

BS in Personal Financial Planning

Degree Program Description

The Bachelor of Science in Personal Financial Planning degree prepares students to work with individuals and families in a wide range of financial service occupations, such as financial planning, insurance, investments, banking, financial counseling, financial education, social work, and more. The degree program meets the educational requirements for those who want to sit for the national CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ exam to meet the growing demand for personal financial planners. With a strong foundation in financial planning, many students also choose to pursue additional minor(s) or certificates in business, accounting, economics, social work, public health, and other related programs.

Major Program Requirements

Students earning a Bachelor of Science in Financial Planning are required to complete all University general education (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements/>), University graduation (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements/>) and degree requirements, including selected foundational courses, which may fulfill some University general education requirements.

If you are planning to transfer courses (including AP credit) and would like information on how they apply to a degree program(s), you can email CAFNRadvising@missouri.edu for general recommendations.

Students are admissible to transfer into Financial Planning with a 2.0 cumulative GPA. You are directly admissible as a freshman when you meet the University admissions requirements.

Foundational Courses

ENGLSH 1000	Writing and Rhetoric	3
HIST 1100	Survey of American History to 1865	3
or HIST 1200	Survey of American History Since 1865	
or HIST 1400	American History	
or HIST 2210	Twentieth Century America	
or HIST 2240	Flight in America: From the Wright Brothers to the Space Age	
or POL_SC 1100	American Government	
or POL_SC 2100	State Government	
MATH 1100	College Algebra	3
MATH 1400	Calculus for Social and Life Sciences I	3
or MATH 1500	Analytic Geometry and Calculus I	
ABM 1041	Applied Microeconomics	3
or ECONOM 1014	Principles of Microeconomics	
ABM 1042	Applied Macroeconomics	3
or ECONOM 1015	Principles of Macroeconomics	
ABM 2225	Statistical Analysis	3
or STAT 2500	Introduction to Probability and Statistics I	
AGSC_COM 2220	Verbal Communication in Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources	3
or COMMUN 1200	Public Speaking	
or COMMUN 3571	Group Decision Making Processes	

Core Requirements

FINPLN 2083	Financial Planning Careers	2
FINPLN 2183	Personal and Family Finance ¹	3
FINPLN 3282	Financial Counseling	3
FINPLN 3283	Financial Planning: Computer Applications	3
FINPLN 4187	Financial Planning: Tax Planning ²	3
FINPLN 4188	Community Agencies and Volunteerism	5
FINPLN 4380W	Assessing the American Dream - Writing Intensive	3
FINPLN 4382	Financial Planning: Risk Management ²	3
FINPLN 4383	Financial Planning: Investment Management ²	3
FINPLN 4386	Financial Planning: Employee Benefits and Retirement Planning ²	3
FINPLN 4393	Financial Planning: Estate and Gift Planning ²	3
FINPLN 4389	Financial Planning: Capstone ^{1, 2}	3

Supporting Coursework

PSYCH 1000	General Psychology	3
SOCIOL 1000	Introduction to Sociology	3
ACCTCY 2036	Accounting I	3
or ACCTCY 2026	Accounting I	
ECONOM 3229	Money, Banking and Financial Markets	3
ABM 4240	Microeconomics Theory and Applications	3
or ECONOM 3251	Managerial Economics	
or ECONOM 4351	Intermediate Microeconomics	
MANGMT 3540	Introduction to Business Law	3
or ABM 3256	Agribusiness and Biotechnology Law	
or ECONOM 3367	Law and Economics	
or HSP_MGMT 2100	Hospitality Law	

Professional Foundations

ABM 1200	Applied Computer Applications	3
or ACCTCY 2258	Computer-Based Data Systems	
Choose two courses from the list provided:		6
PUB_AF 1000	Principles of Public Policy Administration	3
BL_STU 1000	Introduction to Black Studies	3
SOCIOL 1010	Social Problems	3
PHIL 1100	The Difference Between Right and Wrong: An Introduction to Ethics	3
H_D_FS 1600	Foundations of Family Science	3
H_D_FS 1610	Intimate Relationships and Marriage	3
ANTHRO 2030	Cultural Anthropology	3
AG_ED_LD 2250	Introduction to Leadership	3
AG_ED_LD 2260	Team and Organizational Leadership	3
H_D_FS 2300	Multicultural Study of Children and Families	3
T_A_M 2600	Moral and Ethical Issues in the Global Fashion Supply Chain	3
ABM 3223	Relationship Selling: Creating Value for Customers	3
ABM 3241W	Ethical Issues in Agriculture - Writing Intensive	3
ABM 4223	Professional Solution Selling	3
AG_ED_LD 4240	Leading Organizational and Community Change	3

Professional or General Electives

Students may choose additional electives/minors/certificates to earn a total of 120 credit hours. See advisors for various options for minors, certificates, and courses.

¹ Requires a grade of C- (1.7) or higher.

² Courses required to sit for the CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ exam

Semester Plan

First Year					
Fall	CR	Spring	CR		
FINPLN 2083	2	FINPLN 2183	3		
ABM 1041 or ECONOM 1014	3	ABM 1042 or ECONOM 1015	3		
MATH 1100	3	ENGLISH 1000	3		
American History or Government	3	MATH 1400	3		
Science W/Lab	3	SOCIOL 1000	3		
14		15			
Second Year					
Fall	CR	Spring	CR		
FINPLN 3282	3	FINPLN 3283	3		
ABM 2225 or STAT 2500	3	FINPLN 4382	3		
ABM 1200	3	COMMUN 1200 or AGSC_COM 2220	3		
PSYCH 1000	3	ACCTCY 2036, 2010, or 2026	3		
General Elective	3	General Elective	3		
15		15			
Third Year					
Fall	CR	Spring	CR	Summer	CR
FINPLN 4383	3	FINPLN 4386	3	FINPLN 4993	3
FINPLN 4187	3	FINPLN 4188	5		
ECONOM 3229	3	MANGMT 3540, ABM 3256, or ECONOM 3367	3		
Professional Foundation	3	Humanities	3		
General Elective	3				
15		14		3	
Fourth Year					
Fall	CR	Spring	CR		
FINPLN 4393	3	FINPLN 4380W	3		
ABM 4240, ECONOM 3251, or ECONOM 4351	3	FINPLN 4389	3		
General Elective	3	Humanities	3		
Professional Foundation	3	General Electives	6		
General Elective (WI Recommended)	3				
15		15			

Total Credits: 121