RE 330 - Real Estate Appraisal/Analysis
Writing Intensive (WI)
Spring 2017

INSTRUCTOR: NICHOLAS ORDWAY, J.D., PH.D.

OFFICE HOURS: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm or by appointment.

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CLASS MEETING TIMES AND PLACE: CLASS MEETS IN D-204 AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES AND DAYS OF THE WEEK: 10:30-11:45 am on Wednesday and Friday.

OFFICE HOURS: 12:00-1:00 pm on Wednesday and Friday or by appointment.

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: ANALYSIS OF REAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS, MARKET ANALYSIS, INCOME PROPERTY CAPITALIZATION, AND GENERAL REAL ESTATE VALUATION TECHNIQUES. NO PREREQUISITES.

Course Learning Outcomes:

1. To provide you with a foundation of theory underlying how valuation of economic assets occur.

2. To master techniques to collect and analyze data necessary to create opinions of value for most economic assets although focus of the course is on the valuation of residential real estate.

3. To give you practical information and professional writing skills to be able to complete a professional report.

4. To understand how to use the internet to collect economic data.

5. To be aware of ethical dilemmas.

Relation to “Institutional Learning Objectives for Undergraduate Students” (ILOs):

ILO 2a. Think critically and creatively: Elements applied in this course include – “solving challenging and complex problems”; “being information literate – knowledge, procedures, processes, or products to discern
bias and arrive at reasoned conclusions”; “reasoning with numbers and other mathematical concepts (numeracy)”, and “developing financial literacy.”

ILO 2b. Conduct research: Elements applied in this course include – “conceptualizing problems and asking research questions”; “analyzing research data” and “using library and information systems.”

ILO 2c. Communicate and report: Elements applied in this course include – “written and oral communication”.

ILO 3a. Continuous learning and personal growth: Elements applied in this course include – “ethical behaviors and judgments” and “habits of scholarly inquiry.”


Class policies:

1. You have a limited license to tape record lectures for your own personal use.

2. Generally any open time/date is available for appointments. Probably the best way to make appointments is by e-mail. If you don’t understand a topic come see me as soon as possible. Don’t wait. This becomes important as you begin working on the analytical sections of the appraisal report. (I can often help you solve your difficulty in a brief meeting).

3. You are encouraged to use e-mail to ask questions; however, e-mail is not acceptable for turning in assignments. Grades will not be provided by e-mail or telephone. Grade information is available in person.

4. I tend not to answer my phone calls until a sufficient number of messages have grouped up (time management). If you make a phone call – make sure you leave a message.

5. You may not use an electronic foreign language dictionary during exams. Book dictionaries are permitted but will be inspected by the instructor before each exam.

6. Returned papers – please be in class to receive these, otherwise, you may need to stop by my office since I tend not carry old papers with me after the initial distributions.

7. Do not plagiarize. Give citations to all materials used from other sources. This includes names of people you interviewed or relied upon.

8. Make-up tests are the exception and require a written justification for a student missing a scheduled test. If you are more than fifteen minutes late for a test, you may be required to take a make-up test at a later time or date (This rule applies primarily to the final exam).

9. Make-up tests cover ALL of the readings and lectures since the previous test and are likely to be much more challenging than the in-class test.
10. There are handouts in class. If you are not present when these handouts are given, you will need to make an appointment with the instructor to obtain the handout.

11. Academic honesty: because UH-M is an academic community with high professional standards, its teaching, research, and service purposes are seriously disrupted and subverted by academic dishonesty. Such dishonesty includes cheating and plagiarism as defined below. Ignorance of these definitions will not provide an excuse for acts of academic dishonesty.

   a. Cheating includes but is not limited to giving or receiving unauthorized assistance during an examination; obtaining unauthorized information about an examination before it is given; submitting another’s work as one’s own; using prohibited sources of information during an examination; fabricating or falsifying data in experiments and other research; Altering the record of any grade; altering answers after an examination has been submitted; falsifying any official university record; or misrepresenting of facts in order to obtain exemptions from course requirements.

   b. Plagiarism includes but is not limited to submitting, in fulfillment of an academic requirement, any work that has been copied in whole or in part from another individual’s work without attributing that borrowed portion to the individual; neglecting to identify as a quotation another’s idea and particular phrasing that was not assimilated into the student’s language and style or paraphrasing a passage so that the reader is misled as to the source; or submitting the same written or oral or artistic material in more than one course without obtaining authorization from the instructors involved.

