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Welcome to MIT

Home to a vibrant community of students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

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MIT stands among the world’s preeminent research universities. Our formal mission is to advance knowledge and educate students in science, technology, and other areas of scholarship that will best serve the nation and the world in the 21st century. We seek to develop in each member of the MIT community the ability and passion to work wisely, creatively, and effectively for the betterment of humankind.

MIT believes in the power of learning-by-doing, the value of working collaboratively, and the importance of continually reassessing the effectiveness of our own teaching strategies. Whenever possible, our courses include hands-on engagement with the subject, and students tackle new material in teams. The latest and most effective techniques and learning technologies are transforming the way many subjects are taught at the Institute.

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The Parents Association is a volunteer-driven organization that connects the parents of current students to campus news, events, and each other. Parents are encouraged to explore the many opportunities provided by the association that will allow them to deepen their connections to MIT.

All parents of current MIT undergraduates are a part of the association but should provide their contact information to fully benefit from their membership. To do this, use the form on the Parents Association website: parents.mit.edu.

Communications & Information
Parents receive many communications throughout the academic year, including Parents e-newsletters and invitations to events held on campus and in their regions. Parents who need information that only another MIT parent can provide are encouraged to contact a volunteer near them — called a Parent Connector — by using the Parent Directory on the Parents Association website.

Activities & Events
Events and activities for the MIT community are held regionally and on campus. Events include Summer Send-Off activities for incoming students, Parent Orientation, and Family Weekend. Parents are invited to return to campus each fall for MIT Family Weekend. It’s a great time to experience MIT when classes and activities are in full swing.

PlanetMIT
Parents are also invited to participate in local MIT alumni club programs. Learn about the alumni club closest to home and other MIT local connections by visiting PlanetMIT, a global community atlas: alum.mit.edu/maps/planetmit.dyn. This interactive map shows how students, parents, alumni, and volunteers are distributed around the world. Red pins indicate areas where there is an official MIT presence, such as an alumni club or Enterprise Forum chapter.

Volunteer Opportunities
Parents who wish to volunteer can become a Parent Connector. Parent Connectors across the globe act as ambassadors on behalf of MIT and the Parents Association, sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm with current and prospective parents. These individuals contribute significantly to the MIT community, welcoming freshmen parents, participating in campus events, and attending regional events hosted by MIT and MIT clubs. Parent Connectors help connect parents to the Institute and one another.

Parents Leadership Circle
The Parents Leadership Circle (PLC) plays a valuable role in MIT’s success by providing leadership-level annual support, and through gifts of time and talent. PLC members serve as a conduit between the Institute and the parent community to support institutional priorities, and increase parent engagement and visibility. The PLC is comprised of parent leaders who are committed to the mission of MIT. They represent diverse geographic locations and student class years.

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Top Five Reasons to Join

The top five reasons to join the Parents Online Community:

1. **Parent News!** By registering to join the online community, not only will you be included on important communications for the MIT Administration and Alumni Association, but you will receive the monthly Parent e-Newsletters! This is a great opportunity to stay in-the-know while your student is at MIT.

2. **Register for Events** – In order to register for events with the MIT Parents Association, especially Family Weekend, you will need to log in!

3. **P2P Directory** – The Parent-to-Parent Directory is a special behind-log-in feature offered to parents that allows you to search for other parents in your area and contact Parent Connectors with questions that require advice from someone with first-hand experience.

4. **Resources Page** – The MIT Parents Association’s online community provides an entire page of resources you may need as a parent at MIT.

5. **Virtual Orientations** – Hosted each August prior to Orientation, these virtual orientations offer parent-specific information about MIT student life.

