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.

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: April 1st
Spring deadline: October 1st
*Exceptions will be considered on a case by case basis

Admission Criteria

• English Language Requirements (for ESL applicants only):

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We also accept IELTS scores

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• Minimum GPA: 3.0 in last 60 hours

Required Application Materials

To the Office of Graduate Studies:

• All required Graduate Admissions
• 3 letters of recommendation
• GRE or GMAT scores (thesis-option only)
• Statement of Purpose
• Official transcripts
• Résumé