

AGRICULTURAL & CONSUMER ECONOMICS: FINANCIAL PLANNING, BS

for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agricultural & Consumer Economics, Financial Planning Concentration

Students in the Financial Planning concentration study finance and economics as they apply to individuals, households, and small businesses in the course of accumulating and using financial resource. Students are introduced to issues of credit management, insurance and other risk management strategies, saving and investing, retirement planning, and estate planning. Students also study the financial marketplace as it relates to the needs of households and small businesses.

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Graduation Requirements

Minimum hours required for graduation: 126 hours.

University Requirements

Minimum of 40 hours of upper-division coursework, generally at the 300 and 400 level. These hours can be drawn from all elements of the degree. Students should consult their academic advisor for additional guidance in fulfilling this requirement.

The university and residency requirements can be found in the Student Code (§ 3-801) and in the Academic Catalog.

General Education Requirements

Follows the campus General Education (Gen Ed) requirements. Some Gen Ed requirements may be met by courses required and/or electives in the program.

Code	Title	Hours
	Composition I	4-6
	Advanced Composition	3
	Humanities & the Arts (6 hours)	6
	Natural Sciences & Technology (6 hours)	6
	Social & Behavioral Sciences (6 hours)	6
	fulfilled by ACE 100, ECON 103, and two other courses approved as Social and Behavioral Sciences	
	Cultural Studies: Non-Western Cultures (1 course)	3
	Cultural Studies: U.S. Minority Cultures (1 course)	3
	Cultural Studies: Western/Comparative Cultures (1 course)	3
	Quantitative Reasoning (2 courses, at least one course must be Quantitative Reasoning I)	6-8
	fulfilled by MATH 220, MATH 221, or MATH 234; and ACE 262	
	Language Requirement (Completion of the third semester or equivalent of a language other than English is required)	0-15

Code	Title	Hours
Department Foundation		
ACE 123	Introduction to ACE	2
ACE 100	Introduction to Applied Microeconomics	4
ECON 103	Macroeconomic Principles	3
ACE 161	Computer Concepts & Applications	3
or CS 105	Intro Computing: Non-Tech	
Calculus Option - Select one of the following:		4
MATH 220	Calculus	
MATH 221	Calculus I	
MATH 234	Calculus for Business I	
ACCY 201	Accounting and Accountancy I	3
ACE 262	Applied Statistical Methods and Data Analytics I	3
ACE 264	Applied Statistical Methods & Data Analytics 2	3
Communication Option		3 or 6
CMN 101	Public Speaking	
ALEC 115	Let's Talk about Food, Agriculture, and the Environment	
CMN 111 & CMN 112	Oral & Written Comm I and Oral & Written Comm II	
Minimum of 6 additional hours of Social & Behavioral Sciences (https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/)		6
ACE 341	Careers and Professionalism	1 or 2
ACE 300	Intermediate Applied Microeconomics	3
ACE International Course or Study Abroad Experience Option - Select one of the following:		3
ACE 411	Environment and Development	
ACE 435	Global Agribusiness Management	
ACE 436	International Business Immersion	
ACE 451	Agriculture in Intl Dev	
ACE 452	The Latin American Economies	
ACE 455	International Trade in Food and Agriculture	

Code	Title	Hours
Financial Planning Concentration		
25		
ACE 240	Personal Financial Planning	3
ACE 345	Small Business Finance	3
ACE 346	Tax Policy and Finan Planning	3
ACE 440	Finan Plan for Professionals	3
ACE 444	Financial Services & Investing Planning	3
ACE 445	Intermediate Financial and Estate Planning	4
ACE 449	Retirement & Benefit Planning	3
FIN 230	Introduction to Insurance	3

Code	Title	Hours
Minimum hours in the College of ACES, 20 of which must be in the Department of ACE		35
Total Hours		126

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Sample Sequence

This sample sequence is intended to be used only as a guide for degree completion. All students should work individually with their academic advisors to decide the actual course selection and sequence that works best for them based on their academic preparation and goals. Enrichment programming such as study abroad, minors, internships, and so on may impact the structure of this four-year plan. Course availability is not guaranteed during the semester indicated in the sample sequence.

Students must fulfill their Language Other Than English requirement by successfully completing a third level of a language other than English. The introduction to applied microeconomics and macroeconomics courses do not count toward the social science general education requirement. Students must take 6 hours above and beyond these two courses to meet the social and behavioral sciences requirement. For more information, see the corresponding section on the Degree and General Education Requirements page (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

First Year	
First Semester	Hours
ACE 100	4
ACE 123	2
Calculus Option	4
Communication Option or Composition I	3
Language Other Than English (3rd level)	4
	17
Total Hours 17	

First Year	
Second Semester	Hours
ACE 161 or CS 105	3
Composition I or Communication Option	4
General Education course	3
ECON 103	3
General Education course	3
	16
Total Hours 16	

Second Year	
First Semester	Hours
ACCY 201	3
ACE 262	3
ACE 341	1
ACE 240	3
FIN 230	3
General Education course	3
	16
Total Hours 16	

Second Year	
Second Semester	Hours
ACE 264	3
ACE 300	3
ACE or ACES Elective Course	3
General Education course	3
General Education course	3
	15
Total Hours 15	

Third Year	
First Semester	Hours
ACE 345	3
ACE 346	3
ACE 445	4
General Education course	3
General Education course	3
	16
Total Hours 16	

Third Year	
Second Semester	Hours
ACE 449	3
ACE International Course or Study Abroad Experience Option	3
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	4
Free Elective course	3
	16
Total Hours 16	

Fourth Year	
First Semester	Hours
ACE 444	3
ACE or ACES Elective course	4
General Education course	3
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	2
	15
Total Hours 15	

Fourth Year	
Second Semester	Hours
ACE 440	3
ACE or ACES Elective Course	3
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	3
Free Elective course or 400-level ACE Elective	3
	15
Total Hours 15	

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1. ACE students will acquire broad and deep knowledge of Agricultural and Consumer Economics.
 2. ACE students will develop a critical and reflective orientation toward global systems (such as natural, environmental, social, cultural, economic, and political) and cultural differences (such as race, indigeneity, gender, class, sexuality, language, and disability).
 3. ACE students will develop critical thinking and problem solving skills.
 4. ACE students will develop their ability to communicate in a variety of settings.
 5. ACE students will build and sustain productive relationships to be effective leaders who can respond to civic and social challenges at local, national, and global levels, creating positive change in their communities.
 6. Study principles of personal financial planning. Master core financial planning topic areas such as investments, tax, retirement, estate planning, higher education planning, general cash flow principles, and risk management. Learn the domains, process and ethical standards you need to become a financial planning professional.

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