**Did we mention it’s free?** Visit parents.mit.edu to get connected.
100 Things to Do before Your Student Graduates MIT

1. Email mykidis@mit.edu with questions.
2. Update your contact information with the MIT Parents Association by emailing mykidis@mit.edu.
3. Create your account on parents.mit.edu.
4. Join the MIT Parents Facebook Group.
5. Get a picture with Tim the Beaver.
7. Attend Parents Orientation.
8. Go to an event at the TD Garden.
9. Learn the building numbers.
10. Drink Bubble Tea in the Student Center.
11. Attend Family Weekend.
12. Visit the MIT Museum.
13. Get MIT Mom or MIT Dad souvenirs from the MIT Coop.
14. Proudly wear or use said MIT Mom or MIT Dad souvenir.
15. Write those 5 digit tuition checks happily!
16. Support MIT by donating to the Annual Fund. giving.mit.edu
17. Volunteer at MIT Events.
18. Meet MIT’s president L. Rafael Reif and get a picture with him.
19. Meet Admissions folks. They have selected your kid — they are wonderful and very friendly people.
20. Host or attend a summer send-off in your area for the incoming students.
21. Join the MIT club in your area.
22. Attend a Nobel Laureate lecture.
23. Visit Cape Cod.
24. Go to a Boston Pops or BSO Concert.
26. Sit under a tree in Killian Court and take it all in.
27. Watch the Boston Marathon.
28. Watch the Head of the Charles Regatta.
29. Go shopping on Newbury Street.
30. Try Dim Sum in Chinatown.
31. Eat at Mike’s Pastry in the North End.
32. Have a meal from a food truck.
33. See a Red Sox game in Fenway.

34. Watch an MIT Football game or any varsity game.

35. Eat in the Student Center.
36. Attend some lectures during Independent Activities Period.
37. Watch some OCW or MITx lectures.
38. Enjoy concerts and recitals by MIT students.
39. Meet your student’s residence hall housemasters.
40. Get to know some of your student’s friends.
41. Make sure you have attended at least one lecture or session in rooms 26-100 and 10-250.

42. Enjoy one or more hacks.

43. Explore Boston by taking the T.
44. Sail on the Charles River.
45. Wander around campus underground.
46. Get on the Saferide.
47. Experience the MacGregor wind tunnel.
49. Go to Quincy Market/Faneuil Hall.
50. Ice skate on Frog Pond.
51. Count your steps down the Infinite Corridor.
52. Bid for bikes at the MIT Police auction.
53. Go on a Boston Harbor Cruise.
54. Shop at the Cambridge Galleria and stay for dinner at the Cheesecake Factory.
55. Enjoy free music and movies at the Hatch Shell.
56. Go shopping at the Garment District.
57. Go to a Bruins game.
58. Visit the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. (Free for MIT Students)

59. Visit the Museum of Science. (Free for MIT Students).

60. Check out the New England Aquarium.
61. Visit the top of the Prudential Center.

63. Take a walk on the famous Freedom Trail.
64. Take a Duck Tour.
65. Visit MIT Medical.
66. Visit Barker Library.
67. Watch a street performer’s show in Harvard Square.
68. Check out Harvard Yard.
69. Have dinner at Legal Sea Food in Kendall Square.
70. Count the Smoots on the Mass Ave Bridge (and check out the Smoot plaque).
71. Buy a blown glass pumpkin in October at the MIT Glass Lab sale.
72. Watch the fireworks from MIT in July.
73. Get a pecan sticky bun at Flour Bakery.
74. Try a hamburger at Mr. Bartley’s Burger Barn in Harvard Square.
75. Have brunch at Café Luna and order stuffed French toast.
76. Try the sushi at Oishii.
77. Hear the Logarhythms perform.
78. Eat at Border Café in Harvard Square.
79. Buy a Charlie Card.
80. Sit in on one of your student’s open classes.

81. Visit your student’s department.
82. Attend the Family Weekend Senior Class Toast while your student is a senior.
83. Attend a poster session to hear what other MIT students are accomplishing.
84. Search for a parent in your area using the Parent-to-Parent Directory.

85. Meet your student’s friend’s parents at an MIT event.

86. Watch great videos on MIT Video.
87. Send your student a care package during finals weeks.
88. Travel on an MIT Travel program.
89. Host one of your student’s friends over the holidays.
90. Visit Plymouth Plantation!
91. Go to a Celtics game.
92. Visit the Paul Revere House.
93. Tour Simmons Hall.
94. View the Lobby 10 War Memorial, honoring MIT alumni/ae killed in the line of duty.
95. Eat ice cream at Toscanini’s.
96. Read the Slice of MIT Blog.

