

University of Utah

Online Master of Financial Planning and Counseling Program

The Master's program requires a total of **34 credits** for completion.

Course Number	Coursework Sequence	Credit Hours
	Year 1 Fall Semester	
FCS 6903	Proseminar for Financial Planning and Counseling	1
FCS 5550 ^a	Risk Management & Insurance Planning for Families	3
FCS 5510 ^a	Investment Planning	3
FCS 5520 ^a	Retirement and Benefits Planning for Families	3
	Year 1 Spring Semester	
FCS 5430	Family and Healthcare Policy	3
FCS 5530 ^a	Family Income Tax Planning	3
FCS 5540 ^a	Family Estate Planning	3
	Year 2 Fall Semester	
FCS 5515	Money and Relationships	3
FCS 5525	Financial Counseling & Therapy	3
FCS 5550 ^a	Family Financial Planning Capstone	3
	Year 2 Spring Semester	
FCS 5535	Behavioral Finance	3
FCS 6565	Financial Planning & Counseling: Theory and Research	3

Other Program Requirements

All graduate students must be enrolled in *at least one course* continuously from the time of formal admission through the completion of all degree requirements, unless an official leave of absence has been granted.

^a If students have completed these courses within the past five years, they may opt to take alternative courses from the list of suggested options. These students may also transfer up to 6 credits toward the graduate degree requirement, provided those credits were not applied toward their prior degree. The selected alternative courses are as follows:

Course Number	Coursework Sequence	Credit Hours
	Year 1 Fall Semester	
ED PS 5060	Forgiveness & Anger Reduction	3
ED PS 5061	Change Using Positive Psychology	3
ED PS 5062	Coping with Difficulty People	3
	Year 1 Spring Semester	
ED PS 5064	Resilience After Divorce: Life Reconstruction	3
ED PS 5068	Meditation & Stress Reduction	3
	Year 2 Fall Semester	
ED PS 5066	Growing from Traumatic Life Experiences	3

Elective Course Options

For students seeking further specialization, elective credits are available from various departments, allowing them to tailor their academic experience to align with their individual interests and career goals. Examples of potential elective courses include:

- PUBPL 6000 – Applications of Economic Principles and Public Policy Statistics
- PADMN 6320 – Public Policy Theories and Applications
- PUBPL 6290 – Applied Quantitative Methods for Public Policy
- PUBPL 6002 – Statistical Packages for Public Policy
- ECON 6190 – Health Economics
- PADMN 6323 – Policy Analysis
- ECON 6380 – Law and Economics
- ECON 6010 – Microeconomics
- ECON 6020 – Macroeconomics

These electives provide valuable interdisciplinary perspectives and skill sets that can enhance students' expertise in financial planning and policy-related fields.

Students must achieve a minimum grade of C in all required courses and maintain a GPA of 3.0 or above throughout the program. Upon meeting the coursework requirements and successfully completing projects mandated by FCS 5550 and 6565, students will be conferred a master's degree.