



SAPOA – UCT Property Programme

Introduction to Property Investment and Finance

Online, 23 – 24 July; 30 – 31 July and 6 – 7 August 2026, mornings

Introduction

SAPOA and the University of Cape Town (UCT) are adapting to the changing training needs of the South African property market by transitioning from face-to-face to online and hybrid courses. This shift is driven by the increasing demand for online courses, the inability of companies to free employees for extended periods, and the rising costs associated with travel and accommodation for face-to-face courses.

Live interactions assist in creating a comprehensive and engaging learning environment. The proposed online format therefore includes a mix of live synchronous sessions, and online learning materials and activities. This format allows for the preservation of the 'warmth' and structure associated with face-to-face programmes while providing the flexibility of online learning. The inclusion of both academics and property professionals in the presentation further enriches the learning experience.

The SAPOA – UCT Property Programme includes three short courses:

Introduction to South African Property Programme (IPP)

Introduction to Property Investment and Finance (IPIF)

Public Sector Real Estate Programme (PSRP)

Course Objective

The main objective of this course is to provide an intermediate understanding of property investment and financing concepts. It should form the knowledge basis for other specialised programmes and the Property Development Programme (PDP).

Course Outcomes

- The characteristics of a property investment.
- The property investment objectives.
- Assessment of property investment performance.
- Property investment vehicles (REITs).
- Valuation of properties.
- Property investment entities.
- Property cash flow and investment decision making.
- Excel functions used in property investment (IRR – NPV).
- Financing the property investment.

Course Content

Module 1: The characteristics of property investment.

Module 2: Assessment of property cash flows.

Module 3: Making the property decision.

Module 4: Assessment of property performance.

Module 5: Valuation of property investment.

Module 6: Financing property investments.

Course Format

The course will be delivered online with live sessions, including activities like panel discussions. It will run over three weeks with two morning sessions per week, each lasting about 2 hours. Participants will also complete additional readings and quizzes for each module.

Who Should Attend?

This course will be particularly useful all those who seek an introductory property investment course. It will be equally useful to professionals in the private and public sectors. The course does not require prior knowledge of property investment concepts but requires a understanding of Excell (not financial functions). The course should be particularly useful to professionals in the fields of:

- 1) Property Investment
- 2) Asset management
- 3) Property managers
- 4) Property brokers
- 5) Valuers

Certificate Requirements

A digital certificate of attendance will be awarded to participants who attend at least 80% of the live sessions and complete each module.

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Course Overview

Course	Introduction to Property Investment and Finance
Dates and Duration	23 – 24 July, 30 – 31 July and 6 – 7 August 2026, mornings only
Venue	Presented online via MS Teams and Amathuba (UCT's online learning platform)
Format	Synchronous online sessions, two mornings a week for three weeks. Total course duration including readings and quizzes: 30 hours
Course fees	SAPOA Members: R14 700 Non-members: R22 000
Registration Deadline	Wednesday 8 July 2026
Enquiries	CPD Programme: ebe-cpd@uct.ac.za SAPOA: eduofficer@sapoa.org.za

Course Presenters

All the presenters on the course are recognised leaders in their fields.



Dr Saul Nurick is a senior lecturer in the Department of Construction Economics and Management at the University of Cape Town (UCT), where he teaches on the both the undergraduate and masters Property Studies programmes. His teaching focuses on property financial mathematics, property feasibility analysis, property finance and environmental aspects linking to the real estate sector. He holds a BCom, BSc (Hons) (Property Studies) and MPhil from the University of Cape Town, and a PhD from the University of the Witwatersrand. He is registered as a chartered surveyor with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS). He is the director of the Urban Real Estate Research Unit (URERU), based at UCT.



Dr Kwakutse Ametefe (Amett) is a Senior Lecturer in Property Investment and Finance in the Department of Construction Economics and Management, University of Cape Town. Dr. Amett has broad research interests in the areas of real estate finance and investment, sustainable real estate investment, housing finance and policy, property portfolio management with particular emphasis on property investment vehicles (including REITs), the valuation of property investments and entities, and financing structures for property investment. He has published in several high-impact journals, such as the International Review of Financial Analysis, Journal of Property Research, and Journal of Property Investment and Finance, among others. He has also published several book chapters, with a recent contribution to the Routledge Handbook of Infrastructure Finance. He has received many awards for his research, notably the Nick Tyrrell Research Prize in 2018, the Greenovate Award (2022), the American Real Estate Society International Scholar Award (2025), the American Real Estate Society Doctoral Fellowship (2014), and the University of Ghana Fellowship Award (2009). Dr. Ametefe has undertaken a number of consultancy projects for organisations such as the Investment Property Forum (IPF -UK), the German Technical Cooperation Agency (GIZ), and the State Housing Company Limited (Ghana).

Registration

Registration and Cancellation

- [Register for this course](#)
- Registration covers attendance of all sessions of the course, and course material.
- Registrations close on 8 July 2026. Confirmation of acceptance will be sent on receipt of a registration form.
- **Cancellations must be received 7 days before the start of a course, or the full course fee will be charged.**
- For more information on application and registration procedures, please visit our website: www.cpd.uct.ac.za

Certificates and CPD Points

The course is an approved University of Cape Town short course and it is accredited with the Engineering Council of South Africa for the award for CPD points.

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