Grading:

Test #1 (15 points)

Test #2 (15 points)

Test #3 (15 points)

Final exam (15 points)

Reports (may include oral commentary):

Economic and market analysis—this section can be done by a group of up to 3 students—include all names on the report. (3 points)

Neighborhood analysis (3 points)

Land or site analysis (3 points)

Improvement analysis (3 points)

Land or site valuation (5 points)

Cost approach (5 points)

Sales comparison approach (5 points)
Income approach - GRM (1 points)
Reconciliation (2 points)
Total for sub-reports (30 points)
Final Report: (10 points)

Note: there is a possibility for bonuses for reports that are turned in on time and are of sufficient quality for the student to present their reports in class after being called upon.

Second note: Hand in your reports on time to avoid late penalties. If you are late but have a valid excuse you must provide written evidence documenting your excuse. Since this course provides education for a profession, you are being held to professional standards (including meeting deadlines).

Appraisal report will be graded primarily on writing quality, format and professional issues – the sub-reports deal with the grading of substantive content.

Note: Writing component of course is 40 percent.

GRADE-SCORE EQUIVALENTS:

A+ = 97 POINTS +
A = 93 POINTS +
A- = 90 POINTS +
B+ = 87 POINTS +
B = 83 POINTS +
B- = 80 POINTS +
C+ = 77 POINTS +
C = 73 POINTS +
C- = 70 POINTS +
D = 60 POINTS +
F = BELOW 60 POINTS

COURSE PEDAGOGY:

This course will be taught through a combination of lectures, report writing and feedback, and class discussion. This course utilizes a workshop format and is highly dependent on timely completion of sub-reports that will be the basis of class discussion and commentary.
NOTE 1: WRITTEN REPORTS ARE INDICATED BY BOLDFACE ITALIC IN THE FOLLOWING DUE DATES. LATE REPORTS WILL BE PENALIZED (UNLESS THERE IS A LEGITIMATE AND DOCUMENTED EXCUSE).

NOTE 2: WRITING FEEDBACK: WE WILL GO OVER THE BEST PAPERS IN THE NEXT CLASS FOLLOWING THE DUE DATE (FOR POSSIBLE BONUS POINTS); REWRITE YOUR PAPER IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THE MAXIMUM SCORE – YOU MAY REWRITE AS MANY TIMES AS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THIS RESULT (YOU CANNOT MAKE-UP A LATE PENALTY); PLEASE MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE INSTRUCTOR IF YOU ARE HAVING ANY DIFFICULTIES EITHER CONCEPTUALLY OR WITH WRITING STYLE. THE GOAL IS TO ALLOW YOU TO REWRITE EACH SECTION UNTIL YOU HAVE ACHIEVED THE MAXIMUM SCORE.

ASSIGNMENTS (MINOR MODIFICATIONS MAY BE MADE DURING THE SEMESTER):

JANUARY

Part I – Real Estate and Its Appraisal

11 Wednesday (Session 1): Introduction (A1-1): This means Chapter One in the textbook.

13 Friday (Session 2): Land, Real Estate, and Ownership of Real Property (A1-2): A brief history of how Hawaii’s ownership system evolved and special Hawaii property concepts.

18 Wednesday (Session 3): The Nature of Value (A1-3)

20 Friday (Session 4): The Valuation Process (A1-4)

Part II – Identification of the Problem

25 Wednesday (Session 5): Elements of the Assignment (A1-5); Identifying the Type of Value and Its Definition (A1-6)

27 Friday (Session 6): Identifying the Rights to be Appraised (A1-7); Special problems with Hawaii’s residential leasehold system.

FEBRUARY

Part III – Scope of Work Determination

1 Wednesday (Session 7): Scope of Work (A1-8)

Part IV – Data Collection and Property Description

**Writing Intensive Component: Economic and Housing Market Analysis** (This report may be written by a group of up to three (3) students. All other sub-reports are individual efforts.)

**Writing Feedback:** Read Chapter 10 and article on real estate cycles. We will go over the best papers on Friday, February 17 (for possible bonus points); You may rewrite your paper if you did not receive the maximum score. Check instructor’s comments on your paper for conceptual or writing issues. You may rewrite as many times as necessary to achieve your maximum score. Please make an appointment with the instructor if you are having any difficulties.

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8 Wednesday (Session 9): Land and Site Description (A1-12); Hawaii’s TMK system; Highest and Best Use Analysis (A1-16)

10 Friday (Session 10): Building Description (A1-13) **Review for test #1.**

Part V – Data Analysis

15 Wednesday (Session 11): Economic Analysis is due.

**TEST #1**

**Writing Intensive Component: Neighborhood Analysis**

**Writing Feedback:** Read Chapter 11. We will go over the best papers on Friday, February 24 (for possible bonus points); You may rewrite your paper if you did not receive the maximum score. Check instructor’s comments on your paper for conceptual or writing issues. You may rewrite as many times as necessary to achieve your maximum score. Please make an appointment with the instructor if you are having any difficulties.

