Microsoft Excel Training Outline (with AI Integration)

Module 1: Introduction to Excel

- What is Excel and Why Use It?
- Overview of Excel in Microsoft 365 (Cloud, Copilot, and AI)
- Navigating the Excel Interface + Keyboard Shortcuts

Module 2: Working with Data

- Entering, Editing, and Formatting Data
- AutoFill, Flash Fill (AI-like pattern recognition)
- Working with Rows, Columns, and Freeze Panes

Module 3: Formulas and Functions

- Cell References (Relative, Absolute, Mixed)
- Basic Math and Stats Functions
- Logical Functions (IF, AND, OR, IFERROR)
- Lookup Functions (VLOOKUP, XLOOKUP, INDEX/MATCH)
- TEXT Functions (LEFT, MID, CONCAT, TEXTSPLIT)

Module 4: AI-Powered Features in Excel

New & Intelligent Tools

- Copilot in Excel
 - o Auto-generate formulas, summaries, and charts
 - Ask questions like "summarize this table" or "highlight outliers"
- Flash Fill (AI-based prediction)
 - o Automatically detect patterns in names, dates, etc.
- Data Types (Linked AI data)

- \circ Convert "France" into a geography type \rightarrow auto-fetch capital, population, etc.
- Ideas (Analyze Data Tool)
 - o AI-generated insights, trends, and visual summaries

Module 5: Data Cleaning & Validation

- Remove Duplicates, TRIM, CLEAN, SUBSTITUTE
- Data Validation (Lists, Custom Rules)
- TEXTSPLIT and TEXTJOIN for smart cleanup
- Using Power Query for Automated Cleaning (ETL)

Module 6: Tables, Sorting & Filtering

- Excel Tables and Structured References
- Multi-level Sorting and Custom Filters
- Dynamic Filters with AI Suggestions (Ideas panel)

Module 7: Pivot Tables (Basic to Advanced)

- Creating Pivot Tables from Tables/Range
- Grouping, Summarizing, Filtering
- Calculated Fields and Items
- Pivot Charts and Slicers
- Using AI with PivotTables (Copilot Q&A)

Module 8: Charts and Data Visualization

- Recommended Charts (AI Suggestion)
- Customizing Charts (Combo, Trendlines, Dual Axis)
- Conditional Formatting and Data Bars
- Sparklines, Heat Maps
- Copilot: "Create a chart showing sales by region"

Module 9: Excel Dashboarding

- Linking PivotTables, Charts, and Slicers
- Interactive Dashboards with Buttons and Drop-downs
- Embedding AI-generated charts and narratives
- Excel Copilot for automatic dashboard generation

Module 10: Advanced Excel Functions

- Dynamic Arrays: FILTER, SORT, UNIQUE, SEQUENCE
- INDIRECT, OFFSET, LAMBDA, LET
- Advanced Conditional Logic with Nested IFs
- CHOOSE + XLOOKUP for scenario mapping

Module 11: Power Query & Power Pivot

- Get & Transform Data from various sources (web, database, file)
- Merge, Append, and Shape Data
- Load to Pivot Table / Data Model
- Basic DAX Measures (SUMX, CALCULATE, RELATED)

Module 12: Excel + AI/ML Integration

Real Al-powered Scenarios

- Python in Excel
 - Load and clean datasets using Pandas
 - o Predict using Scikit-learn models in Excel cells
- Azure ML Integration (via Power Query)
 - Connect Excel to Azure ML Web Services
 - o Run models (e.g., churn prediction, pricing recommendation)
- Power BI + AI
 - Export Excel data to Power BI
 - o Use Smart Narrative and AI visuals (Decomposition Tree, Key Influencers)

Module 13: Tips, Tricks & Best Practices

- Keyboard Shortcuts
- Sheet Protection and Named Ranges
- Troubleshooting Common Errors (#VALUE!, #N/A, #REF!)
- Best practices in building scalable and readable Excel workbooks

Module 14: Real-World Case Studies & Projects

- **Retail Sales Analysis Dashboard** (PivotTable + AI insights)
- Employee Attrition Prediction (Excel + Azure ML)
- Marketing Spend ROI Calculator (with Copilot help)
- Financial Forecasting using LAMBDA and Forecast Sheet

🧩 Bonus: Practice File & Quiz

- Provide downloadable Excel file with 10 hands-on challenges
- Quiz with multiple-choice and practical tasks
- Certificates for completion (optional)