DISTANCE LEARNING COURSE INTRODUCTION

With demanding work and home life schedules, some prospective students may find it difficult to commute into our Boston office in order to attend the live or self-paced video lab in order to complete their pre-licensing course. Keeping this in mind, Host Group Real Estate Academy has developed and been approved for one of the only distance learning alternatives to complete the Salesperson or Broker course. We have designed this state of the art class to combine the best features of traditional classroom learning with the flexibility of online education.

HOW DOES DISTANCE LEARNING WORK?

Learning Management System (LMS) is a web accessible software application that provides for the administration of course content, delivery of assessments, communications and collaboration between students and instructors, and the ability to track grades and other relevant performance date. Host Group Real Estate Academy is currently licensing Litmos as its learning management system.

Teleconference courses aere taught face-to-face in specifically equipped classrooms that allow live interaction between instructor and students even though they may be in classrooms in different geographic locations. Synchronous tools such as text chat, audio chat or video chat will be used in order to provide the students with real-time access to the instructor while the class is in session. These tools require all participants to be online at the same time. Dates, times and locations for class meetings will be published in the official class schedule.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

While completing your required 40 hours of instruction from the comfort of your own home may sound appealing, there are some factors to keep in mind when deciding which course is right for you. Some students feel that they learn better in a live class setting where they can interact directly with the instructor. Others prefer the flexibility of being able to complete their hours in multiple, smaller spans of time via the self-paced video lab. The distance learning hybrid course combines the teaching styles of these two courses but unlike the classes that you complete in our office, there are some technology-related requirements that you need access to in order to be able to successfully take the course.

You must have:
- A computer, laptop, tablet or other device to view and complete all course activities
- Sufficient Internet access to complete all activities and you are solely responsible for finding an alternative if necessary
- A supported browser necessary to complete all activities
- A working printer or printing capabilities

Basic Computer Skills

You must be able to:

- Browse the internet
- Upload and download files
- Check the class Blackboard site and use/have access to your e-mail daily

- Download required plugins and software
- Clear computer cache, enabling cookies, and disabling pop-up blockers
- Use browser help file
- Print files

Writing Skills

Students must possess a firm command of written communication skills in the English language including:
- the mechanics of writing and grammar
- the ability to organize thoughts
- the ability to demonstrate above skills in all written work.