The University of Georgia®
FINANCIAL PLANNING

Become a

CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™

Earn an ***Online*** Master's Degree in Financial Planning from a Top 20 public university!

This program could be for you if you want to…

…sit for the CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ examination and/or expand your knowledge base as a professional financial planner

…participate in a Master's degree level experience that goes beyond a certificate education program and explores the financial planning profession

…learn from research professors who are recognized as leaders in their field

…keep working your job while pursuing graduate education

…sit for the CERTIFIED RETIREMENT COUNSELOR™ and/or the ACCREDITED FINANCIAL COUNSELOR™ examinations

The University of Georgia's Master of Science Non-thesis degree in Financial Planning, Housing and Consumer Economics offers an ***online*** educational experience that will meet your needs!

The CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ designation is widely recognized as the gold standard in the personal financial planning profession. The University of Georgia Financial Planning program will not only prepare you to sit for the CFP® examination, but develop your potential for a financial planning career in ways that go beyond merely mastering the core concepts and exam preparation.

What will happen?

Courses will be offered in eight week blocks; two per semester for the Fall and Spring and one course and one Directed Study experience in each Summer. Course content will be presented in a variety of formats including recorded lectures, interactive sessions, bulletin board postings, and discussion groups.

	Fall		Spring		Summer	
First Year	Financial Planning & Analysis	Wealth Management I	Practice Management in Financial Planning	Wealth Management II	Retirement Planning and Employee Benefits	Directed Study
Second Year	Estate Planning	Financial Counseling & Client Communication	Family Tax Planning	Applied Theory and Research in Financial Planning	Capstone* in Financial Planning	Directed Study

* The Capstone Course is a CFP® Board-required course integrating previously mastered concepts through case studies.

Directed study opportunities include:

- Research projects in collaboration with faculty
- Internship or practicum experiences
- Elective courses

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Why UGA Financial Planning's *Online* Master's?

- Courses will be developed and taught by experienced tenure-track University of Georgia faculty with industry accreditation, not third-party consultants.
- An innovative ***online*** program using the latest technology and pedagogical methodologies to facilitate learning while allowing students to work full-time.
- This program is designed for working professionals who desire a deeper level of knowledge and high-potential career changers wanting to pursue CFP® certification.
- For students meeting certain qualifications, the GMAT/GRE examination requirement may be waived.

About Financial Planning at UGA

Financial planning has been offered in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences at UGA since 2001. The Department of Financial Planning, Housing and Consumer Economics is the only UGA department to offer degree programs in the discipline of financial planning.

Programs

- Bachelor of Science
- Accelerated Master of Science (five years to BS/MS)
- Master of Science, non-thesis (professional path)
- ***Online*** Master of Science, non-thesis (professional path)
- Master of Science, thesis (research path)
- PhD (research and teaching path)

In addition to a full spectrum of degree programs, financial planning opportunities for study in Athens include:

- A financial practicum at the ASPIRE Clinic which provides pro-bono financial planning and counseling services to the community at no charge.
- Experiential learning through the outreach-based Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.
- Summer FPA Residency Program for early career professionals with a focus on client communication, mentoring, and networking to springboard planners into a new career.
- Opportunities for research collaborations and mentoring from six full-time tenure-track professors with PhDs and advanced practitioner certifications.

Research priorities

- Financial Therapy
- Savings and Investment Behavior
- Psychophysiological Economics
- Financial Attitudes and Behaviors
- Financial Wellness and Satisfaction
- Financial Risk Tolerance

Journals where our faculty have published

- Journal of Financial Planning
- Financial Services Review
- Journal of Financial Counseling and Planning
- International Journal of Consumer Studies
- Journal of Financial Therapy
- Journal of Personal Finance

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