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# Overview

### **Seminar Description**

Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain, and the Metaverse: Implications for Valuation is designed to provide both residential and commercial appraisers with a comprehensive introduction to the field of artificial intelligence (AI) and its applications in the appraisal industry. Participants will gain a solid understanding of the history of AI, its building blocks, and the reasons why AI is becoming increasingly essential in data analysis.

In Section 1, Parts 1-12, the class will discover how artificial intelligence began and how it continues to develop. Participants will delve into ways AI can be used in data analysis and see how it can enhance the appraisal process. Generative AI and its applications in the appraisal industry will be discussed. The section wraps up with ChatGPT and how it can be applied to real estate appraisal assignments.

The slides in Section 2, Parts 13-15, present a history and overview of blockchain. They begin with the origins of blockchain, tracing its development from the creation of Bitcoin to its current applications in various industries. The discussion will include the fundamental concepts of blockchain, such as distributed ledger technology, smart contracts, and consensus mechanisms. Additionally, the seminar explores the potential impact of blockchain on the real estate industry, discussing topics like tokenization of property, transparent transactions, and increased efficiency in property management. Participants will be presented with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate the evolving landscape of blockchain in real estate appraisal.

The seminar wraps up with Section 3, Parts 16-17, which presents the emerging concept of the metaverse and its potential impact on the real estate industry. The class will explore the definition and evolution of the metaverse and discuss its key features, such as virtual reality, augmented reality, and virtual economies. The slides will show the various applications of the metaverse in real estate, including virtual property ownership.

Through examples and interactive exercises, participants will develop a working knowledge of tools such as ChatGPT, a cutting-edge generative AI model, and they will also learn about the challenges and opportunities that the metaverse presents for real estate appraisers. Most importantly, the seminar provides an opportunity to discuss best practices for navigating these new exciting technologies that will make it easier to obtain data and deliver reports faster.

# **Seminar Objectives**

At the end of each section, participants should be able to do the following:

#### Section 1

Recognize fundamentals of artificial intelligence and its historical development.

- Understand the building blocks of AI, including machine learning, neural networks, and natural language processing.
- Recognize the importance of AI in data analysis and its potential to enhance appraisal processes.
- Describe generative Al and its applications in the appraisal industry.
- Demonstrate a working knowledge of ChatGPT and its capabilities through practical examples and exercises.

#### Section 2

- Understand the blockchain technology and its potential impact on the real estate industry.
- Recognize the history and overview of blockchain, including its origins and development, as well as its current applications in various industries.
- Describe the fundamental concepts of blockchain, such as distributed ledger technology, smart contracts, and consensus mechanisms.
- Discuss the potential impact of blockchain on the real estate industry, including topics like tokenization of property, transparent transactions, and increased efficiency in property management.

#### Section 3

- Understand the skills needed to navigate the evolving landscape of the metaverse in the real estate industry.
- Recognize how the metaverse could impact property valuation and appraisal.
- Discuss how the metaverse will specifically impact participants at all levels of education and the expected changes that are coming.

## **Learning Enhancements**

The seminar has been designed with a variety of elements to enhance your learning experience.

- **Preview.** To give you a taste of what is to come, you will find a *Preview* side that begins each part. Included on the preview slide are learning objectives to consider as you move through the content.
- Learning Objectives. Each learning objective covers essential information you need to know to fully understand the concepts in the seminar. Look them over before the part begins so that you have a frame of reference as you move through

the material. At the end of each part, reread the objectives. Are you able to do what is stated? Do you understand each objective? If not, this is the time to ask your instructor for help or review the concepts that you do not understand.

- Examples and Exercises. Supplementing the discussions, we've included examples and exercises to help you visualize and practice what you are learning.
- Discussion Topics. Throughout the seminar, there are questions that provide you with additional ideas to consider as you absorb what you are learning

#### **USPAP** References

All references to the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) are taken from the 2024 edition (Washington, D.C.: The Appraisal Foundation).

#### **Class Policies**

- 100% attendance is required. No exceptions.
- Limit use of computers and wireless devices to classroom projects.
- Communicate with business associates during break time instead of class time.
- During class, do not read materials that are not used in class, such as news, email, and local media.
- Silence cell phones and other communication devices.
- Use recording devices only if prior permission has been granted.
- If attending a class offering, refrain from ongoing conversations with those seated near you and other distracting behavior.

#### **General Information**

- **Breaks.** There will be two 10-minute breaks during each half-day session unless noted otherwise by the course sponsor. The lunch break is one hour.
- Attendance sheets will be distributed during each session of class to verify your attendance during all sessions. 100% attendance is required.
- Certificates of completion may be downloaded after completion of the course.

### **Recommended Textbooks**

- Residential Property Appraisal (Chicago: Appraisal Institute, 2020)
- The Appraisal of Real Estate, current ed. (Chicago: Appraisal Institute)
- The Dictionary of Real Estate Appraisal, 7th ed. (Chicago: Appraisal Institute, 2022)
- Scope of Work, 3rd ed. (Chicago: Appraisal Institute, 2020)