

# Fast-track Degree Completion for Master's Students (Division of Transdisciplinary Sciences)

## 1. Requirement

To achieve satisfactory academic progress for Fast-track Degree Completion, a JAIST student must fulfill all the following qualitative and quantitative standards:

- 1-1 . To complete all the credit requirements except for credits from Research Support Courses by the end of the semester immediately prior to the application submission of Degree conferment for Fast-track graduation.
- 1-2. To have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.3 or higher in all Core and Specialized Courses taken as of the closing date for degree conferment application, as calculated by the following method.

Given grades by KU	S	A	B	C	F, Abandoned	Passed, Approved, Failed
Given grades by JAIST	100 - 90	89 - 80	79 - 70	69 - 60	59 -	Passed, Approved
Points	4	3	2	1	0	No count

(Calculation method)

$$\frac{(\text{The number of point-4 credits} \times 4) + (\text{The number of point-3 credits} \times 3) + (\text{The number of point-2 credits} \times 2) + (\text{The number of point-1 credits} \times 1) + (\text{The number of point-0 credits} \times 0)}{\text{Total number of credits earned}}$$

- 1-3. To have one or more research papers, which the applicant took a role of first or corresponding author and submitted during his/her enrollment, published in or accepted to a peer-reviewed journal (limited to Scopus-listed) by the time of the closing date for degree conferment application.

## 2. Procedures

After obtaining the supervisor's approval, submit the prescribed forms to the Educational Service Section by their respective submission deadlines indicated below. You must check the detailed information in other announcements and notifications made by JAIST. The form of Application for Fast-track Degree Completion & Recommendation is available at the Educational Service Section. The fast-track degree completion is limited to one-year course or 1.5-year course.

## 3. Timeline

【For students enrolled in April】

	One-year completion (Completion in March of the first year)	1.5-year completion (Completion in September of the second year)
Research proposal	End of September	End of March
Application for Fast-track Degree Completion & Recommendation	End of December	End of May
Application for conferment of degree	Late January	Late June
Defense of Master's thesis/project report	February	August
Degree conferment	March	September

※ For students enrolled in October, the schedule above is shifted by six months.

## 4. Notes

Qualification standards for Degree conferment through Ph.D. Qualifying Examination are specified separately.