Master of Financial Planning
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This fully online course is designed to provide the educational basis to enable students to increase competence as professional financial advisers and enable them to gain an advanced knowledge and understanding of the financial planning industry.

CRAIG KEARY, HEAD OF RETAIL AND CORPORATE BUSINESS FOR AMP CAPITAL

Craig recently completed the SGSM Masters degree in Financial Planning and says online learning made the course easier to undertake while working full-time.

‘I like to learn and I’m always studying, and this course definitely added to and enhanced my knowledge base,’ he says. ‘I was not only able to use that in my day-to-day work, but it also left me curious enough to undertake study at a far higher level.’

Craig is now undertaking a PhD in Financial Planning at Western Sydney University.

ACCREDITATION
This course is accredited by the Financial Planning Association (FPA). The course satisfies eligibility requirements for Financial Planner AFP® membership and educational requirements for entry into the CFP® Certification Program of FPA (students will also receive exemption for CFP 2, 3 and 4 therefore must complete CFP 1 to be eligible to sit the CFP Certification Assessment).

This course also meets the RG146 generic knowledge requirements, specialist knowledge requirements and skills requirements as they currently stand. Details re the coverage of RG146 requirements are available via the handbook for this course. In addition, by completing the Master of Financial Planning, students satisfy the tertiary qualifications requirements to register as a Tax (Financial) Adviser with the TPB.

ADMISSION
Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree, or higher, in a business discipline; OR

Successfully completed an undergraduate degree, or higher, in any discipline AND have a minimum of two (2) years full-time equivalent managerial/professional work experience in a related field; OR

Successfully completed an undergraduate degree, or higher, in any discipline AND have a minimum of five (5) years general work experience in a related field.

COURSE STRUCTURE
Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 120 credit points which includes twelve core units listed below.

CORE UNITS
200866 Principles of Financial Planning
200817 Business Communication Skills
200432 Commercial Law
200868 Investment Planning
200867 Superannuation
200869 Principles of Taxation
200870 Insurance and Risk Management
200871 Planning for Retirement
51168 Funds Management and Portfolio Selection
200959 Financial Planning Research Project
200872 Contemporary Issues in Taxation
200960 Statement of Advice Research Project

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