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# Graduate Diploma of Financial Planning

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# Course Details

Course	Course Abbreviation	Duration
Graduate Diploma of Financial Planning	GDFP	8 months (Full-time) 16 months (Part-time)

## Course Overview

The Graduate Diploma of Financial Planning (GDFP) qualifies students to identify, delineate and manage complex challenges faced by people and organisations in the financial services environment. The GDFP prepares graduates for memberships in affiliated associations. Graduates at this level will have improved advance-knowledge and high level of abilities to work professionally in challenging work environments and/or pursue further education, with an aim to stay current and remain proficient in rapidly evolving profession.

## Career Options

On completion of the GDFP, graduates can pursue the following roles:

- Financial Adviser/Planner
- Paraplanner Compliance Manager
- Client Relationship Manager
- Client Services Administrator
- Estate Planner
- Insurance Broker/Advisor
- Superannuation Consultant Wealth Manager/Advisor

Note: That graduates may need to complete the national examination for Financial Planner/ Adviser and a professional year to work as a Financial Planner/Adviser

From 1 January 2022, ASIC began administering the financial adviser exam. For more details, please refer to ASIC website Financial adviser exam | ASIC.

# General Entry Requirements

The entry requirements for the GDFP are:

- Completion of an undergraduate degree from a recognised Australian institution (or equivalent), OR
- completion of a Graduate Certificate in a finance related field from a recognised Australian institution (or equivalent), OR
- Completion of an Advanced Diploma or Diploma in a finance related field plus a minimum of 3 years' industry experience in a financial services field in the past five years.

## Language Requirements

English language requirements are as determined by TIIS Student Selection and Admissions Policy. Currently, entry to a Graduate Diploma course requires an IELTS average of 6.5 or above, with no band below 6.0.

- Student with the following will also meet the English language entry requirements:
- Students who have completed a diploma level or higher qualification within the past two years where medium of instruction was English.
- Students who have studied and/or worked in an English-speaking environment in a country where English is the primary language for communication, for more than 5 continuous years.

## Assessments

A subject will have:

- Three items of assessment;
- No assessment task weighted more than 50% of the total mark.
- Invigilated exams contributing up to 50% of the total mark (required in those subjects that are required for external accreditation).
- Assessment tasks that are formative, summative, and a mixture of both.
- At least 50% of total assessments that are individual work.

- Group assessment tasks limited to 30% of the total mark.
- Group assessment tasks that include an individual component.

In addition to the above, the GDFP includes:

- Several subjects with teamwork assessment. The idea here is to allow for peer-to-peer learning.
- Students will be paired to make best use of complementary prior experiences both work and academic. Team sizes are limited to two to reduce the likelihood of 'free riding'.
- Where possible each learning outcome assessed by more than one assessment and each learning outcome assessed in a teamwork assessment be assessed also by an individual assessment. This is to provide the opportunity for each learning objective is met individually.

## Course Duration

A typical full-time student is expected to complete the course over a 16-month study period, which includes eight 8-week blocks (excluding study breaks).

A typical part-time student will complete the course within 2.5 years from the date of enrolment.

Students also have the option to fast-track the course, completing it within a 8-month duration.

## Learning Outcomes

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Graduates of TIIS courses will be

- Knowledgeable and skilled in their profession;
- Effective communicators and work well as members of a team;
- Ethical and socially responsible in their practice;
- Cross-culturally aware and global in perspective;
- Innovative and creative in their judgement; and
- Reflective, self-aware, and self-managed professionals.

## Graduates Attributes

**Graduates of the Graduate Diploma of Financial Planning will demonstrate:**

**K1.** Using appropriate digital technologies evaluates the key issues and problems of managing personal finance in the current and changing financial planning environment.

**K2.** Demonstrate knowledge of key financial planning functions, professional ethics, regulatory obligations, and applied research.

**S1.** Review, analyse, and synthesise knowledge to develop solutions to complex financial planning problems.

**S2.** Critically evaluate and interpret information, data, and resources to generate effective and ethical solutions.

**S3.** Work independently and collaboratively to effectively communicate financial advice and ideas in complex contexts to stakeholders, including clients and financial and non-financial professionals.

**A1.** Demonstrate professional judgement in the application of knowledge and skills to evaluate a broad range of complex financial situations.

**A2.** demonstrate the ability to initiate, plan, implement and evaluate broad financial planning functions to provide advice relevant to the needs and goals of clients.

**A3.** Apply professional conduct that is aligned with relevant ethical frameworks.



# Core Subjects

Students will complete 8 compulsory subjects as below

Subject Code	Subject Title	Subject Type	Requisites	Credit Points
FP501	Principles of Taxation	Compulsory	-	6
FP502	Superannuation and Retirement Planning	Compulsory	FP501 (co)	6
FP503	Principles of Investment	Compulsory	-	6
FP504	Insurance, Risk Management & Estate Planning	Compulsory	-	6
FP505	Ethics of Financial Planning	Compulsory	-	6
FP506	Commercial Law & Financial Advice	Compulsory	-	6
FP507	Behavioural Finance	Compulsory	-	6
FP508	Financial Plan Construction (A Capstone Project)	Compulsory	FP501 (pre) FP502 (pre) FP503 (pre) FP504 (pre)	6

## Delivery Mode

The delivery mode of the GDFP course is designed to offer flexibility to meet the needs of its busy and dispersed student cohort. The course is delivered in a mixed mode, combining self-directed online learning through the TIIS student learning platform, [mytiis.edu.au](https://mytiis.edu.au), with scheduled tutorials during each study period.

Students will have access to pre-recorded lectures, interactive tutorials, and other supporting learning materials, including prescribed textbooks accessible through an online library. Each subject offering will also include a weekly consultation session for students requiring additional assistance and learning support. This is intended to help students who may face challenges with any aspect of the delivery modes.

# Delivery Schedule

There will be 6 intake dates each year: January, March, May, July, September and November. For each intake, there will be a 6-week study period followed by 2 additional weeks to finalise assessments and results.

Each subject will be scheduled over the 6-week study period, covering 2 topics per week, with assessments scattered throughout the period. Please refer to the GDFP Academic Calendar for more detailed information.

In addition to self-study via the TIIS online learning platform, scheduled tutorials will be available to assist students during their studies.

Students will have the option of enrolling in more than one subject within any study period. However, they must be mindful that some subjects do require pre-requisite subjects as noted above.

## Fees & Charges

Course	Tuition fee per subject	Total Tuition Fee	Enrolment Fee	Total Course Fee
Graduate Diploma of Financial Planning	\$2,200 per subject	\$17,600	\$300	\$17,900

## Free FAAA Membership

FAAA is offering free membership to students enrolled in the GDFP program offered at TIIS. For more details, please refer to FAAA website for further information.

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