

PROJECT MANAGEMENT | COURSE BROCHURE

Project Planning and Scheduling with Microsoft Project

5 days | Classroom training | English

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Why attend

Microsoft Project is one of the most widely used tools for planning and controlling projects. This hands-on course teaches participants to build realistic schedules, define tasks and dependencies, assign resources and costs, set baselines, track progress and produce reports. The emphasis is on good scheduling practice as well as software skills.

A schedule is only useful if it is realistic, well-structured and kept up to date. This course helps you use Microsoft Project effectively to plan and control your projects.

Professional Problems This Course Is Designed to Solve

• Difficulty translating subject knowledge into practical workplace decisions.
• Inconsistent approaches to the activities covered in the course outline.
• Lack of a structured plan for applying and reviewing new skills.

Course methodology

The course is delivered through guided hands-on exercises on a realistic project, with demonstrations, practice tasks and a final scheduling assignment. Participants need access to Microsoft Project on their own laptop.

Course objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:
• Set up a project file with calendars and settings
• Build a work breakdown structure and task list
• Define dependencies, constraints and the critical path
• Assign resources and costs and resolve over-allocation
• Set baselines and track progress
• Produce reports and dashboards for stakeholders

Target audience

This course is suitable for:
• Project managers
• Planners and schedulers
• Project coordinators
• Engineers managing projects
• PMO staff



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Target competencies

Participants will develop competencies in:

- Schedule development
- Critical path analysis
- Resource management
- Baseline and tracking
- Schedule reporting
- Scheduling best practice

Course outline

Day 1: Planning Fundamentals and Setup

09:00–09:54	Scheduling principles
09:54–10:48	Microsoft Project interface
10:48–11:00	Calendars and project settings
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Calendars and project settings (continued)
12:12–13:06	Creating the WBS
13:06–14:00	Lab: Setting up a project

Day 2: Tasks and Dependencies

09:00–09:54	Task types and durations
09:54–10:48	Dependencies and lags
10:48–11:00	Constraints and deadlines
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Constraints and deadlines (continued)
12:12–13:06	Critical path
13:06–14:00	Lab: Building the network



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Day 3: Resources and Costs

09:00–09:54	Resource types
09:54–10:48	Assigning resources
10:48–11:00	Resolving over-allocation
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Resolving over-allocation (continued)
12:12–13:06	Cost loading
13:06–14:00	Lab: Resource planning

Day 4: Baselines and Tracking

09:00–09:54	Setting baselines
09:54–10:48	Updating progress
10:48–11:00	Variance analysis
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Variance analysis (continued)
12:12–13:06	Rescheduling
13:06–14:00	Lab: Tracking a project

Day 5: Reporting and Best Practice

09:00–09:54	Views, filters and groups
09:54–10:48	Reports and dashboards
10:48–11:00	Schedule quality checks
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Schedule quality checks (continued)
12:12–13:06	Multi-project considerations
13:06–14:00	Capstone: Complete project schedule

The timings provided are estimates and may vary depending on the number of participants and the discussions taking place during the



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sessions. They are indicative only and do not constitute a binding commitment.

Dates, venues and fees

Current published course plans. Fees are per participant in GBP, excluding unconfirmed taxes.

Venue	Start date	End date	Fee (GBP)
Singapore Confirmed dates	9 Nov 2026	13 Nov 2026	**£2,820.–**
Online Confirmed dates	9 Nov 2026	13 Nov 2026	**£1,250.–**
London Confirmed dates	23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	**£2,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	**£1,250.–**
Dubai Confirmed dates	7 Dec 2026	11 Dec 2026	**£3,150.–**
Online Confirmed dates	7 Dec 2026	11 Dec 2026	**£1,250.–**
Frankfurt Confirmed dates	14 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026	**£2,650.–**
Online Confirmed dates	14 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026	**£1,250.–**



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Dates, venues and fees (continued)

