FINANCIAL PLANNING, CERTIFICATE (200)

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The certificate program in Financial Planning requires 30 semester hours and is intended to qualify non-finance majors or degree-holding individuals who wish to pursue a career in financial planning. After successful completion of the required eleven courses, the student receives a Certificate of Financial Planning from Western Kentucky University and is allowed to sit for the CFP® Certification Examination. There may be additional course requirements for students not meeting pre-requisites.

Western Kentucky University does not certify individuals to use the CFP®, Certified Financial Planner™, and CFP® (with flame logo) certification marks. The CFP certification is granted only by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards to those persons who, in addition to completing an educational requirement such as this CFP Board-Registered Program, have met its ethics, experience, and examination requirements.

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Program Requirements (27 hours)

Code	Title	Hours
FIN 161	Personal Finance	3
FIN 331	Applied Investments	3
FIN 332	Investment Theory	3
FIN 333	Advanced Topics in PFP	3
FIN 350	Risk Management and Insurance	3
FIN 405	Legal and Regulatory Aspects of Personal Financial Planning	1.5
FIN 419	Behavioral Finance and Investing	1.5
FIN 444	Retirement Planning	3
FIN 445	Estate Planning	3
FIN 450	Financial Plan Development	3
Total Hours		**27**