97. Visit the List Visual Arts Center.
98. Go on a campus tour.
99. Meet one of your student’s professors at Family Weekend.

100. Attend Commencement as the proud parent you are!
Majors & Minors

MIT is organized into academic departments, or courses, which are often referred to by their course numbers or acronyms. These academic departments offer various undergraduate degrees and minors.

When students apply to MIT, they apply to the entire university, not to a specific major or school. All first-year students begin MIT with undeclared majors. During freshman year, MIT provides academic fairs, lectures, seminars, and other programs to help students determine which major will best suit them. At the conclusion of the first year, students are free to choose from any of MIT’s majors, without any additional requirements or admissions procedures.

Students must declare their majors prior to their junior year, though most students do so by the end of freshman year. Data on how many students choose each major is available from the Registrar’s Office. Approximately 15 percent of our students choose to double major; they may also choose up to two minors.

Academics

Resources for Academic Success

If students are having trouble in class, they can check out MIT Center for Academic Excellence web.mit.edu/uaap/learning. This helps students with general academic and time management questions. Each department offers tutoring that is unique to the department. If the students are struggling academically they should talk with their advisor first. The OME offers the TSR Tutorial Services Room as well: ome.mit.edu/programs-services/ome-tutorial-services-room. All students find out their advisor’s name in July each year.

For more information or questions, contact The Office of Undergraduate Advising and Academic Programming call (617) 253-6771, or email uaap-www@mit.edu.
Throughout their experience, undergraduate students face a variety of personal and academic challenges. MIT provides a wide range of resources to support our students both in and out of the classroom. It would not be MIT if it weren't challenging, but you can help your student keep on track for success and well-being by reminding them of three things:

First, struggle — and even failure — is normal. Many students often believe “I am the only one with this problem” or “I am the only one who is not keeping up in physics.” The reality is that most students face similar problems.

Second, asking for help is a typical part of learning at MIT.

• Half of all freshmen and one-third of all undergraduates report asking for academic assistance, such as tutoring from their school or department. (The best part: the vast majority of those who ask for help find it useful.)

Third, you are not alone. If a student is feeling stressed for any reason — from relationship issues to coursework — help is available. The best thing to do when feeling overwhelmed or isolated is to reach out:

• Student Support Services (S3) provides support, advice, advocacy, and referrals on academic and personal issues.

• Residence hall staff are always available to listen and direct students to the appropriate resource on campus.

• Mediation@MIT helps students resolve conflicts and misunderstandings.

• Mental Health and Counseling mental health professionals are available to provide counseling services and can be reached 24/7.

At together.mit.edu, parents and students can quickly find the type of support that is most appropriate.

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Department of Athletics, Physical Education, and Recreation

MIT’s Department of Athletics, Physical Education, and Recreation, also known as DAPER, offers opportunities for sports instruction and participation at all levels.

Athletics

At MIT, exceptional students apply to athletics the same passion, drive, and work ethic as they do in academics to reach their complete potential. Intensity and commitment to excellence fill the rosters of MIT’s 33 intercollegiate sports, the largest NCAA Division III programs in the nation. MIT finished a program record eighth in the Division III Learfield Sports Directors’ Cup standings for 2013–14, which rank the nation’s best overall athletics programs. MIT student-athletes have earned at least 20 All-America honors every season since 2001 and set a school record with 95 All-America accolades in 2013–14. MIT also features one of the nation’s most expansive club sports programs with over 900 participants and more than 30 teams.

Physical Education

Physical Education provides students with the instruction and skills necessary to lead healthy, active lifestyles and is a critical component of the educational mission at MIT. Courses are designed for undergraduate students, regardless of skill and experience, and range from traditional programs such as introduction to tennis and beginning golf, to outdoor experiences such as backpacking, snowboarding, and other innovative academic and sport partnerships.

