GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN FINANCIAL PLANNING (2794)

Approved Abbreviation: GradDipFinPlan
Western Sydney University Program Code: 2794
AQF Level: 8

This program applies to students who commenced in Quarter 2, 2019 or later.

Students should follow the program structure for the session start date relevant to the year they commenced.

For Commencement Year Q1 2018 - please refer to 2794.3 Graduate Diploma in Financial Planning (exit only) (http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=2794.3)

The Graduate Diploma in Financial Planning is a fully online program designed to meet the requirements of existing advisers and those seeking a career as a financial adviser. The program is accredited by Financial Adviser Standards (FAS) under The Commonwealth Department of Treasury and is awarded on successful completion of 80 credit points of subjects. Students have the option to transfer to 2793 Master of Financial Planning on successful completion of 40 credit points.

Students may be eligible for advanced standing based on their previous qualifications and work experience.

Early Exit

Students may exit this program on completion of 40 credit points with a 2795 Graduate Certificate in Financial Planning (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/programs/graduate-certificate-financial-planning/)

Study Mode

One year full-time or two years part-time.

Program Advice

Dr Ushi Ghoorah (https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/14369/)

Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/)| Local Admission (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/) | International Admission (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/) |

Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Online	Full Time	Online	See above
Online	Part Time	Online	See above

Accreditation

The Graduate Diploma in Financial Planning is accredited with the Financial Adviser Standards and Ethics Authority (FASEA), management of which has recently transferred to Financial Adviser Standards (FAS) under The Commonwealth Department of Treasury.

Admission

Applicants must have:

- Successfully completed an undergraduate degree, or higher, in any discipline; Or
- Successfully completed an advanced diploma, or higher, in a business discipline and have a minimum of three (3) years full-time equivalent managerial/professional work experience in a related field.

Applicants seeking admission on the basis of work experience must support their application with a current CV for all work experience listed on their application and a Confirmation of Employment for all work experience listed on the application. Only applicants seeking admission through an established industry partnership agreement can provide an agreed alternative to the Confirmation of Employment. The confirmation of employment can be either be a letter on employer letterhead specifying their role and length of service or the industry declaration form.

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas must be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC). Use the links below to apply via UAC or Western Sydney University. Applications made directly to Western Sydney do not have an application fee.

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local and International applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to the University should also use the information provided on the UAC website.

http://www.uac.edu.au/
https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/

Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International - National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and Western Sydney University.

Association of Financial Advisers and Western Sydney University Articulation Agreement

Students who complete subjects FINC 7001 Communication and Ethics for Financial Planners and FINC 7013 Planning for Retirement in this program will receive exemption for the Association of Financial Advisers' FChFP AFA3 and AFA4. Students who have completed the Association of Financial Advisers' FChFP AFA 3 and 4 will receive exemptions for subjects FINC 7001 Communication and Ethics for Financial Planners and FINC 7013 Planning for Retirement.

Recommended Sequence

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 80 credit points as follows.

Full-time intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Quarter 1 session		
FINC 7001	Communication and Ethics for Financial Planners	10
LAWS 7009	Commercial Law	10
	Credit Points	**20**
Quarter 2 session		
FINC 7015	Principles of Financial Planning	10

LAWS 7031	Principles of Taxation	10
	Credit Points	**20**
Quarter 3 session		
FINC 7020	Superannuation	10
FINC 7011	Investment Planning	10
	Credit Points	**20**
Quarter 4 session		
FINC 7010	Insurance and Risk Management	10
FINC 7013	Planning for Retirement	10
	Credit Points	**20**
	Total Credit Points	**80**

Part-time intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Quarter 1 session		
FINC 7001	Communication and Ethics for Financial Planners	10
	Credit Points	**10**
Quarter 2 session		
FINC 7015	Principles of Financial Planning	10
	Credit Points	**10**
Quarter 3 session		
LAWS 7009	Commercial Law	10
	Credit Points	**10**
Quarter 4 session		
LAWS 7031	Principles of Taxation	10
	Credit Points	**10**
Year 2		
Quarter 1 session		
FINC 7011	Investment Planning	10
	Credit Points	**10**
Quarter 2 session		
FINC 7013	Planning for Retirement	10
	Credit Points	**10**
Quarter 3 session		
FINC 7020	Superannuation	10
	Credit Points	**10**
Quarter 4 session		
FINC 7010	Insurance and Risk Management	10
	Credit Points	**10**
	Total Credit Points	**80**