MS in Personal Financial Planning

The Master of Science (MS) is a 33-hour, non-thesis, distance education program registered with the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. The MS degree includes the 18 credit hour requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Personal Financial Planning. When students are admitted to the MS degree, they are also admitted to Graduate Certificate program. Upon successful completion of the Graduate Certificate portion, students will have completed the education requirements necessary to sit for the national CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ (CFP®) exam. This is one of four requirements leading to the right to use the CFP® mark as a financial service professional. The other requirements are passing the national CFP® exam, gaining industry-relevant experience, and agreeing and adhering to the CFP Board's Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct.

MS coursework is designed to broaden the understanding of the various factors which can affect and enhance household financial well-being. Coursework culminates in a creative component, which is a major project that provides students an opportunity to integrate theory and practice in a critical study of a personal financial planning problem or issue. Graduates of this program typically enter the financial services industry.

Degree Requirements

The MS in Personal Financial Planning is a 33-credit hour program.

Required CFP Board Education Courses		**18**
FINPLN 7382	Financial Planning: Risk Management	3
FINPLN 7383	Financial Planning: Investment Management	3
FINPLN 7187	Financial Planning: Tax Planning	3
FINPLN 7386	Financial Planning: Employee Benefits and Retirement Planning	3
FINPLN 7393	Financial Planning: Estate and Gift Planning	3
FINPLN 7389	Financial Planning: Capstone	3
Required Courses in Personal Financial Planning		**12**
FINPLN 8384	Advanced Risk Management	3
FINPLN 8488	Household Financial Decision Making	3
FINPLN 8500	Advanced Projects in Personal Financial Planning	6
Supporting Area Courses		**3**
AG_ED_LD 8250	Leadership Theory and Application	3
Total Credits		**33**

Please visit Missouri Online (https://online.missouri.edu/degrees-programs/mu/cafnr/personal-financial-planning/ms/) for application instructions, requirements, and additional information for the MS program.

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