

How to Get Started

Dear Mauricio,

Your father has created this complete financial modeling course as a gift for you. Here's how to set it up on your computer in Brussels.

Step 1: Sync This Folder to Your Computer

Since this is already in Google Drive, you have two options:

Option A: Google Drive Desktop (Recommended)

1. **Install Google Drive Desktop** on your Windows PC
 - Download: <https://www.google.com/drive/download/>
2. **Sign in** with your Google account
3. **Right-click this folder** ("2025. CURSO FINANCIAL MODELING MAU")
4. Select "**Available offline**"
5. The folder will sync to: **G:\My Drive\2025. CURSO FINANCIAL MODELING MAU**

Option B: Download as ZIP

1. **Right-click this folder** in Google Drive web
 2. Select "**Download**"
 3. **Extract** to your PC (e.g., **C:\Users\YourName\Documents\FinancialModeling**)
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Step 2: Start Learning!

Once the folder is on your computer:

1. **Open the folder** in File Explorer
 2. **Double-click:** **START_HERE.md**
 - This opens in a text editor
 - Read your father's personal message ❤️
 - Follow the complete learning path
 3. **Next, read:** **QUICK_START_GUIDE.md**
 - 30-minute setup for VS Code, Python, Git
 - Everything you need to begin
 4. **Then follow the modules** as outlined in START_HERE.md
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 **Important: GitHub Copilot Subscription**

Your father **strongly recommends** subscribing to GitHub Copilot (\$10/month):

- Essential for this course (70% of the value)
- 30-day free trial to start
- Saves hours of work
- Worth every cent for your PE career

Setup during Module 1 - instructions included in QUICK_START_GUIDE.md

What's in This Folder

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Your Course/
├── START_HERE.md           👉 Begin here! Personal letter from your
father
├── QUICK_START_GUIDE.md    👉 Then this - 30-min setup
├── README.md               Course overview
├── Tutorials/              5 hands-on VS Code tutorials
│   ├── 01_VS_Code_Basics.md
│   ├── 02_GitHub_Copilot_Hands_On.md
│   ├── 03_VS_Code_Data_Analysis.md
│   ├── 04_Building_DCF_with_VS_Code.md
│   └── 05_VS_Code_Power_User.md
├── Module_01_Setup/        Environment setup
├── Module_02_Python_Fundamentals/
├── Module_03_Data_Analysis/
├── Module_04_DCF_Modeling/
├── Module_05_LBO_Modeling/
├── Module_06_MA_Analysis/
├── Module_07_PE_Modeling/
├── Module_08_Advanced_Topics/
└── Module_09_Projects/     Real-world case studies
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Your Learning Journey

Week 1-2: VS Code basics + Python fundamentals

Week 3-4: DCF modeling

Week 5-6: LBO modeling (perfect for PE Club!)

Week 7-8: Advanced topics & real projects

Total time: 40-50 hours (your pace, your schedule)

Special Notes

1. **Keep files in sync:**

- If using Google Drive Desktop, changes auto-sync
- Your progress is always backed up
- Can access from anywhere

2. Watch for surprises:

- Your father hid special messages throughout
- Run the Python files when instructed
- You'll love them! 🎁

3. Stay organized:

- Complete modules in order
- Run exercises as you learn
- Commit to GitHub (you'll learn how)

Need Help?

1. **Read the module files** - Very detailed explanations
2. **Use GitHub Copilot** - AI assistant (subscribe!)
3. **Check solutions** - Every module has example code
4. **Ask your father** - He built this and knows it inside-out!

Ready to Begin?

Next step: Open **START_HERE.md** and read your father's message.

This course will transform your PE career at PE Club.

From México to Brussels with love! 🇲🇪 🇧🇪

¡Vamos Mauricio! 🚀

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