

# **Biology Fast Track Program**

Students who have successfully completed 90 hours towards the Biology B.S. degree may, in their senior year, enter an accelerated B.S./M.S. degree program. This program provides an opportunity to obtain the B.S. degree in Biology after 124 hours of work and an M.S. degree in Molecular and Cell Biology after an additional minimum of 27 hours of graduate course and research work. A requirement for entering the program is the completion of 90 hours of undergraduate course work, including at least 12 hours of upper-division biology core courses (**BIOL 3301, BIOL 3302, BIOL 3361, and BIOL 3380**) with a GPA of 3.5 or better in Biology courses. It is *important to note* that the Fast Track Program is internal to UTD.

**Graduate courses taken for undergraduate credit will not transfer as graduate hours to any other college or university.**

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- Applications can be obtained at the Natural Sciences and Mathematics Undergraduate or Graduate Advising Office.
- Students are responsible for taking the completed fast track application to the Registrar's Office.

## **Benefits of Fast Track**

- If accepted into the program, undergraduate can take up to 15 hours of graduate level coursework.
- If accepted into the program, undergraduates will not have to take the GRE (Graduate Records Exam.)

## **Fast Track Registration**

- Students must complete the "Petition for undergraduate student to take graduate courses" form. Under options, student must pick option 3 (the fast track option)
- The registration form can be obtained at the Natural Science and Mathematics Undergraduate or Graduate Advising office.
- Students are responsible for obtaining all signatures for the registration form and taking the completed registration form to the Registrar's office.