Recreation

MIT Recreational Sports offers a variety of programs to balance the intense academic curriculum by providing fitness, wellness, and stress relief opportunities. The Zesiger and Alumni Pool/Wang Fitness Centers offer three fitness floors, a 50-meter lap pool, two instructional pools, two group exercise studios, and a cycling studio. The main complex also contains an ice arena, an indoor track, six sports courts, squash courts, a massage suite, saunas, and an indoor golf range.

Learning by Doing

Hands-on educational experiences, both inside and outside the classroom, expose students to different ways of thinking and solving problems, broaden their communications skills, and help them develop as individuals and leaders. The opportunities are varied and numerous.

- Through MISTI, MIT students work in three to 12-month internships in leading companies, research institutes, and universities in 16 different countries.
- Service projects and fellowships with the Public Service Center give students the opportunity to hone their skills while helping others.
- The Student Activities Office provides an environment for students to test new ideas, develop leadership skills and create community at MIT, while advocating for and affirming their identities through programs such as MIT LeaderShape, Community Catalyst Leadership Program, and the Multicultural Conference.
- As part of an Edgerton Club or Team, such as the Electric Vehicle Team or Formula SAE, students learn to collaborate on a team, solve design and engineering challenges, and experiment with innovative approaches.
- As part of D-Lab, students work with local communities in developing countries to improve the quality of life through the adaptation of low cost and sustainable technologies.
- The MIT Hobby Shop is a full design-and-build facility open to all students for working on personal or class-related projects.
- From the Laboratory for Chocolate Science to the MIT Energy Club, student clubs and activities are a great way to try new things with other students.
- And there are many more!

Student Resources Website

Want to know how to find stuff at MIT? Bookmark resources.mit.edu or click students under community on the MIT homepage. From academics to finances, and community life to professional development, search and find the resources you need.

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Laptop and Bicycle Theft

As an urban campus, theft is the most frequent campus crime. Backpacks, laptops/tablets, and other small electronic items are the most frequently stolen items on the MIT campus. We encourage students to not leave items unattended, regardless of how safe an area looks. We need your help to reduce crimes of opportunity.

MIT Police offers laptop and bicycle registration.

Campus Safety

We encourage our students to take advantage of the many crime prevention seminars offered by the MIT Police Crime Prevention Unit. Many seminars deal with the topic of being “Streetwise and Safe.” An investment of one hour will help reduce the chances of criminal victimization.

The MIT Police know that good policing is as much about education as it is enforcement. Therefore, we work closely with our community to increase awareness about the risk of campus crime and to generate a sense of responsibility within every individual to take reasonable steps to reduce that risk. In addition we provide information on how to prevent identity theft.

Please call the MIT Police at (617) 253-1212 with any questions. In case of an emergency on campus, utilize one of the many blue light emergency telephones located across the campus.

Visit the MIT Police website for more information on campus safety: police.mit.edu.

MIT Alert

MIT Alert, the Institute’s emergency notification program, provides information and advisories to the MIT community via a number of communication methods including email, text messaging, and voicemails. MIT parents can sign up for MIT Alert using the Extended Community option at emergency.mit.net/mitalert.
Eligibility

MIT students are eligible for eight consecutive semesters of on-campus housing. Students have the option to remain on campus for all eight semesters, living in their initial building or choosing another. If they wish, students can experience a new living group each year. At the end of each year, students will be given information about confirming or canceling their on-campus housing.

Switching

There are two ways students may switch residence halls once the academic year has begun: (1) openings in the undergraduate housing waitlist, or (2) a switch lottery. In the first option, students fill out a Building-to-Building Switch Form and indicate their preferred building(s). During the term, moves are offered as space becomes available. The second option is the Spring and Fall Housing Switch Lotteries. These are binding lotteries held for on-campus students only that allow them to obtain a housing switch for the upcoming academic semester.

Room to room switches within buildings are handled within the residence halls. Students should consult House Managers, Housemasters, and Room Assignment Chairs to proceed with a room switch in the same building.

Housing During Institute Breaks

Students at MIT are permitted to stay on-campus for both winter break (known as the Independent Activities Period or IAP) and summer break.

