MS in Personal Financial Planning

Degree Information

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

Five-Year Bachelor of Science/Master of Science Option
The curriculum of this 150-Hour Program provides students with a comprehensive background in financial planning procedures and practice, meeting the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards’ education requirement, allowing a student to sit for the CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ exam. Coursework encompasses root disciplines of economics, mathematics, and statistics and focuses on the interaction between the household and the financial sector. Students will acquire a broad background in business related courses, as well as skills in communication, professional practice, and use of computer information systems.

Applied Master of Science (non-thesis option)
The Applied Master of Science is a 36-hour program. Course work is designed to complete the education required to sit for the national CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ exam and to broaden the practitioner’s understanding of the various factors that can affect and enhance a client’s financial security and economic well-being. Coursework culminates in a creative component, providing students an opportunity to integrate theory and practice in exploring or resolving issues related to personal financial planning.

• This degree is also available via distance education through the Great Plains IDEA group. Note, the Great Plains IDEA (https://www.gpidea.org) degree option also requires 36 hours to complete. Please see http://pfp.missouri.edu/graduate_distance.html for more information.

Application Deadlines
Fall deadline: February 1
Spring deadline: October 1
*Exceptions will be considered on a case by case basis

Admission Criteria

• English Language Requirements (for ESL applicants only):

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Required Application Materials

To the Office of Graduate Studies:

• All required Graduate Studies documents
• 3 letters of recommendation
• GRE or GMAT scores
• Statement of Purpose
• Official transcripts
• Résumé

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We also accept IELTS scores