

For business and finance folks

Hello there!

I am an engineer by training, and I teach engineering students (mainly chemical engineering). As such, I have focused this course on using VBA to solve engineering and science problems. These problems generally include a lot of algebra, and you will see that this shows up quite a bit in Week 5 of the course. You will notice that many of my examples are oriented around science and engineering and, as such, often involve mathematics of some sort.

I never anticipated that there would be such interest in this course from the business and finance folks! I am super excited and flattered that so many business and finance learners have decided to take this course. I realize that the mathematics involved with some aspects of this course (particularly Week 5) may be beyond what some of you business and financial learners have seen in the past and/or comfortable with. Really, the only module of both parts of the course (Parts 1 and 2) that is math-heavy is Week 5 of Part 1. All other modules are fairly reasonable with respect to math.

The course has recently been re-versioned such that Week 5 is optional, but those who successfully complete Week 5 will earn an Honors designation on their Course Certificate. I would encourage all of you to try Week 5, but if the math is frustrating and foreign then you can skip it and you'll still earn the Course Certificate for completing Weeks 1-4.

Part 2 of the course is not very math-intensive and will be well worth it, and I actually think that Part 2 applies more to non-engineering/non-science learners anyway.

Thanks and if you have any suggestions to improve the course, specifically for non-engineers and non-scientists (some screencasts explaining aspects of the math involved?), please let me know!

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