



At a glance

- Founded in Boston in 1861; moved to Cambridge in 1916.
- School motto: “Mens et Manus” (Mind and Hand).
- MIT has always been open to both men and women. This year’s freshman class is 45% women and 55% men.
- MIT’s community is incredibly diverse; in fact there is no majority ethnicity at MIT.
- MIT’s campus has 168 acres stretching along the Charles River; most of the undergraduate dorms have great river views.
- First semester of freshman year is graded on a Pass/No Record basis.
- Freshmen retention rate is approximately 98%.
- MIT’s mascot is the beaver – nature’s original engineer.

Who you’ll find here

- 4,153 undergraduates
- 21% underrepresented minorities (African-American, Hispanic, and Native American)
- 10% internationals
- 6,146 graduate students
- 1,009 full-time faculty
- 7 Nobel laureates
- 21 MacArthur Fellows
- 4 Pulitzer Prize winners

Where you’re headed

- After graduation, approximately 72% will eventually go to graduate or professional school, including 10% to medical school and 5% to law school.
- 45% go directly into industry; the average number of job offers upon graduation is two. 77% participate in internships while at MIT.

General Institute Requirements

All MIT undergraduates, regardless of major, must complete the following requirements in order to graduate:

Math, Science & Technology	9 courses
Mathematics	2 courses
Physics	2 courses
Biology	1 course
Chemistry	1 course
Lab requirement	1 course
Restricted electives	2 courses
Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences	8 courses
Distribution	3 courses
Concentration	3-4 courses
Electives	1-3 courses

In addition, students must satisfy the requirements of their major, the Communication Requirement, and the Physical Education Requirement.

What you study

MIT offers degrees in five schools and a wide variety of majors. You will choose your major at the end of your freshman year, and approximately 10% will add a second major after sophomore year. As we have no quotas for schools or departments, you won’t apply to a specific program when you apply to MIT.

Approximately 59% of our students major in engineering, 27% in science, 5% in humanities and social sciences, 2% in architecture and planning, and 6% in management. Within our five schools, MIT offers the S.B. degree in the following fields:

- **Engineering:** aerospace engineering; biological engineering; chemical engineering; chemical-biological engineering; civil engineering; environmental engineering science; electrical science and engineering; electrical engineering and computer science; computer science and engineering; materials science and engineering; archaeology and materials; mechanical engineering; mechanical and ocean engineering; nuclear science and engineering.
- **Science:** biology; brain and cognitive sciences; chemistry; earth, atmospheric, and planetary sciences; mathematics; mathematics with computer science; physics.
- **Management:** management, with concentrations in information technologies, operations research, marketing science, or finance.
- **Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences:** American studies; ancient and medieval studies; anthropology; comparative media studies; creative, expository, technical or science writing; East Asian studies; economics; foreign languages and literatures (French, German, or Spanish); history; humanities; humanities and engineering; humanities and science; Latin American studies; linguistics; literature; music; philosophy; political science; psychology; Russian studies; theater; women’s studies. Science, Technology, and Society is available as a double major or joint major in conjunction with the science and humanities or engineering and humanities programs.
- **Architecture and Planning:** architecture, with concentrations in architectural design, building technology, computation, visual arts, or history, theory, and criticism of art and architecture; planning.

Where you live

Approximately 90% of undergraduates live in residence halls or in MIT-recognized fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups. Housing is guaranteed for all four years. All first-year students are required to live in one of MIT’s eleven dorms, which include architecturally significant buildings by Alvar Aalto and Steven Holl. All eleven dorms include a live-in faculty housemaster family.

What you do for fun

Activities: There are over 480 student organizations, including 32 athletic groups; 8 media organizations; 65 ethnic, language, or international student associations; more than 50 musical, theater, and dance groups; 33 religious organizations; 35 service groups; 22 activism groups; 70 academic societies; and 13 student government groups.

Athletics: MIT’s 33 varsity sports teams compete mainly against Division III New England colleges and Ivy League schools, but also routinely participate in regional and national tournaments and championships. MIT student-athletes have earned 153 Academic All America citations, the most for any Division III program in the nation. In addition, there are 30 club sports and 20 intramural sports (with over 1,000 intramural teams). With 10 buildings – including the 124,000 square foot Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center – and 26 acres of playing fields, MIT also boasts one of the most complete athletic complexes in New England.

Boston/Cambridge: The Boston/Cambridge area is home to over 80 colleges and universities and 250,000+ colleges students. Known as “America’s College Town,” Boston is a cosmopolitan and historic city, the largest in New England.

UROP (Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program)

UROP offers undergraduates the chance to work on cutting edge research – whether you join established research projects or pursue your own ideas. You will participate in each phase of standard research activity: developing research plans, writing proposals, conducting research, analyzing data, and presenting research results in oral and written form. Research can be done in any academic department or interdisciplinary laboratory, and there is no minimum GPA or previous experience required.

