Personal Financial Planning
Career Guide

Personal financial planning is a track option within your Finance emphasis area. As a planning professional, you will be helping individuals and families reach their financial goals and objectives by applying your broad understanding of financial topics and concepts, in-depth technical knowledge of wealth management and financial planning strategies and awareness about client communication, including relationship building, active listening during client discovery and presentation of planning recommendations.

The program's curriculum has been approved by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards. After successfully completing the PFP courses, you will be eligible to sit for the national CFP® Certification Examination. The CFP® designation is a professional mark that will help set you apart within the financial-services industry.

Industry Overview

Wealth Management and Personal Financial Planning
Wealth management and personal financial planning professionals assist individuals and families in making sound financial and investment decisions that will help maximize their chances of achieving critical life goals. Career paths within the industry include independent financial planning firms, investment and accounting firms, broker-dealers and insurance companies. Job positions include financial planner, investment advisor, wealth manager, financial consultant, analyst, paraplanner, service advisor and insurance agent.

Additional Tips

Organizations to Join
- Financial Planning Club
- Leeds Investment and Trading Group
- COFPA (Colorado Chapter of the Financial Planning Association provides for student memberships)

Events & Networking
- Personal Financial Planning and Wealth Management Networking (Fall and Spring)
- CFP® Exam Review (provided to graduating track students at no cost)
- SIE Exam Review (provided to interested students at no cost)

Resources
Resume and Cover Letter Templates at leeds.ly/CareerRoundup
Make an appointment with your Industry Coach today at leeds.ly/careeradv
Stay up to date on jobs and events at leeds.ly/Handshake

Recruiting Timeline

Fall Semester
- Large Corporations
- Commercial Banks
- Institutional Asset Management Firms
- Regional Investment Banks

Spring Semester
- Small Companies
- Wealth Management Firms
- Investment Banks – Interviews for junior summer internships will occur during the spring/summer of sophomore year
Students must complete all BCOR and BASE classes to enroll in any Area of Emphasis classes, with the exception of FNCE 2010, which should be taken concurrently with BASE in the sophomore year.

The Personal Financial Planning track generally takes 4 semesters, for a total of 27 credit hours.

It qualifies students to sit for the CFP certification exam.

Note: To elect this track, inform your undergraduate advisor to add the PFP track to your finance emphasis.

All courses are 3 credit hours unless otherwise noted.