait and Weight Method
  - Discussion of Wait and Weight
    - Techniques
    - Skills (pump startup, step-down chart, gauge use,
      lag time, etc.)
  - Simulator exercise
- Driller’s Method
  - Discussion of Driller’s Method
    - Techniques
    - Skills (pump startup, capturing pressure after first circulation,
      lag time, etc.)
  - Simulator exercise

Stripping Pipe Under Pressure
- Discussion of technique
- Skills (annular pressure, speed of strip, managing wellbore
  pressures via volumetric method)
- Simulator exercise

Bullhead Method – Discussion and simulator exercise
if time allows

Discussion of study guide questions

Well Control Drills
- Pit drills
- Trip drills
- Stripping drills
- Choke drills
- Early response and empowerment to act

Completing the well and post-completion activity: short
discussion
- Completions
- Differences between drilling and workover

Final simulator exercise (if time allows)
- Abnormal lateral well and kick detection
- Kill the well with Wait and Weight Method

Discussion
- Ballooning wells vs. kicking wells
- Fingerprinting

Discussion of Study Guide Questions

Skills Assessment

Computer-Based Wellsharp Exam