



B.Com Honours

Semester IV

Calicut University

ADVANCED SPREADSHEET APPLICATIONS IN BUSINESS

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Module I: Introduction to Spreadsheet Applications & Interface

Covers modern spreadsheet software platforms, workspace navigation, formula bar architecture, ribbon customization, and high-efficiency keyboard shortcuts.

Unit 1: Introduction to Spreadsheet Applications in Business

Spreadsheets provide dynamic grid-based environments for electronic data modeling, automated financial calculations, ledger maintenance, and business reporting.

Unit 2: Common Spreadsheet Platforms (Excel, Google Sheets, Calc)

- 1. Microsoft Excel:** Industry standard desktop application featuring 1,048,576 rows × 16,384 columns, VBA macros, Power Query, and Power Pivot.
- 2. Google Sheets:** Cloud-native collaboration platform with real-time multi-user editing, Google Finance functions, and Apps Script.

Unit 3: Spreadsheet Interface & Grid Architecture

Core elements: Workbook (.xlsx), Worksheet tabs, Cell grid addresses (Column letter + Row number), Formula Bar, Status Bar, and Name Box.

Unit 4: Navigating the Interface & Screen Controls

Navigation techniques: Freeze Panes (View → Freeze Top Row / First Column), Split Windows, Zoom controls, and Name Box quick cell jumps.

Unit 5: Key Features & Enterprise Capabilities

High-speed calculation engine, Data Analysis ToolPak, Solver optimization, external database connections (SQL / Power Query ETL), and XML data importing.

Practical Case Framework (Essential Excel Keyboard Shortcuts Reference Table): Master navigation and data entry keyboard shortcuts for workplace efficiency.

Essential Business Spreadsheet Keyboard Shortcuts:

Category	Keyboard Shortcut	Command Action / Execution Function
Navigation	Ctrl + Home / Ctrl + End	Jump to cell A1 / Jump to last used cell in worksheet
Selection	Ctrl + Shift + Arrow Keys	Select contiguous block of data cells in arrow direction
Cell Editing	F2	Edit active cell and place cursor at the end of text
Reference Toggle	F4	Toggle cell references between Relative (A1), Absolute (\$A\$1), & Mixed (\$A1/A\$1)
AutoSum	Alt + =	Insert automatic SUM formula for adjacent numerical range
Table Creation	Ctrl + T	Convert selected range into formatted dynamic Excel Table

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