IAP housing is simply an extension of a student’s fall assignment. Students who will be graduating or leaving housing after the fall semester must vacate by December 20, unless they are taking a class during IAP. Students remaining in on-campus housing during the spring semester do not need to leave and are not billed for housing during IAP.

Students may sign up for summer housing at an additional cost. Summer housing begins on the Saturday after final exams.

For more information about undergraduate housing at MIT, please visit housing.mit.edu.
MIT Dining

MIT has one of the most unique dining programs in the nation. Designed to meet the needs of a growing and diverse campus, this program offers members of the MIT community their choice of retail venues, convenience stores, food trucks, pubs, and house dining halls.

**Retail Dining**

MIT has over twenty local and independent retail dining offerings across campus, serving breakfast, lunch, dinner, and everything in between. Options include Mexican, Italian, American, Middle Eastern, Indian, and Asian cuisines.

MIT Dining partners with Aramark and Chartwells. These companies offer valuable diversity to campus dining at MIT, along with their culinary expertise and experience. MIT Dining is also committed to supporting local businesses, and has partnered with many local eateries to provide a variety of choices to meet the needs of MIT’s diverse community.

**House Dining Meal Plan Program and House Dining Halls**

In partnership with Bon Appétit, MIT Dining offers an all-you-care-to-eat House Dining Meal Plan program in its five house dining rooms, located in Baker House, Maseeh Hall, McCormick Hall, Next House, and Simmons Hall. These halls provide a comfortable dining atmosphere for students and the MIT community to enjoy meals that are made to order using only the highest quality and freshest ingredients available. All MIT community members are invited to dine in these halls, even without a meal plan, as each hall also accepts cash and TechCASH.

For more information about MIT Dining, visit dining.mit.edu.

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Health Care

What kind of medical care is available to students on campus?

MIT’s health care facility, MIT Medical, is one of the most comprehensive campus health centers in the country. In addition to primary and urgent care, MIT Medical offers care in many specialty areas and has on-site pharmacy, laboratory, and radiology services.

MIT Medical’s walk-in Urgent Care Service is open 7 a.m.–11 p.m. seven days a week, and students can call (617) 253-4481 24 hours a day to reach a clinician who can help assess the situation and give suggestions about what to do next. In emergencies, MIT’s ambulance service can transport students to a local emergency room.
What kind of mental health services does MIT provide to students?

MIT Medical’s Mental Health and Counseling Service provides evaluations, treatment (psychotherapy and psychopharmacology), referrals, urgent care, and consultations. We can help with everything from anxiety and depression to typical college-life adjustment issues like homesickness or stress. Students may be seen by appointment or during walk-in hours every afternoon. Clinicians are on call and available 24/7.

What health insurance plans are available to MIT students?

MIT offers two student health plans: the basic MIT Student Medical Plan and the MIT Student Extended Insurance Plan. The basic plan covers most services provided at MIT Medical, including primary care, urgent care, mental health, and many medical specialties. The cost is included in tuition. The extended plan, available for an additional fee, provides coverage for inpatient hospitalization, inpatient mental health and substance abuse treatment, surgical procedures, emergency room services, prescription drugs, and more. To meet state requirements for comprehensive health coverage, all students are automatically enrolled in (and billed for) the extended plan unless they actively waive it (medweb.mit.edu/waive) and can prove they have other qualifying health insurance.

My student is covered by my health plan. Why should I get the MIT Student Extended Insurance Plan?

Coverage by a parent’s plan does not always guarantee reliable care for students outside the plan’s local area. Often, out-of-state insurers will not approve coverage for students to receive recommended care from Cambridge-area providers. To avoid these gaps in care, about 70 percent of MIT students purchase the extended coverage, which is specifically designed to coordinate with the care provided on campus through the basic student plan.

I still have questions or concerns; whom can I call?

