

Course Outline

Course Code : RE4807
Course Title : Real Estate Risk Analysis and Management
Semester : Semester 2, Academic Year 2025/2026
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Overview

This course introduces the concepts, principles, theories, techniques and practices of risk analysis and management in real estate investments. Topics include concept of real estate market risks, real estate strategic risk management, Value-at-Risk (VaR), sensitivity and scenario analyses, Monte Carlo simulation, risk hedging and property derivatives, option pricing theory and real options.

Learning Outcomes

Through this course, student will be able to:

- Understand why risk management is important in real estate investments.
- Understand the fundamental philosophy behind risk management.
- Gaining an understanding of the DCF approach used by private equity and finance professionals.
- Understand the benefits and the potential inapplicability of Monte Carlo methods.
- Understand what VaR is measuring and risk of using VaR.
- Understand concepts of forward contracts and option contracts.
- Understand fundamental idea behind real option.
- Process of binomial model for real option.

Course Prerequisite(s)

RE3701 Real Estate Investment Analysis

Course Preclusion(s)

Nil

General Guide & Reading

- Geltner, D., Miller, N., Clayton, J and Eichholt, P (2007), **Commercial Real Estate Analysis and Investments**.

Tentative Schedule & Outline

Week	Date	Topic	Activity
1	14 Jan	Course Introduction	
2	21 Jan	Introduction to Risk Management	
3	28 Jan	Sensitivity and Scenario Analysis	Distribution of individual project
4	4 Feb	Monte Carlo Simulation	

5	11 Feb	Value-at-Risk for Real Estate Risk Management	
6	18 Feb	No class	Distribution of group project
	21 Feb – 1 Mar	RECESS WEEK	
7	4 Mar	Guest lecture	Individual project due Distribution of group project
8	11 Mar	Introduction to Derivatives	
9	18 Mar	Forwards	
10	25 Mar	Options	
11	1 Apr	Real Options	
12	8 Apr	Review	Group project due
13	15 Apr	Test	
	18 – 24 Apr	READING WEEK	
	25 Apr – 9 May	EXAMINATION (2 WEEKS)	

Assessment

Assessment Components	Weightage (%)
• Group Project	30
• Individual Project	30
• Class participation and in-class exercises	20
• Final Test	20
Total	100

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About me

I am an assistant professor in the Department of Real Estate, NUS Business School, National University of Singapore. I am an empirical IO economist with research interests in the broad areas of industrial organization and urban economics. My current research focuses on retailers and consumer welfare. I obtained a PhD degree in economics at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.