FASTrack

FASTrack is a Learning Community

FASTrack provides a strong foundation of academic success by easing student transitions into The University of Mississippi. We help first-year students build campus connections through linked classes and one-on-one mentoring with additional options such as our living-learning residence hall, co-curricular programs, and enhanced student leadership opportunities.

You belong in FASTrack

FASTrack connects you to a network of mentors – students, staff, and faculty – who deeply care about you and your academic success. We guide new students and help them use campus resources to navigate college life.

We offer specialized advising during Freshman Orientation where you meet other FASTrack students. Our staff helps you register for your fall classes. We assist with scheduling your designated FASTrack classes and other first-year courses based on your academic interests.

Our classes are small, limited to 20 students. They are also linked so you see the same classmates daily during your first semester. FASTrack students connect quickly! You can easily find study partners and work together on engaging class projects.

Living-Learning Community

You can also join our FASTrack Living-Learning Community (LLC) in Burns Hall, which offers extra benefits from the comfort of your campus home.

- Mobile Writing Lab helps with assignments
- Attend customized programs & community events
- Centrally located contemporary residence hall
- Live just across the street from out FASTrack offices

Interested? Complete your Student Housing Application by April 1st. Limited spaces are available in our FASTrack LLC.

88% of FASTrack students surveyed said that FASTrack contributed to their “sense of belonging” at the University of Mississippi.

Courses You’ll Take

Fall semester:
- Writ 101: First-Year Writing I *
- Edhe 105: The Freshman Year Experience *
- Psy 201: General Psychology or Soc 101: Introductory Sociology

Spring semester:
- Writ 102: First-Year Writing II
- Edhe 106: Advancing the First-Year Experience
- Spch 102: Fundamentals of Public Speaking

* These linked classes are required for all students in our learning community.

FASTrack also offers designated sections of other general education courses throughout the year.
Why Join FASTrack?

**Relationships matter** — people can have a greater impact on student success than even programs or classes. As a FASTrack student you will have an academic mentor, a dedicated academic advisor, and an experienced student leader to guide you individually all year long.

**FASTrack Academic Mentors** are full time professional staff dedicated to your success!

FASTrack Academic Mentors meet one-on-one with you throughout your first year to:

- Help you strengthen your college success skills
- Connect you to campus resources
- Celebrate your successes

**FASTrack Academic Advisors** provide student-focused advising that energizes students to engage in decisions that help them reach personal academic goals and persist to graduation. They help students create balanced class schedules throughout their first year!

FASTrack Academic Advisors offer:

- One-on-one advising to review degree requirements and plan course registration
- Assistance in adjusting class schedules

**FASTrack Peer Leaders** are paired with EDHE 105 classes throughout the fall semester to offer peer-to-peer mentoring that guides new students through their first few months of campus life. You can apply to be a peer leader after your first year.

FASTrack students are from everywhere!

47%  
MS residents  
53%  
Non-residents

Fall 2018 Cohort Data

**SCHOLARSHIPS & PROGRAM FEES:**

**Ole Miss Opportunity** - recipients can join FASTrack Learning Community for extra academic support throughout the first year on campus.

**Summer Scholarships** - provide tuition for 3 credit hours during the summer semester after the first year of classes for eligible FASTrack students.

Applications are available in spring of your freshman year.

**FASTrack Program Fees** — Applying to FASTrack is free! A one-time fee* of $440 is assessed to your fall bursar bill after you confirm your participation in FASTrack.

*Pell Grant and Ole Miss Opportunity recipients are not assessed this fee.

**Grove Scholars** - a select group of FASTrack students pursuing STEM or health-related fields who receive additional support during their time at The University of Mississippi.

To learn more about this highly selective scholarship program for Mississippi residents, please visit: grovesholars.olemiss.edu

Beginning with my first days on campus, FASTrack provided me with a nurturing environment that enabled me to become a scholar. Without this support, I do not think I would be thriving like I am at The University of Mississippi or in my life beyond.

**Curtis Hills**  
Bachelor of Arts English '20

**YOU BELONG IN FASTrack!**

Learn more and apply online at fastrack.olemiss.edu

**LET’S TALK!**

We’d love to talk about how FASTrack can help you.  
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