



GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
School of Continuing Studies
Real Estate

Dear Summer 2017 Admitted MPRE Student,

Welcome!

Welcome to the Master of Professional Studies in Real Estate Program at Georgetown University! The MPRE Program Staff is pleased you have been admitted to the real estate program to help you advance your professional development in real estate.

Our goal is for Georgetown's Real Estate program to prepare students to become knowledgeable, proficient and successful practitioners in multiple fields of real estate. We emphasize learning the practical, applied skills that are essential for success in the RE industry.

You are joining more than 500 current students taking classes on campus and online – most of whom are working as real estate professionals; and you will be connecting with faculty who comprise some of the area's top real estate industry practitioners and are experts in their field, as well as an alumni body of more than 500 practitioners.

Charting Your Course

Students find success is best achieved by planning out the path to fulfill their academic and career objectives.

Students enrolled for their first term are encouraged to sign up for an advisory meeting with their academic advisor. This initial session will provide an opportunity to answer questions and help students plan their work in the program to meet their academic and career development objectives. For contact information see below.

Regarding your first semester registration, we recommend that incoming students take the foundational courses earlier in the program, to solidify their base of knowledge before moving to the elective courses. We also recommend incoming students take MPRE 500: Ethics in Action (required) in the first (preferably) or second semester. Some courses such as MPRE 621 Foundations of Real Estate Finance are required as prerequisites for more advanced elective courses in finance and development.

Introductory Steps

A few action items are necessary for new students to cover - a "Step-by-Step Guide" was provided to you through the Admissions Office following your acceptance; you can also access the information [here](#). Please also establish your Georgetown email account and University ID and password. These items are critical for nearly all administrative actions you will take.

New Student Welcome

Please stay alert for a message regarding the Summer New Student Welcome. Campus students will receive an invitation to attend in-person, which will be held on an evening shortly before the semester begins in May. Online students will receive an invitation to attend a separate new student welcome virtually via webinar. All incoming students are expected to attend. To set you up for success, we will go over crucial information and you will have an opportunity to meet the new cadre of fellow students, and the program's administration team.

MPRE's Academic Planning Document

The MPRE program has an Academic Planning Document found [here](#). This document will serve as your “how-to” guide from getting started in the program, to planning your semesters in advance, declaring a concentration, if you choose, and preparing for Capstone. We believe that students will gain the greatest benefit from each course by taking each course in a logical order. This academic planning document will assist you in charting your 30 credits from Ethics in Action taken in your first semester to Real Estate Capstone taken as your last course in the program.

SCS Academic Handbook

A plethora of information on University rules and processes is delineated in the [Graduate Student Handbook](#). We recommend that you review this document, particularly the sections on the first steps after admission as well as the MPRE Program guidelines. Please note that students taking courses virtually will receive additional guidance through their online academic advisor about course planning.

Registration

Each semester, students register for courses directly online through [MyAccess](#). Online students will find courses on the “Main Campus Distance ED” listing. In-person campus courses are found on the “Main Campus” listing. Information on the registration process is also delineated in the Step-by-Step Guide linked above. Below are some important registration dates impacting the Summer 2017 schedule.

Summer 2017 Academic Calendar

<u>Campus:</u>	<u>Online:</u>	
May 22 st Classes Begin May 29 th Memorial day - No Classes May 30 th Add/Drop Ends Jul 4 th Independence Day – No Classes Aug 17 th Last Day to Withdraw Aug 20 th Classes End Sep 3 rd Grades Due	Module 1: May 22 st Classes Begin May 27 th Add/Drop Ends Jul 13 th Last day to Withdraw Jul 15 th Classes End including exams Jul 29 th Grades Due	Module 2: Jun 26 th Classes Begin Jul 1 st Add/Drop Ends Aug 17 th Last day to Withdraw Aug 19 th Classes End including exams Sep 2 nd Grades Due

International Students

We are proud to welcome a large group of students from a variety of countries. We would like to ensure that these students have the resources to be successful. If you have questions regarding International student policies, please contact Anka Dadarlat, the School's International Program Adviser. She can be reached at aid22@georgetown.edu.

Professional Development Resources

You have joined a professional program, in addition to an academic resource. We offer professional and career development resources and multiple networking events over the semester, including events hosted with professional real estate industry organizations to engage with industry practitioners. We encourage you to take advantage of these resources and activities!

Across the year, students and the public are invited to hear presentations by top industry leaders discussing current issues in the field. Information on the speakers will be disseminated shortly. Additional networking events are held throughout the year as well. Information on these activities is available in the program's newsletter, which we encourage you to read each week.

For additional professional engagement, we also recommend that students take advantage of membership in professional membership organizations that are University partners, such as the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors ([RICS](#)) which offers a free student membership, and CREW (Commercial Real Estate Women), which has highly discounted student memberships. There are also several Young Leaders subgroup membership opportunities through organizations which provide an opportunity to network with rising leaders in the industry, including : ULI's [Young Leaders](#), DCBIA's [Young Professionals](#), and the International Council of Shopping Centers [Next Generation](#).

SABRE

There are student leadership opportunities through the Student Advisory Board in Real Estate (SABRE). This group of students facilitates networking opportunities between current students, alumni, Real Estate industry professionals, and the larger Georgetown/DC community. The organization also plans and coordinates events focused on industry and academic interests of the MPSRE student body. Students can join the board through annual elections and are welcome to attend all events.

Communication and Networking Resources

To remain up to date with program and University news, there are several key sources of communication. Each week, you will receive a program electronic newsletter with information on academic affairs as well as upcoming program and professional development events and resources. Please review these regularly. The student highlight section provides an opportunity to promote your professional work and we encourage each of you to sign up to introduce yourself [here](#).

The program has a LinkedIn group providing an opportunity for students and alumni to connect and network. To request to join, click [here](#). To support students' efforts to generate contacts, a networking directory is also available for current students and alumni to highlight their positions, places of employment, and contact information. To gain access and to be included, [please complete the directory form here](#). The program alumni have also established an [Alumni Association](#) that regularly hosts events and provides networking opportunities. Finally, you can find program news and photos and post information on the Program's Facebook page [here](#).

University Resources

We encourage you to view all available resources including, the GU Main campus [website](#); the GU [directory](#) to look up GU staff and students; the GU [Registrar's](#) site for course registration; both the MPRE [webpage](#) and the Academic Affairs [tab](#) and SCS learning resources [page](#), which includes the library, writing center, and academic resource center on the School of Continuing Studies [website](#) for school and program-specific information.

Student Advisor Contacts

For students enrolled in the **campus program**, to schedule an academic advising appointment, please contact the program by e-mail at mpsre@georgetown.edu

For students enrolled in the **online program**, to schedule a virtual academic advising appointment, please contact **Zenith Malik, Enrollment and Student Services Coordinator**, by email at: zpm5@georgetown.edu

Again, welcome to the program! We look forward to seeing many of you at New Student Orientation, and to serving you throughout your MPRE career.

Best regards,

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