



FAST TRACK PROGRAMS IN ACCOUNTING

A PROGRAM COMBINING ACCOUNTING BACHELOR DEGREES AND SELECT GRADUATE ACCOUNTING DEGREES

The Fast Track-Accounting program will enable outstanding senior undergraduate Accounting students to satisfy degree requirements leading to a Master's of Science in Accounting (MSA) or Master's of Science in Tax (MST) while completing their undergraduate studies. The program is designed to encourage our most gifted students to complete a master's degree at the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) and is intended to offer incentives in money and time saved.

If admitted, students will be allowed to take select graduate courses that may be used to satisfy both Bachelor's and Master's degree requirements. Admitted students will be allowed to complete up to 9 hours of selected graduate coursework. A 3.0 on all graduate work is required to continue taking graduate courses. Any Fast Track - Accounting student who completes the 9 hours of graduate coursework with grades of B or better will be automatically admitted to Graduate School. The student will not be required to complete the GMAT (Graduate Management Admissions Test) and the Graduate School Application, and will have the related application fees waived.

Initial Consult with Undergraduate Advisor

- Should occur during the first semester of junior year (60 credit hours)
- A plan to complete Fast Track Foundation Courses is generated
- GPA standards are assessed and performance targets formulated

Admission Guidelines

- Within 30 hours of completing a BBA Accounting or BS Accounting
- Completion of a minimum of 30 hours at UTA with a 3.3 GPA or better
- Completion of **all** required Fast Track-Accounting Foundation Courses with a 3.5 or better GPA and a B or better in each course
- 3.3 or better Overall GPA (at all institutions)
- 3.3 or better Business GPA at UTA

Fast Track-Accounting Foundation Courses

These courses have been determined to have a predictive value regarding success in graduate coursework prior to applying to a graduate program. These courses **are mandatory and must be completed at UTA with a 3.5 or better GPA and a B or better in each course**. Foundation courses required for admission into the Fast Track-Accounting Program are:

MS ACCOUNTING or MS TAXATION

ACCT 3311 (Intermediate Accounting I)
 ACCT 3312 (Intermediate Accounting II)
 FINA 3313 (Business Finance)
 BSTAT 3321 or BSTAT 3322 (Business Statistics I or II)*

*whichever is taken first at UTA

Graduate Enrollment for Bachelor's/Master's Credit

Six to nine hours of graduate coursework will be completed as an undergraduate and apply to both degree programs. The Fast Track graduate courses are:

<u>Graduate Course</u>	replaces	<u>Undergraduate Course</u>
ACCT 5316	→	ACCT 4318
ACCT 5317 or 5320	→	ACCT 4304 or 4325
BCOM 5375	→	BCOM 3360

Application Process

Preliminary planning is necessary before completing a formal application to the Fast Track-Accounting Program. The process is as follows:

- Attend a Forum for Graduate Business Programs. For information and a reservation contact Graduate Business Services, Suite 107, 817.272.3004.
- Select a graduate program and meet with the Graduate Accounting Advisor.
- Schedule an appointment with an undergraduate advisor **after completing ACCT 3312**. This should fall within the last 30 hours of completing your BBA-Accounting or BS-Accounting degree at UTA. At this time, the admission requirements for the Fast-Track Accounting Program will be reviewed along with the required foundation courses, course scheduling and the timeframe to complete the steps for admission.
- Complete **ALL** required Fast Track-Accounting Foundation Courses.
- Meet with the Director of Graduate Business Services to discuss the length and content of the graduate program and any deficiency courses.
- Secure the Fast Track-Accounting application and complete. Submit the Fast Track-Accounting application, resume, and official transcripts from all universities attended, as a complete packet, to an undergraduate advisor. **All application information must be submitted to the Undergraduate Advising Office in the College of Business by the Census Date of the semester prior to any graduate enrollment.**
- DO NOT APPLY TO GRADUATE SCHOOL OR COMPLETE ANY PART OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS.
- Complete the undergraduate graduation application via your Student Center in MyMav.
- Once provisionally accepted to the Fast Track-Accounting Program, you will be notified by UTA Graduate Business Services regarding procedures for enrollment in graduate courses for your final semester toward bachelor degree completion.
- A final review of acceptance status occurs immediately after grades post for the semester in which the application was submitted. Applicants who do not meet requirements will be dropped from graduate courses and notified of removal from the Fast Track-Accounting Program. Students removed from the Fast Track-Accounting Program must immediately enroll in the remaining *undergraduate* courses in order to complete the bachelor degree.
- Completion of the Fast Track-Accounting semester with a B or better in all graduate courses allows continuance and automatic admission to the Graduate School. The posting of a grade of C or lower immediately removes a student from the Fast Track-Accounting Program. Any courses completed will **ONLY** apply to the undergraduate degree, and no other benefits of the Fast Track-Accounting Program will apply.
- A student is officially a graduate student upon satisfactory completion of all undergraduate degree requirements, conferral of the Bachelor's degree, and the satisfactory completion of Fast Track-Accounting graduate courses.