

Applications

1. Students are advised to apply to one department only. They can, however, select classes in any department.
2. Students may select up to five courses during the application period; and will need to be approved for at least three courses to be admitted to the program.
 - If the department approves only two courses, the student is contacted for additional courses they would like to submit for consideration.
3. Students must meet MIT general policy regarding IELTS/TOEFL scores to be considered.
 - An applicant must score at least a 90 on the TOEFL, though a 100 is recommended, or a 7 on the IELTS.
4. Scanned official copies of the most recent transcript/English standardized test score reports must be uploaded to the application and sent to MIT electronically.
5. All students must submit an English standardized test, no waivers offered.
6. All applicants must submit a letter of endorsement from their home institution. These letters are typically authored by the coordinator of applications at the institution or their designee. The letter serves as documentation that the student's application has been reviewed for the standards outlined below:
 - The student meets the minimum IELTS/TOEFL score expectations.
 - The student has received mostly grades that would be equivalent to an "A" in the US in their prior math, science, and/or engineering courses.
 - The student has completed at least one year at their home institution.
7. No application fee waivers are offered for this program, nor are special students eligible for financial aid.
8. Special Student status is available to individuals who have successfully completed at least one year of full-time study, or the equivalent, at the university level.
9. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a full-time undergraduate degree program to be considered.
10. The program only allows for students to enroll for two semesters.
 - Current special students may reapply for another semester – they must submit a mid-term progress report, a list of requested classes, and a new letter of endorsement from their home institution.
 - All admitted Special Students must receive satisfactory grades in order to continue for future terms.
11. Special Student status is a guest status only, resulting in some limitations. For example, Special Students may not take cross-registered courses at Harvard and are ineligible to take part in the UROP program, MIT's undergraduate research program.

Enrollment/Registration

1. Approved course listings will not be changed unless there is a schedule conflict and/or extreme academic concerns.
 - a. Should a student request changes, having met the requirement above, this must be approved by the department administrator. Approval from the instructor

alone will not be accepted. Final approval is at the discretion of Special Student Admissions.

2. Special students are not eligible to register for classes listed as thesis, research, UROP, or other subjects reserved for degree candidates.
3. Students cannot apply for Harvard cross-registration classes.
4. Enrolled students are not eligible to take IAP classes or register for the summer term.
5. A reasonable class load is strongly recommended – 60 units is the recommended maximum.
6. Applicants wishing to audit classes, which MIT refers to as Listener Status, are subject to the same regulations and tuition as those taking classes for credit.
 - a. Classes may be audited as long as the minimum 36 units have been approved and total units for the term will not exceed 60.
 - b. Listener status courses are still subject to departmental approval.
7. Special students pay full tuition which is charged on a per credit rate and must be paid in full prior to registration.
8. Special Students are charged a prorated fee for any class dropped after Registration Day, if the resulting change effects the overall number of registered units.
9. A Student Activity fee is required of all Special Students and must be paid prior to registration.
10. Massachusetts law requires all full-time students to have hospital insurance that meets specified minimum standards. All regular and special students registered with 27 or more units will be automatically enrolled in and billed for individual membership in the MIT Student Extended Insurance Plan.
 - a. Students who have comparable health and hospital insurance may be able to waive the MIT insurance if the insurance meets two important requirements: 1) coverage must meet the Massachusetts minimum standards, and 2) the insurance must cover them while they are in the US.
 - b. All Special Students must show evidence of required inoculations and submit a Medical Report Form to the MIT Medical Department. Failure to do so may result in the inability to register.
11. Special Students may apply for MIT Housing, but priority is given to matriculated MIT degree students.