

# Microsoft Excel for Mac - Basic

GoSkills online course syllabus

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**Skill level**

Beginner

**Lessons**

24

**Accredited by**

CPD

**Pre-requisites**

None

**Versions supported**

Excel for Mac 2016

**Video duration**

2h 08m

**Estimated study time**

12h for all materials

**Instructor**

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## Getting to Know Excel

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### The Ribbon

Identify the terminology and elements of the Ribbon.

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### The Work Surface

Recognize the main terms used to describe Excel's work canvas.

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### Navigation

Utilize the keyboard or mouse to select cells and ranges in a spreadsheet.

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### First File

Create your first Excel file, enter data and create a table.

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### Formatting

Format cells by selecting fonts and color fills to make information more attractive.

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### Basic Math

Utilize basic mathematics including multiplication and division in Excel.

## Essential Formula Knowledge

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### Formula Anatomy

Understanding Excel Formula Anatomy.

**8** **Cell Referencing**  
Learn about working with absolute and relative cell referencing, and techniques for copying formulas.

**9** **Function Anatomy**  
Use to understand the anatomy of Excel functions, and what their components mean.

**10** **Math Functions**  
Learn basic math functions including SUM, ROUND and SUBTOTAL.

**11** **Basic Statistics**  
Learn basic statistical functions including COUNT, COUNTA, AVERAGE, MAX, MIN, MEDIAN and MODE.

**12** **Logic Functions**  
Learn to build standalone logical IF functions, and make them more complex by nesting AND and OR within them.

**13** **Text Functions**  
Learn to break apart text with the LEFT, RIGHT, MID, FIND and SEARCH functions, and to combine text with the & character.

## Intermediate Formula Knowledge

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**14** **Conditional Math**  
Learn to use SUMIF, COUNTIF and SUMPRODUCT to add cells only when certain conditions are met.

**15** **External Links**  
Learn about creating and updating external links, and about the potential dangers of external links in Excel.

## Optimizing Data

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**16** **Sorting**  
Learn to sort data in Excel by a single column or by multiple columns.

**17** **Filtering**  
Learn to filter Excel data for specific words, dates, and apply multiple filters to a single data table.

**18** **Contiguous Data**  
Learn tricks for consolidating your data so it's vertically contiguous (without blank rows) – for Tables, PivotTables and Charts.

# Presenting and Reporting

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## 19 Cell Formatting

Learn to work with the Format Cells dialog to apply text rotation and borders, and to center data across multiple cells.

## 20 Building Column Charts

Learn how to create an effective column chart by reducing ink and 'noise' that distract from the main messages.

## 21 Building Bar Charts

How to create an effective bar chart by reducing ink and noise that distract from the story.

## 22 Building Pie Charts

Learn how to build an effective pie chart, and when you should and shouldn't use them.

## 23 Building Line Charts

How to create an effective line chart through careful manipulation of chart elements to enhance its story telling ability.

# Validating and Updating

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## 24 Comments

Learn about creating, reviewing and printing Excel comments.

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