Excel Formulas

A formula is a set of mathematical instructions that can be used in Excel to perform calculations. Formulas are started in the formula box with an = sign.

There are many elements to an Excel formula:
- **References**: The cell or range of cells that you want to use in your calculation
- **Operators**: Symbols (+, -, *, /, etc.) that specify the calculation to be performed
- **Constants**: Numbers or text values that do not change
- **Functions**: Predefined formulas in Excel

To create a basic formula in Excel:
- Select the cell for the formula
- Type = (the equal sign) and the formula
- Click Enter