BIT Grad Track Pathway Program (GTP) Overview as of Fall 2024

What is GTP:
A Grad Track Pathway offers early provisional admission to the master's degree program to exceptional undergraduate students. It is designed for these students to earn coursework credit towards their master's degree while completing their bachelor's degree. Our department has two GTP programs: MBA and MS IST.

Why choose GTP:
- A Grad Track Pathway is defined by a set of graduate-level courses (no more than **nine credit hours**) that apply towards the bachelor's degree and then also towards the associated master's degree upon admission following undergraduate degree completion.
- This allows students to save between $2,000 - $ 9,000 on tuition and more quickly complete a master's degree.
- The GRE/GMAT is waived for Missouri S&T students with a cumulative GPA $\geq$ 3.2 at time of undergraduate graduation.
- No application fee to apply

GTP vs Dual Enrollment (4+1):
- Dual Enrollment credits are only counted as graduate courses even though undergraduate tuition is applied.
- GTP allows students to take up to 9 credit hours of graduate courses as a part of their required courses for their undergraduate degree, and those credits double count for graduate credit.

Who is eligible for GTP:
Students must hold a cumulative GPA $\geq$ 3.0 and a GPA $\geq$ 3.5 in the 4 core courses listed below for the graduate degree they plan to pursue (or equivalent for transfer students as determined by the department).
   For the MBA GTP Program:
   1. BUS 1110 – Introduction to Management & Entrepreneurship
   2. BUS 1210 – Financial Accounting
   3. FIN 2150 – Corporate Finance I
   4. MKT 3110 – Marketing
   For the MS IST Program:
   1. IST 1551 – Implementing Information Systems: User Perspective
   2. IST 1552 –Implementing Information Systems: Data Perspective
   3. IST 1750 – Introduction to Management Information Systems
   4. ERP 2110 –Introduction to Enterprise Resource Planning

Graduate Education Guidelines:
A student is eligible to apply to the Grad Track Pathway once the following criteria are met:
- Must be active in a bachelor's degree & **apply at least 30 days prior** to completing their bachelor's degree.
- Must have a cumulative GPA $\geq$3.0.
- Must have a GPA $\geq$ 3.5 in the group of designated courses specified by the department relevant to the pertinent master's degree.

- If admitted, students must maintain a cumulative GPA $\geq$ 3.00 and receive grades of B or better in the graduate courses they enroll in.
- The GRE/GMAT will be required for graduate program admission unless student has a cumulative GPA $\geq$ 3.2 at time of Missouri S&T undergraduate graduation.
- See Grad Education website for full requirements.

How to apply:

All documents must be submitted **at least 30 days prior to completion of your bachelor's degree**.

1. Use the **BIT GPA calculator spreadsheet** to calculate your GPA for the 4 core courses for MBA or MS IST. (https://bit.mst.edu/acceleratedgradprogram/)
2. Read and sign the **Grad Track Pathway Admission and Standards** document. (https://bit.mst.edu/acceleratedgradprogram/)
3. Send documentation to advisor, Tricia Helton-George at plh7zt@mst.edu or deliver to 105 Fulton Hall.
4. Apply for provisional graduate admission to the Grad Track Pathway for the pertinent master's degree (MBA or MS IST) online using the same account you completed your application for admission to Missouri S&T for your undergraduate degree at **https://connect.mst.edu/apply/** and choose **Grad Track Pathway** on the application. Select the semester you will start your graduate degree.
5. A link to the Course Approval Google form will be sent via email to the student after provisional admission.
6. If taking a 6000 level course for GTP student will need to complete and submit the Undergraduate Student Taking a 6000 Level Course form, obtain signatures and submit to the BIT office in 101 Fulton Hall.

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