Accelerated M.S. FHCE degree
Financial Planning Concentration

Is this the right program for you?

Students come from diverse areas of undergraduate study—finance, accounting, psychology, economics, agricultural economics, sociology, housing, etc. After completing the degree program, graduates are prepared to work for large and small comprehensive financial planning and wealth management firms. In addition to qualifying graduates to sit for the Certified Financial Planner (CFP®) examination, the program also qualifies students to sit for the Certified Retirement Counselor (CRC®) and Accredited Financial Counselor (AFC) examinations.

If you want to do good for others while doing well for yourself, then the rewarding career of working as CFP® professional may be a perfect fit for you.

What are my degree path options in the area of financial planning?

The University of Georgia is unique in providing prospective graduate students with multiple Master’s degree options. One unique option is the accelerated Master’s degree with a concentration in financial planning. This option allows current UGA undergraduate students to apply to graduate school and begin doing coursework on a graduate degree while still enrolled at UGA as an undergraduate student.

Students will have multiple opportunities to immerse themselves into experiential learning environments where they will become the financial advisor working with clients in a supervised setting as part of their course work. Students will also be able to participate in multiple national and international professional conferences.

Plan of Study in Financial Planning

The plan of study outlined below is for the portfolio option. Students desiring to pursue the thesis option should meet with a financial planning faculty member to develop a plan of study that will uniquely satisfy their educational and career goals.

Required courses:

• FHCE 8000, 8100 or 8150
• Concentration (24 credit hours):
  o FHCE 6200 Wealth Management 1
  o FHCE 6205 Wealth Management 2
  o FHCE 6210 Retirement Planning and Employee Benefits
  o FHCE 6220 Estate Planning
  o FHCE 6230 Family Tax Planning
• Financial Planning elective courses (6 credit hours)
  o FHCE 6250 Practice Management
  o FHCE 7200 Financial Counseling and Client Communication
  o FHCE 7250 Capstone in Financial Planning
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Plan of Study Illustration – Graduate Course Load

| Junior Year |  | Senior Year |  | First Graduate Year |
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| **Fall Semester** | FHCE 6200 Wealth Mngt. 1 | **Spring Semester** | FHCE 6205 Wealth Mngt. 2 |
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| **Fall Semester** | FHCE 6230 Family Tax Planning | **Spring Semester** | FHCE 6210 Retirement Planning |
|  |  | Graduate Elective |  |

**How do I apply?**

First consult with the undergraduate advisor and graduate advisor to develop a preliminary course plan. The plan must be approved by the dean of the Graduate School prior to submitting an application. It’s best to apply late in your sophomore or early in your junior year.

Then, submit the following directly to the UGA Graduate School:

1. a completed application (available at http://www.grad.uga.edu/apply.html);
2. an official transcript; and
3. official results from the GRE (UGA code is 5813) or GMAT (FHCE MS code is Z95-H2-68).

And the following to the Department of Financial Planning, Housing and Consumer Economics:

4. three letters of recommendation;
5. a Statement of Purpose that answers the questions at http://goo.gl/gUuP3h; and
6. a resume.

**Want to learn more? FHCE Graduate Program Contacts:**

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http://www.fcs.uga.edu/fhce/graduate