More information is available on the MIT Medical website at medweb.mit.edu. To discuss specific health concerns, contact Howard Heller, M.D., M.P.H., Chief of Medicine, at (617) 253-1615 or helh@med.mit.edu. Alan Siegel, Ed.D., chief of MIT’s Mental Health and Counseling, is happy to answer questions at (617) 253-4374 or sieg@med.mit.edu. For questions about insurance coverage, contact the MIT Health Plans Office at (617) 253-4371 or stuplan@med.mit.edu.
What to Do On Campus

The MIT Information Center

Enter the doors at 77 Massachusetts Avenue, and immediately on your right (room 7-121) is your source for maps, directions, and answers to everything MIT. The Information Center also organizes the campus tours.

Campus Tours

MIT’s campus vision is to create infrastructure that fosters the cross-fertilization of ideas, with architecture that reinforces the vital, forward-thinking spirit of the community it serves. Such modern masters as Alvar Aalto (Baker House), Eero Saarinen (MIT Chapel, Kresge Auditorium), I.M. Pei (Wiesner Building, Green Building, Dreyfus Building, Landau Building), Steven Holl (Simmons Hall), and Frank Gehry (The Ray & Maria Stata Center) have all designed buildings for MIT.

Organized Tours

Campus tours depart from the lobby of Building 7, located at 77 Massachusetts Avenue. The student-led tours last 75–90 minutes and cover some of the most popular areas of the campus, including the Stratton Student Center, the Zesiger Athletic Center, Kresge Auditorium, the MIT Chapel, the Infinite Corridor, and the Stata Center. There is no charge and no reservation needed for parties of seven or fewer.

Holidays and Institute events affect the tour schedule periodically throughout the year. Please check the MIT Events Calendar (events.mit.edu) for summer tour departure locations and holidays when tours may not be offered. Contact the Information Center for questions about campus tours Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. by calling (617) 253-4795.

Self-guided Tours

Tour the campus on your own using the self-guided walking tour on the MIT Mobile App, or stop by the Information Center, room 7-121, for a campus map.

Public Art Collection

We invite you to take a walk around MIT’s public art collection, which includes works from Alexander Calder, Pablo Picasso, Henry Moore, Louise Nevelson, Jacques Lipchitz, Matthew Ritchie, and Frank Stella. View the public art collection map at listart.mit.edu/public-art-map, or make arrangements for a group tour by calling Mark Linga at (617) 452-3586.

List Visual Arts Center

The List Visual Arts Center is at 20 Ames Street (Building E15), atrium level. It houses a collection of contemporary art in all media, in addition to managing the Artists-in-Residence and Percent-for-Art programs. Hours and directions are available on the List website: listart.mit.edu. Admission to all exhibitions is free and open to the general public during regular gallery hours. These tours are led by curatorial and education staff. To make arrangements for a tour, contact Mark Linga at (617) 452-3586.

The galleries and Bartos Theatre (20 Ames Street, lower level) are wheelchair accessible. Other assistive accommodations (listening devices, ASL interpretation) may be arranged two weeks in advance by calling (617) 253-4400. The Massachusetts Relay Service number (for calls originating within Massachusetts) is (800) 439-2370 (TTY).
Numbers, Numbers, Numbers

Sometimes it seems like MIT people only speak in numbers. You’ll hear sentences like, “I have 6.001 in 10-250 at 2:30, then my Course 9 UROP in Building 46.” This is part of MIT-speak.

Here’s a primer.

Each of MIT’s majors—known as Courses, with a capital C—is known by a number, sometimes given in Roman numerals. These numbers are in approximate order of the founding of MIT’s course in that area. For example, Courses 1 through 5 represent MIT’s original five majors:

- **Course 1:** Civil and Environmental Engineering (founded as Civil and Topographical Engineering)
- **Course 2:** Mechanical Engineering
- **Course 3:** Materials Science and Engineering (founded as Geology and Mining; Geology is now a part of Course 12, Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences)
- **Course 4:** Architecture (founded as Building and Architecture)
- **Course 5:** Chemistry (founded as Practical Chemistry)
Each class — or course, with a lowercase c — in each department also is designated by a number. Hence, the introductory calculus class in Mathematics (Course 18) is known as 18.01. Similarly, an advanced astrophysics course in the Physics department (Course 8) is called 8.971.

