

# 15 Reasons Anyone Should Take a Real Estate Course

*...even if you don't plan to start a real estate career.*

**Whether you rent, own, or "hope to own", real estate is a big part of your monthly budget.  
It pays to understand the basics!**

## **If you're renting:**

- 1.) Learn your legal rights and responsibilities as a tenant
- 2.) Discover what your landlord is legally responsible to do
- 3.) Find out what mortgage companies will look for when deciding if you qualify for a mortgage



## **If you're thinking about buying or selling a home:**

The purchase of a home is one of the largest investments you'll ever make. Make an informed decision before you sign on for 15 or 30 years of mortgage payments.

- 4.) Learn about the transaction process
- 5.) Learn about the contracts you'll sign
- 6.) Calculate commission splits you'll pay to the real estate salespeople involved
- 7.) Understand how a CMA is different than an Appraisal
- 8.) See how the CMA and the Appraisal will affect your offer price and financing terms
- 9.) Learn about real estate taxes and assessments
- 10.) Learn how to fight your municipal assessment when it's out of line



## **If you're curious how real estate can help you meet your financial goals:**

For many people, buying an investment property is one of the best ways to meet their financial goals without having a huge amount of money to work with.

- 11.) Learn how to tap the equity in your home to purchase an investment property
- 12.) Understand your financing options
- 13.) Learn the benefits and drawbacks of different types of mortgages
- 14.) Learn the basics of property management
- 15.) Discover various strategies real estate investors use to grow their portfolios