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17 Friday (Session 12): Neighborhoods, Districts, and Market Areas (A1-11); Market Analysis (A1-15); Statistical Analysis in Appraisal (A1-14); we will go over the economic analysis reports.

Part VI – Land Value Opinions

22 Wednesday (Session 13): Land and Site Valuation (A1-17). **Neighborhood Analysis is due.**

**Writing Intensive Component: Land or Site Analysis**

**Writing Feedback:** Read Chapters 12, 16 and 17. We will go over the best papers on Friday, March 3 (for possible bonus points); You may rewrite your paper if you did not receive the maximum score. Check instructor’s comments on your paper for conceptual or writing issues. You may rewrite as many times as necessary to achieve your maximum score. Please make an appointment with the instructor if you are having any difficulties.

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Part VI – Application of the Approaches to Value

24 Friday (Session 14): We will go over the neighborhood analysis. The Sales Comparison Approach (A1-18)

MARCH

1 Wednesday (Session 15): Land or Site Analysis is due. The Sales Comparison Approach Continued.

3 Friday (Session 16): We will go over the Land and Site Analysis. Comparative Analysis (A1-19)

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8 Wednesday (Session 17): Applications of the Sales Comparison Approach (A1-20).

10 Friday (Session 18): Improvement Analysis is due. Review for Test #2. The Cost Approach (A1-27)

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15 Wednesday (Session 19): TEST #2

17 Friday (Session 20): We will over the Improvement Analysis. The Cost Approach continued.

22 Wednesday (Session 21): Land or Site Valuation is due. Building Cost Estimates (A1-28)

24 Friday (Session 22): We will go over Land or Site Valuation. Depreciation Estimates (A1-29)

CHECKLIST FOR APPRAISAL REPORT WILL BE PASSED OUT IN CLASS.
**Writing Intensive Component: Cost Approach.**

**Writing Feedback:** Read Chapters 27, 28 and 29. We will go over the best papers on Wednesday, April 7 (for possible bonus points); You may rewrite your paper if you did not receive the maximum score. Check instructor's comments on your paper for conceptual or writing issues. You may rewrite as many times as necessary to achieve your maximum score. Please make an appointment with the instructor if you are having any difficulties.

**Percent of Grade:** 5%

**Minimum pages:** 5

**Due date:** April 5

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29 Wednesday – SPRING BREAK

31 Friday – SPRING BREAK

APRIL

5 Wednesday (Session 23): **Cost Approach** is due. The Income Capitalization Approach (A1-21)

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**Writing Intensive Component: Sales Comparison Approach**

**Writing Feedback:** Read Chapters 18, 19, and 20. We will go over the best papers on Wednesday, April 21 (for possible bonus points); You may rewrite your paper if you did not receive the maximum score. Check instructor’s comments on your paper for conceptual or writing issues. You may rewrite as many times as necessary to achieve your maximum score. Please make an appointment with the instructor if you are having any difficulties.

**Percent of Grade:** 5%

**Minimum pages:** 5

**Due date:** April 19

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7 Friday (Session 24): **We will go over the Cost Approach.** Income and expense Analysis (A1-22); 12 Wednesday (Session 25): **Review for Test #3.** Direct Capitalization (A1-23).

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**Writing Intensive Component: Income Approach**

**Writing Feedback:** Read Chapters 21, 22 and 23. We will go over the best papers on Friday, April 21 (for possible bonus points); You may rewrite your paper if you did not receive the maximum score. Check instructor’s comments on your paper for conceptual or writing issues. You may rewrite as many times as necessary to achieve your maximum score. Please make an appointment with the instructor if you are having any difficulties.

**Percent of Grade:** 1%

**Minimum pages:** 2

**Due date:** April 19

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14 Friday (Good Friday) University Holiday

19 Wednesday (Session 26): **The Sales Comparison Approach and Income Approach** are due.

**TEST #3**
Part VI – Reconciling Value Indications

21 Friday (Session 27): We will go over the Sales Comparison Approach and the Income Approach. Reconciling Value Indications (AI-30).

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26 Wednesday (Session 28): The Appraisal Report (AI-31). Reconciliation is due.

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28 Friday (Session 29): We will go over Reconciliation.

MAY

3 Wednesday (Session 30): Review for Final Exam. Complete Final Reports are due for 2 points bonus for reports turned in during class.

8 Monday

FINAL EXAM 9:45-11:45

(Don’t be late!!! – you may be required to take a make-up exam). NOTE: THIS EXAM WILL BE MULTIPLE-CHOICE (BRING A CALCULATOR); I WILL RETURN YOUR COMPLETE NARRATIVE APPRAISAL REPORTS ON THIS DATE.