In addition, every building on campus is designated by a number. MIT’s Great Dome sits atop Building 10. The I.M. Pei-designed Chemistry laboratory is Building 18. Certainly, the buildings also have names—Building 10 is the Maclaurin Building, and Building 18 is the Dreyfus Building—but usually the number is enough. Some buildings, including the dorms, are more frequently referred to by their proper names.

All of the campus rooms have numbers, as well, and these follow a straightforward naming scheme: 26-100 is in Building 26, on the first floor, room 100.

### Wireless Coverage

Many spots on the MIT Campus have been set up for wireless coverage. You should be able to connect to the MIT GUEST wireless network easily and quickly. Your device should be able to “see” the network as one of the open wireless options and connect instantly.

**MIT IS&T Help Desk:** (617) 253-1101

### MIT’s Mobile App

From an interactive live campus map to an up-to-the-minute shuttle schedule, MIT offers a helpful mobile app you can download on your phone or mobile device for free. Go to [m.mit.edu](http://m.mit.edu).

### Academic Calendar

**Academic Year 2014–2015**

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MIT runs on a “4-1-4” calendar: there are two four-month terms per academic year, separated by the month-long Independent Activities Period (IAP) in January. The fall term runs from September through December, the spring term from February through May. During term-time, each month includes at least one three-day weekend—a chance to relax, travel, or catch up on work.

Classes are held on weekdays only, generally between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., though some classes are held between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Students can expect to spend about 12–20 hours per week in class, though they are free to take as many classes as they like (with their advisor’s approval) without incurring extra tuition costs.
Arise All Ye of MIT

Arise all ye of MIT, in loyal fellowship.
The future beckons unto ye and life is full and good.
Arise and raise your glass on high; tonight shall ever be
A mem’ry that will never die, for ye of MIT.
Thy sons and daughters, oh MIT, return from far and wide
And gather here once more to be renourished by thy side,
And as we raise our glasses on high to pledge our love for thee
We join all those of days gone by in praise of MIT.

MIT Songs

January

5  IAP begins
19  Martin Luther King, Jr. Day–Holiday

February

2  Registration Day–Spring Term
3  First day of classes
16  Presidents Day–Holiday
17  Monday schedule of classes

March

23–27  Spring Vacation

April

20, 21  Patriots Day–Vacation

May

18–22  Final Exams

June

5  Commencement
8  Summer Session begins
Take Me Back to Tech

I wish that I were back again at Tech on Boylston Street,
Dressed in my dinky uniform so dapper and so neat.
I’m crazy after calculus, I never had enough;
It’s hard to be dragged away so young,
It was horribly awfully tough!
Hurrah for Technology, ‘ology ‘ology oh,
Glorious old Technology, ‘ology ‘ology oh!
Back in the days that were free from care in the ‘ology varsity shop,
With nothing to do but analyze air in an anemometrical top.
The differentiation of the trigonometric pow’rs
The constant pi that made me sigh in those happy days of ours.
Hurrah for Technology, ‘ology ‘ology oh,
Glorious old Technology, ‘ology ‘ology oh!
Take me back on a special train to that glorious institute,
I yearn for the inspiration of a technological toot.
I’d shun the quizzical physical profs the chapel and all that,
But how I’d love to go again on a scientific bat.
Hurrah for Technology, ‘ology ‘ology oh,
Glorious old Technology, ‘ology ‘ology oh!
(and)
(but)
C-H-N-O-L-O-G-Y comes after G
(and what does that spell?)
The Massachusetts Institute of Technology!
MIT Mental Health & Counseling
(617) 253-2916
(Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–7 p.m.)
(617) 253-4481
(Nights/Weekends)
http://medweb.mit.edu/mentalhealth