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Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	11 Jan 2027	15 Jan 2027	**£1,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	11 Jan 2027	15 Jan 2027	**£1,250.-**
Paris Confirmed dates	25 Jan 2027	29 Jan 2027	**£2,860.-**
Online Confirmed dates	25 Jan 2027	29 Jan 2027	**£1,250.-**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	1 Feb 2027	5 Feb 2027	**£1,890.-**
Online Confirmed dates	1 Feb 2027	5 Feb 2027	**£1,250.-**
Istanbul Confirmed dates	8 Feb 2027	12 Feb 2027	**£2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	8 Feb 2027	12 Feb 2027	**£1,250.-**
Amsterdam Confirmed dates	22 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027	**£2,540.-**



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Online Confirmed dates	22 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027	**£1,250.–**
Singapore Confirmed dates	8 Mar 2027	12 Mar 2027	**£2,820.–**
Online Confirmed dates	8 Mar 2027	12 Mar 2027	**£1,250.–**
London Confirmed dates	22 Mar 2027	26 Mar 2027	**£2,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	22 Mar 2027	26 Mar 2027	**£1,250.–**
Vienna Confirmed dates	5 Apr 2027	9 Apr 2027	**£2,940.–**
Online Confirmed dates	5 Apr 2027	9 Apr 2027	**£1,250.–**
Dubai Confirmed dates	12 Apr 2027	16 Apr 2027	**£3,150.–**
Online Confirmed dates	12 Apr 2027	16 Apr 2027	**£1,250.–**



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Frankfurt Confirmed dates	26 Apr 2027	30 Apr 2027	**£2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	26 Apr 2027	30 Apr 2027	**£1,250.-**
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	10 May 2027	14 May 2027	**£1,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	10 May 2027	14 May 2027	**£1,250.-**
Paris Confirmed dates	24 May 2027	28 May 2027	**£2,860.-**
Online Confirmed dates	24 May 2027	28 May 2027	**£1,250.-**
Barcelona Confirmed dates	31 May 2027	4 Jun 2027	**£2,840.-**
Online Confirmed dates	31 May 2027	4 Jun 2027	**£1,250.-**
Istanbul Confirmed dates	14 Jun 2027	18 Jun 2027	**£2,650.-**



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Amsterdam Confirmed dates	21 Jun 2027	25 Jun 2027	**£2,540.-**
Online Confirmed dates	21 Jun 2027	25 Jun 2027	**£1,250.-**
Singapore Confirmed dates	12 Jul 2027	16 Jul 2027	**£2,820.-**
Online Confirmed dates	12 Jul 2027	16 Jul 2027	**£1,250.-**
London Confirmed dates	26 Jul 2027	30 Jul 2027	**£2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	26 Jul 2027	30 Jul 2027	**£1,250.-**
Rome Confirmed dates	2 Aug 2027	6 Aug 2027	**£2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	2 Aug 2027	6 Aug 2027	**£1,250.-**



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Frankfurt Confirmed dates	23 Aug 2027	27 Aug 2027	**£2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	23 Aug 2027	27 Aug 2027	**£1,250.-**
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	13 Sept 2027	17 Sept 2027	**£1,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	13 Sept 2027	17 Sept 2027	**£1,250.-**
Paris Confirmed dates	20 Sept 2027	24 Sept 2027	**£2,860.-**
Online Confirmed dates	20 Sept 2027	24 Sept 2027	**£1,250.-**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	4 Oct 2027	8 Oct 2027	**£1,890.-**



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Online Confirmed dates	4 Oct 2027	8 Oct 2027	**£1,250.-**
Istanbul Confirmed dates	11 Oct 2027	15 Oct 2027	**£2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	11 Oct 2027	15 Oct 2027	**£1,250.-**
Amsterdam Confirmed dates	25 Oct 2027	29 Oct 2027	**£2,540.-**
Online Confirmed dates	25 Oct 2027	29 Oct 2027	**£1,250.-**
Singapore Confirmed dates	8 Nov 2027	12 Nov 2027	**£2,820.-**
Online Confirmed dates	8 Nov 2027	12 Nov 2027	**£1,250.-**
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Rome Confirmed dates	29 Nov 2027	3 Dec 2027	**£2,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	29 Nov 2027	3 Dec 2027	**£1,250.–**
Dubai Confirmed dates	6 Dec 2027	10 Dec 2027	**£3,150.–**
Online Confirmed dates	6 Dec 2027	10 Dec 2027	**£1,250.–**
Frankfurt Confirmed dates	13 Dec 2027	17 Dec 2027	**£2,650.–**
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