

RE 50 Course Outline as of Fall 2025

CATALOG INFORMATION

Dept and Nbr: RE 50

Title: REAL ESTATE PRINCIPLES

Full Title: Real Estate Principles

Last Reviewed: 2/12/2024

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	3.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	52.50
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	0	6	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	3.00		Contact Total	52.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 105.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 157.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade or P/NP

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly: RE 80A

Catalog Description:
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Prerequisites/Corequisites:

Recommended Preparation:

Limits on Enrollment:

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Recommended:
Limits on Enrollment:
Transfer Credit: CSU;
Repeatability: Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree:	Area	Effective:	Inactive:
CSU GE:	Transfer Area	Effective:	Inactive:
IGETC:	Transfer Area	Effective:	Inactive:
CSU Transfer:	Transferable	Effective: Fall 1981	Inactive:
UC Transfer:		Effective:	Inactive:

CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Both Certificate and Major Applicable

COURSE CONTENT

Student Learning Outcomes:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Distinguish, group, and justify the different forms of property estates.
2. Categorize and classify real property descriptions.
3. Contrast and construct the components of a real property transaction.

Objectives:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Identify and contrast three distinct land description methods.
2. Compare and contrast freehold estates to less than freehold estates.
3. Compare and contrast basic listing agreements.
4. Distinguish agency relations such as creation, termination, and disclosure requirements.
5. Determine requisites of valid real estate contracts.
6. Categorize instruments of real estate finance.
7. Compare and contrast real property valuation, marketing data, cost, and capitalization methods.
8. Compare and contrast real property taxation, gains, deferred gains, and tax rates.
9. Describe the values, themes, methods, and history of the real estate profession and identify realistic career objectives related to a course of study in real estate.

Topics and Scope:

I. Orientation

- A. Values, themes, methods, and history of the real estate profession(s)
- B. Realistic career objectives

II. Property

- A. Real
- B. Personal

- III. Land Descriptions
- IV. Transferring Deeds
- V. Titles and Forms of Ownership
 - A. Freehold
 - B. Less than freehold
 - C. Vesting
 - 1. Joint tenancy
 - 2. Tenant in common
 - 3. Sole and separate property
 - 4. Partnership
 - 5. Corporations
- VI. Agency Relationships
 - A. Creation
 - B. Termination
 - C. Disclosure
- VII. Contracts
 - A. Expressed
 - B. Implied
 - C. Performance
 - D. Discharge
 - E. Deposit receipt
- VIII. Landlord and Tenant
 - A. Leases
 - 1. Month to month
 - 2. Fixed term
 - 3. Percentage
 - 4. Net
 - B. Property management
- IX. Financing
 - A. Instruments
 - 1. Note
 - 2. Deed of trust
 - 3. Installment agreements
 - B. Loan sources
 - 1. Public sector
 - 2. Private sector
- X. Appraisal Basics and Process
 - A. Definition of appraisal
 - B. Data
- XI. Taxation
 - A. Gains
 - B. Property
 - C. Special assessments
- XII. Licensing
 - A. Requirements
 - B. Salesperson
 - C. Broker

Assignment:

- 1. Weekly reading assignments of 25-30 pages
- 2. Exercises (3-5) including, but not limited to:

- A. Brief business plan
 - B. Gross rent multiplier
 - C. Income capitalization
 - D. Cash on cash
 - E. License application
3. Quizzes, exams, and final exam
 4. Class performance and participation

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Brief business plan, license application

Writing
0 - 20%

Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Business plan, gross rent multiplier, income capitalization, cash on cash, license application

Problem solving
5 - 10%

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Class performances, gross rent multiplier, income capitalization, cash on cash

Skill Demonstrations
5 - 10%

Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Quizzes, exams, and final exam

Exams
50 - 70%

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Attendance and participation

Other Category
5 - 10%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

California Real Estate Principles. 16th ed. revised. Huber, Walt. Educational Textbook Company. 2020