Card Services
(617) 253-3475
http://web.mit.edu/semo/card

Housing
(617) 253-2404
http://housing.mit.edu

Student Support Services
(617) 253-4861
http://web.mit.edu/uaap/s3

Campus Police
(617) 253-1212
mit-police@mit.edu
http://web.mit.edu/cp/www

Residential Life
(617) 253-4280
http://studentlife.mit.edu/reslife

Accounts Payable
(617) 253-2750
http://vpf.mit.edu/ap

MIT Together
http://together.mit.edu

Registry's Office
(617) 253-4784
http://web.mit.edu/registrar/records/index.html

TechCASH
(617) 253-0364
http://techcash.mit.edu

Dining
(617) 253-2706
http://dining.mit.edu

Student Resources Website
http://resources.mit.edu
### Places to Stay

- **463 Beacon Street**
  - **Guest House**
  - 463 Beacon St.
  - Boston, MA 02115
  - (617) 536-1302
  - 463Beacon.com
  - **Please see ad on p. 16.**

- **Best Western Plus Hotel Tria**
  - 220 Alewife Brook Pkwy.
  - Cambridge, MA 02138
  - (617) 491-8000
  - www.hoteltria.com
  - **Please see ad on p. 25.**

- **Boston Marriott Cambridge**
  - Two Cambridge Center, 50 Broadway
  - Cambridge, MA 02142
  - (617) 494-6600
  - www.MarriottCambridge.com
  - **Please see ad on p. 10.**

- **The Eliot Hotel**
  - 370 Commonwealth Ave.
  - Boston, MA 02215
  - (617) 267-1607
  - www.eliothotel.com
  - **Please see ad on p. 43.**

- **Hyatt Regency Cambridge**
  - 575 Memorial Dr.
  - Cambridge, MA 02139
  - (617) 492-1234
  - www.cambridge.hyatt.com
  - **Please see ad on p. 26.**

- **Mandarin Oriental Boston**
  - 776 Boylston St.
  - Boston, MA 02199
  - (617) 535-8888
  - www.mandarinoriental.com/boston
  - **Please see ad on p. 29.**

- **The Midtown Hotel**
  - 220 Huntington Ave.
  - Boston, MA 02115
  - (617) 262-1000
  - www.midtownhotel.com
  - **Please see ad on p. 31.**

- **Royal Sonesta Boston**
  - 40 Edwin Land Blvd.
  - Cambridge, MA 02142
  - (617) 806-4200
  - www.sonesta.com/boston
  - **Please see ad on p. 38.**

- **XV Beacon Hotel**
  - 15 Beacon St.
  - Boston, MA 02108
  - (617) 670-1500
  - www.xvbeacon.com
  - **Please see ad on p. 45.**

### Places to Live

- **100 Memorial Drive Apartments**
  - 100 Memorial Dr.
  - Cambridge, MA 02142
  - (866) 708-7649
  - www.100memorial.com
  - **Please see ad on p. 9.**

- **University Park**
  - 23 Sidney St.
  - Cambridge, MA 02139
  - (866) 799-3171
  - www.universityparkliving.com
  - **Please see ad on inside back cover.**

### Where to Shop

- **MIT Press Bookstore**
  - 292 Main St.
  - Cambridge, MA 02142
  - (617) 253-5249
  - mit.edu/bookstore
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- **UniversityParent College Laundry Bag**
  - www.amazon.com/gp/product/b00k0ustye
  - **Please see ad on p. 21.**

- **UniversityParent's Guide to Supporting your Student's Freshman Year**
  - **Please see ad on p. 24.**

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  - (617) 253-4471
  - goarmy.com/rotc/parents2014
  - **Please see ad on inside front cover.**

- **Cambridge Office for Tourism**
  - 4 Brattle St., Suite 208
  - Cambridge, MA 02138
  - (800) 862-5678
  - www.cambridgeusa.org
  - **Please see ad on p. 15.**

- **Engineer Laundry**
  - (888) 590-WASH
  - www.engineerlaundry.com
  - **Please see ad on p. 34.**

- **MIT Federal Credit Union**
  - MIT Student Center, Bldg. W20
  - 84 Mass Ave.
  - Cambridge, MA 02139
  - (617) 253-2845
  - www.mitfcu.org
  - **Please see ad on p. 3.**

- **Propark America's Harvard Square Parking**
  - 1350 Massachusetts Ave.
  - Cambridge, MA 02138
  - (617) 876-0396
  - www.proparkboston.com
  - **Please see ad on p. 33.**

- **UniversityParent E-News**
  - www.UniversityParent.com
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