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# **Graduate Diploma of Financial Planning (GDFP)**

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# Course Details

Course(s)	Course Abbreviation	Duration (weeks)
Graduate Diploma of Financial Planning	GDFP	35 weeks Full time or part-time equivalent

## 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 advanced 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.

## 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	FP502 (co) FP503 (co)	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

# Learning Outcomes

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## Careers

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

## Financial Advisor Exams

From 1 January 2022, ASIC began administering the financial adviser exam. The exam was previously administered by the Financial Adviser Standards and Ethics Authority (FASEA). ASIC has contracted the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) to develop and administer the exam.

The professional standards require financial advisers to:

- have an approved qualification
- pass the financial adviser exam
- participate in 40 hours of continuing professional development (CPD) each year.

For more information, please refer to the website: [Professional standards for financial advisers | ASIC](#)

TIIS Graduate Diploma of Financial Planning is one of the approved qualifications under relevant legislation.

# 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.
- Industry experience in a financial services field in the past five years.

## Language Requirement

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 will also meet the English language entry requirements.
- 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.

## Assessment

### A subject will normally have:

- Three items of assessment
- invigilated exams contributing up to 50% of the total mark (required in those subjects that are required for external accreditation).
- at least 50% of total assessments are individual work.
- group assessment tasks limited to 30% of the total mark.

# Course Duration

A typical full-time student is expected to complete the program over a 16-month period including eight 6-week blocks (excluding study breaks).

Students will have the option to fast-track the program. It is expected that a student will complete the program within 2.5 years from the date of commencement.

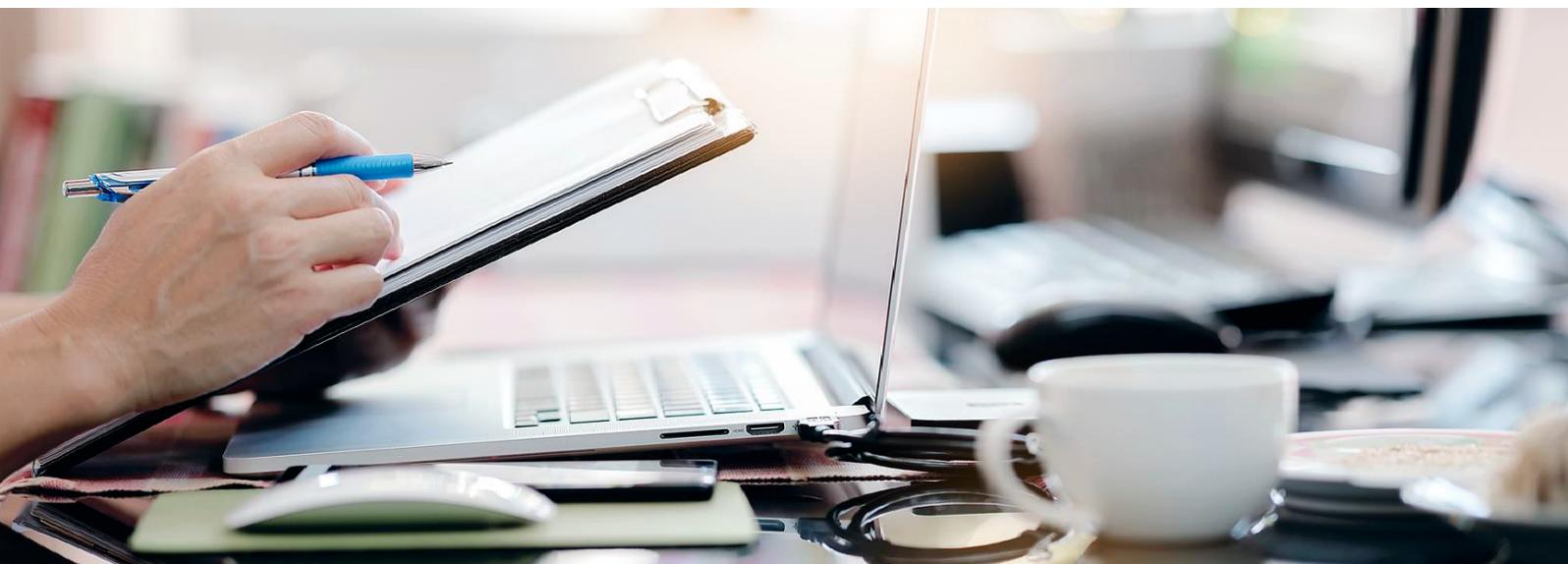
# Delivery Schedule

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 finalize 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(s)	Tuition Fee Per Subject	Total Tuition Fee	Enrolment Fee	Total Course Fee
Graduate Diploma of Financial Planning	\$2,200 per subject	\$17,600	\$300	\$17,850

## 2025 Special Promotion (Limited time only)

Course(s)	Tuition Fee Per Subject	Total Tuition Fee	Enrolment Fee	Total Course Fee
Graduate Diploma of Financial Planning	\$1,200 per subject	\$9,600	\$300	\$9,900

## 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. Join FAAA Academic Affiliate Membership.

