

BUS 2600 - Business Applications of Microsoft Excel

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 03, CRN 41662,

Credit hours: 3

Instructor

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Public Instructor Information

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Master of Business Administration, Major: Management; Youngstown State University

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Retired Controller; consultant for local companies (accounting and Excel)

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Course Description

2600. Business Applications of Microsoft Excel. This course starts with coverage of the basics of the Excel program. Students will then be taught Excel business applications with an emphasis on analysis and presentation of data. All students are expected to learn the necessary skills needed to pass the Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Certification. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	• McGraw Hill SIMnet Materials, electronic homework/study program – Barnes and Noble "First Day Ready" & billed to your YSU Account – already loaded and available in Blackboard.		

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Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Chapter 1	Creating and Editing Workbooks	SIMnet training due before class begins Wednesdays - homework due 9.13.2026.
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9/14	Chapter 2	Working With Formulas & Functions	SIMnet training due before class begins Wednesdays - homework due 9.20.2026.
9/21	Chapter 3	Creating and Editing Charts	SIMnet training due before class begins Wednesdays - homework due 9.27.2026.
9/28	Chapter 4	Getting and Managing Data	SIMnet training due before class begins Wednesdays - homework due 10.4.2026.
10/5	Chapter 5	Exploring Data Tools, Data Types & Illustrations	SIMnet training due before class begins Wednesdays - homework due 10.11.2026.
10/12	MOS Certification Prep	MOS Certification Skills (5 Trainings and 5 Projects)	NOTE: the MOS Skills Trainings and Projects sessions can be submitted separately, NOT ALL in one session; due October 18, 2026.
10/19	MOS Certification Exam Chapter 6	The MOS Exam, conducted by the WCBA Center for Career Management, is required of all students. Exploring The Function Library	Wednesday, October 21, 2026 – Preliminary SIMnet training due before class begins Wednesdays - homework due 10.25.2026.
10/26	Chapter 7	Working With Templates & Collaboration	SIMnet training due before class begins Wednesdays - homework due 11.1.2026.
11/2	Chapter 8	Developing And Using Macros	SIMnet training due before class begins Wednesdays - Homework due 11.8.2026.
11/9	Chapter 9	Working With Data Analysis	SIMnet training due before class begins Wednesdays - homework due 11.15.2026.
11/16	Chapter 10	Exploring Business Intelligence	SIMnet training due before class begins Wednesdays - homework due 11.22.2026.
11/23	Chapter 11	Customizing Excel & Using OneDrive and Office Online	
11/30	MOS Certification Exam	Advanced Certification Exam, OR Retake Certification Exam-PRELIMINARY	NOTE: 12.2.2026 date is PRELIMINARY, set by our YSU Department Chair.

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