



**LAMAR INSTITUTE
OF TECHNOLOGY**

Principles of Real Estate I (RELE 1301)

INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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CREDIT

3 Semester Credit Hours (3 hours lecture, 0 hours lab)

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Hybrid

PREREQUISITE/CO-REQUISITE:

None

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A beginning overview of licensing as a real estate broker or salesperson. Includes ethics of practice as a license holder, titles to and conveyance of real estate, legal descriptions, deeds, encumbrances and liens, distinctions between personal and real property, appraisal, finance and regulations, closing procedures, and real estate mathematics. Covers at least three hours of classroom instruction on federal, state, and local laws relating to housing discrimination, housing credit discrimination, and community reinvestment. Fulfills at least 30 of 60 hours of required instruction for salesperson license.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to

- Define the principles of real estate and how they apply to the real estate industry
- Describe titles to and conveyance of real estate
- Discuss legal descriptions, deeds, encumbrances and liens
- Discuss Texas Real Estate License Act (TRELA; distinguish differences between personal and real property
- Outline the federal, state, and municipal laws related to discrimination in the real estate.

Approved: Initials/date

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS

Modern Real Estate Practice in Texas 17th Edition by Cheryl Peat Nance
Dearborn Real Estate Education
ISBN: 978-1-4754-3573-3

ATTENDANCE POLICY

This is an 8-week Hybrid course. Students are expected to attend class every week and to log in to Blackboard 2 to 3 times per week and complete all coursework.

DROP POLICY

If you wish to drop a course, you are responsible for initiating and completing the drop process. If you stop coming to class and fail to drop the course, you will earn an "F" in the course. Fall 2026 Final drop date is September 8, 2026 without academic penalty. No exceptions to these dates. ***If you are not passing at the time of the first drop date, I recommend that you drop the class and take it again at a later date.***

COURSE CALENDAR

DATE	TOPIC	READINGS (Due on this Date)	ASSIGNMENTS (Due on this Date)
Week 1	Intro to Modern Real Estate Real Property	Chapters 1-2	Chapter 1 Quiz Real/Personal Property Quiz
Week 2	Concepts of Home Ownership	Chapter 3 Exam 1 Review	Crowd Control Discussion Exam 1
Week 3	Real Estate Brokerage and the Law of Agency	Chapter 4	Chapter 4 Quiz IABS Findings Assignment
Week 4	Fair Housing Laws	Chapter 5 Mid-term Review	Top 10 Fair Housing Mistakes Discussion Discrimination Discussion MID-TERM
Week 5	Texas Real Estate License Act Legal Descriptions	Chapters 7-8	TRELA Discussion Legal Descriptions and Deeds Discussion
Week 6		Chapters 9-10 Exam 3 Review	Encumbrances VS Liens Discussion Exam 3
Week 7		Chapters 11-12	
Week 8			Final Project Final Exam

COURSE EVALUATION

Final grades will be calculated according to the following criteria:

Participation	20%
Exam #1	15%
Exam #2	15%
Exam #3	15%
Final Exam	20%
Final Project	15%
Total:	100%

GRADE SCALE

- 90-100 A
- 80-89 B
- 70-79 C
- 60-69 D
- 0-59 F

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

The latest technical requirements, including hardware, compatible browsers, operating systems, etc. can be online at <https://lit.edu/online-learning/online-learning-minimum-computer-requirements>. A functional broadband internet connection, such as DSL, cable, or WiFi is necessary to maximize the use of online technology and resources.

DISABILITIES STATEMENT

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are federal anti-discrimination statutes that provide comprehensive civil rights for persons with disabilities. LIT provides reasonable accommodations as defined in the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, to students with a diagnosed disability. The Special Populations Office is located in the Eagles' Nest Room 129 and helps foster a supportive and inclusive educational environment by maintaining partnerships with faculty and staff, as well as promoting awareness among all members of the Lamar Institute of Technology community. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Special Populations Coordinator at (409)-951-5708 or email specialpopulations@lit.edu. You may also visit the online resource at [Special Populations - Lamar Institute of Technology \(lit.edu\)](#).

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT STATEMENT

It is the responsibility of all registered Lamar Institute of Technology students to access, read, understand and abide by all published policies, regulations, and procedures listed in the *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook*. The *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook* may be accessed at www.lit.edu. Please note that the online version of the *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook* supersedes all other versions of the same document.

STARFISH

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ADDITIONAL COURSE POLICIES/INFORMATION

Insert additional course policies/information specific to your section here.