Approximately 85% of our students will graduate with significant research experience through UROP. And you can choose between academic credit or payment (participating in graduate-level research is a very popular way to satisfy the work-study component of a financial aid package!).

Cross-registration and study abroad programs

- MIT students may cross-register for classes at Harvard University, Wellesley College, Massachusetts College of Art, and The School of the Museum of Fine Arts.
- There are a number of options for studying abroad, including MIT's official programs in England and Madrid, and enrollment in one of the many foreign study programs sponsored by outside organizations.
- MIT also offers many opportunities for internships and research work overseas. MISTI (MIT International Science and Technology Initiatives) provides intensive professional internships in companies, research laboratories, and universities in Europe, Asia, and Latin America. Companies from around the world actively recruit students through on-campus interviews and career fairs.

Credit for academic work completed prior to MIT

- You may be granted some advanced placement through College Board AP tests or advanced higher international exams, such as the International Baccalaureate and GCEA-Level. Faculty annually review curricula and set threshold scores for credit-placement.
- MIT Advanced Standing Exams (ASEs) are open to entering freshmen and transfer students in certain subjects. A passing grade may result in either full credit for a course and/or placement in the next course in a sequence.
- Coursework completed at other higher education institutions will be considered on a case-by-case basis; please save your syllabus, course description, and official transcript for evaluation by the appropriate department.

Preparing for MIT

Recommended academic coursework: four years of English, two or more years of history / social studies, mathematics through calculus, biology, chemistry, physics, and a foreign language.

Interview: MIT interviews are conducted in your local area by alumni/ae called Educational Counselors (ECs). While an interview is not required, it is strongly recommended. Early Action applicants must contact the EC by October 20. Regular Action applicants must contact the EC by December 10.

Required tests: SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT with Writing. In addition, we require two SAT Subject Tests: one in math (level I or 2), and one in science (physics, chemistry, or biology e/m).

If your native language is not English, you have two options: 1) take the tests required for native English speakers (see above), or 2) take the TOEFL and two SAT II Subject Tests, one in math (level I or 2), and one in science (physics, chemistry, or biology e/m). You should take the set of tests with which you feel the most comfortable.

Come visit

Please check our website before visiting for a complete list of holiday closings and up-to-date information, as schedules may occasionally change.

Admissions Office Reception

Open Monday – Friday, 9:00AM – 5:00PM, Room 10-100
The admissions office is generally open year-round, except on common holidays.

Information Sessions

Monday – Friday, 10:00AM & 2:00PM, Room 10-100
Information sessions are offered throughout the year, with some exceptions. Please check our website for complete details.

Campus Tours

Monday – Friday, 11:00AM & 3:00PM, Building 7 Lobby
Student-guided tours are offered throughout the year, except on common holidays and during winter break.

Reservations: No reservations are necessary for information sessions or campus tours, unless your group has more than 10 people.

Overnight Program: Overnight visits for high school juniors and seniors are available during the fall term. The spring term is limited to admitted students. To arrange for an overnight visit, please register for an account at my.mit.edu and follow the instructions. Overnight visits are not offered from May through September.

What it costs (2009 – 2010)

• Tuition and fees	\$37,782
• Typical room and board	\$11,360
• Books and personal expenses	\$2,858
• Total	\$52,000

How you pay for it

Financial aid at MIT is entirely need-based, and your ability to pay has no bearing on admissions decisions. Financial aid is available for all four years but requires annual reapplication.

• Percent of all undergraduates who received some type of financial aid:	90%
• Average grant and scholarship (per year):	\$25,200
• Average total financial aid award (per year):	\$33,040
• Total scholarships awarded to undergraduates annually by MIT:	\$65,187,701

The important dates

Please note: the Early Action (EA) option is only available to US citizens or permanent residents. Deadlines related to the EA process are marked with an asterisk (*).

As soon as possible

- Bookmark the student and staff blogs at www.mitadmissions.org, to get a sense of what it's like to be a part of the MIT community, and for a variety of tips and insight into the application process.

Beginning of senior year

- Register for your very own MyMIT account at my.mit.edu. This will add you to our mailing list and give you access to our online application, your interviewer's contact information, and personalized application and financial aid tracking!
- Submit Part I of the application (biographical information).
- Distribute teacher recommendation and secondary school report forms.

October 20 *

- Deadline for Early Action applicants to contact their EC to schedule an interview

November 1 *

- Postmark deadline for Early Action application

November *

- Last month to take standardized tests for Early Action application

December 10

- Deadline for Regular Action applicants to contact their EC to schedule an interview

Mid-December *

- Early Action applicants notified of decisions

January 1

- Postmark deadline for Regular Action application

January

- Last month to take standardized tests for Regular Action; if taking the January test, you **must** list MIT as a school to receive your scores or we will not receive them in time for our review.

February 15

- Receipt deadline for all Financial Aid materials

Late March

- Regular Action applicants notified of decisions

May 1

- Postmark deadline for enrollment decision of accepted students (Early Action and Regular Action)

For more information

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