

The **Fast Track Program** permits undergraduate students to begin work on their master's degree before graduation. Please see the undergraduate catalog for full details and requirements. Students interested in the Fast Track program should consult with their Bass School academic advisor (and for your major if majoring in something outside AHT). You are also encouraged to reach out to the program head or graduate advisor for the graduate program you are interested in. You will need to complete an application form. The best time to apply is in the semester before you begin your last year.

### Requirements

- Senior standing at the end of the Spring term (i.e. within 30 hours of graduation)
- Core Complete

Normally, students will have completed:

- At least 12\* hours of upper-division major requirements completed or in progress
- GPA of 3.5 in the major

\*This equates to one semester of upper-division major coursework. Students as juniors should have at least taken 12 hours of major upper-division courses.

Fast Track students must be seniors, having 30 hours of credits to complete in their senior year which could be major courses or electives. Students who do not meet this threshold would still be able to appeal to apply to Fast Track. This rule is naturally met by the students who are already enrolled in Fast Track.

In this application, you will be asked to provide the following supporting documents:

- Statement of Purpose (approximately 650 words) statement of purpose that addresses their preparation and motivation for graduate study, their specific research interests and future professional goals, and the larger questions that will animate their study and research.
- Two letters of recommendation from Bass School faculty
- Unofficial Transcript
- Program-Specific Materials:

AHST - Applicants must begin in the **Fall** semester. Please also include one sample of academic writing. Your writing sample should be in PDF format only and should not exceed 12 MB. Statement should be around 1000 words.

VPA - Applicants from the Visual Arts should include a link to a portfolio in their Statement of Purpose.

## Bass School Fast-track Application

*Submit* with required documentation to [ahtugadvising@utdallas.edu](mailto:ahtugadvising@utdallas.edu) .

Student Name:

Signature:

Student ID:

Undergraduate Major:

- Arts, Technology, and Emerging Communication
- Animation and Games
- History
- Latin American Studies
- Literature
- Philosophy
- Visual & Performing Arts
- Other

Intended graduate Degree:

- MA Art History
- MA ATEC
- MA History
- MA Philosophy
- MA Humanities
- MA Latin American Studies
- MA Literature
- MA Visual & Performing Arts

Expected first semester of graduate classes:

Expected semester of graduation from undergraduate program:

Major GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please attach the following information to your application:

1. A copy of unofficial UTD transcripts
2. Statement of purpose – (if you are applying to AHST, 1000 words; if you are applying to any other degree, 650 words that address your preparation and motivation for graduate study, your specific research interests and future professional goals, and the larger questions that will animate your study and research.)
3. If you are applying to AHST, a sample of academic writing (PDF <12 MB)
4. If you are applying to VPAS, include a link to your portfolio

You will also need two letters of recommendation from Bass School faculty. Reach out to faculty who know you well academically. Once they have agreed to write on your behalf you may list their names below. Please ask them to submit their letters to [ahtugadvising@utdallas.edu](mailto:ahtugadvising@utdallas.edu) .

First recommender: \_\_\_\_\_

Second recommender: \_\_\_\_\_

After all materials have been submitted and reviewed by the graduate program head as well as both the undergraduate and graduate Associate Deans you will be notified about the decision via your UTD email. If you are approved, you will also be given further instructions regarding advising and registration for the fast-track classes.

When you are ready to graduate with your undergraduate degree, you will fill out the graduate matriculation form which, once approved and signed, will formally admit you to the graduate program.

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Fast track application approval for (student name) \_\_\_\_\_:

(Approval will allow a student to take graduate classes that count toward the undergraduate degree. If the student successfully completes their BA with the requisite GPA they can be matriculated into the MA program without a separate program application. Graduate coursework designated as fast-track will then also count toward their graduate degree).

**Signatures:**

Undergraduate Associate Dean - Date

Graduate Area/Program Head - Date

Graduate Associate Dean - Date

*Routing:*

*Student – [abtugadvising@utdallas.edu](mailto:abtugadvising@utdallas.edu) - UG Associate Dean – Graduate Area/Program Head - GR Associate Dean*

ADGS returns to [abtugadvising@utdallas.edu](mailto:abtugadvising@utdallas.edu) , UG advisor sends to [abtgradvising@utdallas.edu](mailto:abtgradvising@utdallas.edu) and submits form to OnBase