MS in Personal Financial Planning with Emphasis in Consumer and Family Economics

The resident Research and Policy Master of Science track prepares students for college teaching, consumer research positions, social service agencies, extension or other adult education programs, financial services institutions, consumer journalism and other positions in business, the public sector and not-for-profit institutions. Studies culminate in a research-based thesis that may either have a theoretical or applied focus. This masters degree also prepares students for subsequent work on a doctoral degree. Course work focuses on critical analysis of the interaction of the household sector with the markets for labor, consumer goods and financial products. Emphasis is placed on developing analytical skills.

Degree Requirements

The thesis-based Resident Master of Science program requires a minimum of 30 hours. Course work culminates in a master’s thesis.

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Plan of Study

Each student’s plan of study will vary to some degree, depending on the student’s background, needs, and career plans.