**Fast Track Program for Master of Science in Economic Data Analytics Degree**

The Fast Track program will enable outstanding senior undergraduate Business students to satisfy degree requirements leading to a Master of Science in Economic Data Analytics degree while completing their undergraduate studies.

To apply, students should contact Dr. Christy Spivey at cspivey@uta.edu.

Undergraduate Business students will apply when they are within 30 hours of completing their bachelor’s degrees. They must have completed at least 30 hours at UTA, achieving a GPA of at least 3.3 in those courses, have an overall GPA of 3.3 or better in all college courses (at all schools), and have a GPA of at least 3.3 in all business courses taken at UTA.

Additionally, they must have completed 12 hours of specified undergraduate Fast Track foundation courses at UTA that are listed below with a minimum GPA of 3.5 in these courses. If one of these courses is transferred from another school it will not be included, and another 3000-level course determined by the undergraduate advisor will be used as a Fast Track foundation course.

 Foundation Courses Required for Admission into the Fast Track program:

 1. **ECON 3310 MICROECONOMICS (3-0)**

 **2. ECON 3312 MACROECONOMICS (3-0)**

**3. ECON 3318. INTRODUCTION TO ECONOMETRICS (3-0)**

 **4. BSTAT 3321 BUSINESS STATISTICS I (3-0) or**

 **BSTAT 3322 BUSINESS STATISTICS II (3-0) (whichever is taken first at UTA)**

These foundation courses are those that the Business faculty believes are necessary and have predictive value regarding success in advanced coursework prior to making application. Once admitted, students will be allowed to take select graduate courses that may be used to satisfy both bachelor’s and master’s degree requirements.

When senior-level students are within 15 hours of completing their undergraduate degree requirements, they may take up to 9 hours of designated graduate level coursework. This will be the maximum amount of credit that can be used as joint credit. A student who takes 9 graduate hours during their undergraduate program may only need 21 additional graduate hours to meet minimum requirements for graduation in the MS ECON program.

Students pursuing the Fast Track MS in Economics degree will be allowed to take up to three 5000-level ECON classes to replace as many as three advanced undergraduate elective courses.

 Graduate *replaces* Undergraduate

 Any 5000 Level ECON 🡪 Advanced business elective

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Except as noted above, no other courses may be substituted for those selected for screening applicants or for joint credit toward both degrees unless approved by the ECON Graduate Advisor, and the ECON Graduate Studies Committee once a program has designated these courses. No changes will be allowed to accommodate individual cases.

**General Rules of Fast Track Program**

1. All applicants must complete 12 hours of specific prerequisite Fast Track foundation coursework at UTA and earn a minimum GPA of 3.50 in these courses.

2. Unconditional admission requirements:

 (a) must be within 30 hours of graduation with a bachelor’s degree from UTA

 (b) must have completed at least 30 hours at UTA with a minimum GPA of 3.3

 (c) must have an overall GPA of at least 3.3 for all college courses (all schools)

 (d) must have a GPA of at least 3.3 for all business courses taken at UTA

3. Accepted Fast Track students will take a selected set of graduate courses that will meet the educational requirements of both graduate and undergraduate degrees. A total of up to 9 hours of graduate coursework will be allowed for both degrees.

4. Fast Track students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 for all graduate classes to remain in and graduate from the master’s program. They must earn grades of B or better in all Fast Track-approved graduate courses that will be used to satisfy undergraduate and graduate degree requirements.

5. A student must take at least two graduate courses and earn grades of B or better in all graduate courses before the student graduates with the bachelor's degree to be eligible to remain in the Fast Track program.

6. If, at any time, a student fails to satisfy these requirements, the student will be removed from the Fast Track program. Any graduate credits earned will be applied only to the undergraduate degree, and none of the other benefits of membership in the Fast Track program will apply.

7. An undergraduate student who successfully completes their Fast Track graduate coursework with grades of B or better to graduate with their undergraduate degree will be automatically admitted to the Graduate School at that time. They will not be required to take the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT), will not have to complete the normal Graduate School application for admission, and will not have to pay the related application fee.