The Fast Track Program permits undergraduate students from the School of Arts and Humanities to begin work on the master's degree before graduation.

As a Fast Track student, qualified seniors may take up to 15 semester credit hours (SCH) maximum of approved graduate courses in Arts and Humanities during their senior year (within 30 SCH of graduation), which will apply to their undergraduate degree plans as either major, related, prescribed or elective courses. To qualify for admission to the Fast Track program, seniors must have completed 36 SCH of the university core, completed their major core courses (see advisor), with a GPA of at least 3.5 overall and in their major.

Registration for graduate courses will be made in consultation with the School of Arts and Humanities Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, the School of Arts and Humanities Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, and the Dean of Graduate Studies. Depending on the student's major, the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies may apply the graduate courses as "major and related" or as "electives" on the undergraduate degree plan. The Associate Dean for Graduate Studies will waive the appropriate number of graduate SCH.

Students interested in the Fast Track program should consult with their Academic Advisor and complete an application form. The best time to apply is prior to registering in courses for the student’s senior year.

**FAST TRACK ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- Senior standing and completion of major core courses (*see academic advisor*).
- Grade point average of at least 3.5 in course work at U.T. Dallas, overall and in the major.
- Two letters of recommendation from faculty from the School of Arts and Humanities who teach undergraduate and graduate courses.
- Completed Fast Track application including an essay: The 650-word narrative essay, which should be reflective rather than factual. Use this essay to address your academic interests and goals and then to indicate how you believe the specific graduate program and degree for which you are applying might enable you to pursue them. (M.A. AHST Fast Track students will instead need a 750-1000-word statement of purpose that addresses their preparation and motivation for graduate study in art history, their specific research interests and future professional goals, and the larger questions that will animate their study and research.)
- Approval from the School of Arts and Humanities Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies and the School of Arts and Humanities Associate Dean for Graduate Studies.

Fast Track students should consult their undergraduate academic advisor for information regarding enrollment in graduate courses. Registration for these courses begins at Open Registration (*see Academic Calendar*). Fast Track students are limited to enrolling in 15 SCH per semester and of those, no more than 6 SCH of graduate courses.

Students who want to Fast Track into the AHST M.A. program, must start taking Fast Track courses in a Fall semester and are required to enroll in AHST 6301 and AHST 6302.
FAST TRACK COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS TO MAINTAIN GRADUATE STATUS

➢ Selection of up to 15 SCH of graduate course work approved by the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies.
➢ Completion of all graduate course work taken as an undergraduate with a grade no lower than a B in each course.
➢ Graduation in an Arts and Humanities major with a grade point average of at least 3.5 overall and in the major.
➢ Admission to the master's program by the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies; at the time of admission, the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies will certify the appropriate number of successfully completed graduate SCH, and the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies will allocate these SCH toward the appropriate M.A. requirements.
➢ Successful completion of all M.A. admissions requirements; for the “professional” option in HIST, HUMA and LATS, this includes the language requirement and the portfolio, thesis, or final project.

If accepted into the Fast-Track program, students graduating from their undergraduate program must enroll in classes as graduate students during the long semester directly after graduation. Failure to remain enrolled is interpreted as withdrawing from the university and the student will need to formally reapply.