School of Arts, Languages and Cultures Fast Track Scheme FAQs

What is the Fast Track Scheme and am I eligible?

The Fast Track scheme is a simplified application process for final year students to apply for a Master's degree. Applicants must have a second-year minimum average of 55% to be eligible for SALC Fast Track.

How do I apply for Fast Track?

It's a quick and simple process. Just complete the application form with no requirement for transcripts or references. For certain programmes, a portfolio and/or informal interview are required, which we will request upon application. These programmes are Screenwriting, Playwriting and Creative Writing. We will also request a portfolio/essay for Composition (Electroacoustic Music and Interactive Media), Composition (Instrumental and Vocal Music) and Music (Musicology), if you don't have a music background. For guidance, please visit the 'application and selection' tab on the course page.

How many courses can I apply for through Fast Track?

You can choose a maximum of 3 programmes. Please put these in order of preference. We will only generate a Fast Track offer for one course. If we cannot make an offer for your preferred course (e.g. if it's full), we will look to make you an offer for your second or third preference.

How do I specify I want to apply for part-time study?

Please indicate this in the course title (e.g. MA Creative Writing part-time).

I am studying my UG degree in SALC, but can I apply through Fast Track to a Master's course in a different School?

Yes. Each School has a different application link for Fast Track. Please select the link below for the School you would like to apply to:
School of Arts, Languages and Cultures
School of Social Sciences
School of Environment, Education and Development
Alliance Manchester Business School

Are Fast Track places guaranteed?

Fast Track offers will be made subject to availability and places are not guaranteed through this scheme. To be eligible for an offer, applicants must also meet any subject specific requirements for their chosen course of study and should check the entry requirements before applying. Applicants will also need to meet the conditions of their offer (as outlined in their offer letter) to be accepted onto the course of study.

What financial support is available?

The university offers financial support, including a 10% alumni discount on tuition fees and a range of School awards. For further details, visit the SALC Fees and Funding webpage. You may also be eligible for a Postgraduate Master's Loan from Student Finance.

What is the deadline to apply?

The deadline to apply for the Fast Track scheme is Friday 30th July 2027.