Class of 2028

First Year Advisor

Information Session
What will we cover?

- First year Advising/Funding/Associates
- Online Advising Folder
- Advanced Placement and Transfer Credit
- Advanced Standing Exams (ASEs)
- First Year Grading and Credit Limits
- Requirements:
  - General Institute Requirements (GIRs)
  - Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (HASS)
- Typical Schedule
- MIT Subject Listing
- Class Planning Form
- And More!
We are YOUR academic department for your first year here at MIT!

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Continued Support and Guidance

- OFY sits within the Undergraduate Advising Center (UAC)
  - Also home to our First Generation and/or Low-Income Program (FLI)
- The UAC aims to provide personalized support to every undergraduate student
  - Here to help students excel academically and personally during their time at MIT
- Students will be assigned an advisor from the UAC who will act as a success coach and valuable resource to rely on throughout your entire MIT journey
- These assignments will happen spring of their FY
- Canvas module in development for advisors
Where we are located

Building 7 - Room 103, in the Infinite Corridor

We're the first office on the right!
What do we do?

- First Year Advising
- New Student Orientation
- First Year Pre-Orientation Programs (FPOPS)
- New Student Programming
Academic Advising Network

- First Year Advisor
  - Professional Faculty or Staff Member

- Associate Advisor
  - Upper Level Peer Advisor

- Office of the First Year Staff!
Advising Options

Traditional

Seminar

Learning Community
Funding and Associates

Funding
- $40 per advisee
- Departmental Account (no longer allowed to use Direct Deposit)
- Reimbursement Process
  - December 1
  - May 1

Associate Advisors
- Training on Sunday, August 25
- Leslie Bottari - main contact
Online Advising Folder
Available August 15

Receive your list of advisees, see AP scores & transfer credit, see FEE (First Year Essay Exam) comments, and more!
Advanced Placement and International Exams (A-Level, Cambridge Pre-U, etc.) scores were due to MIT by July 12.

Transfer Credit (and transcripts) were due to MIT by July 12. Math, Physics and Chemistry require additional forms.
Advanced Standing Exams

- Advanced Standing Examinations (ASEs) are one way in which credit can be earned for MIT subjects

- ASEs will be offered this summer from July 29 - September 3
  - ASEs will be held remotely through August 8
  - Exams on September 3 will be in person

- Registration for ASEs was open from July 1 – July 12
  - Information is sent out in our weekly newsletter
First year students are graded differently than upper level students - this is intended to help adjust to the rigor of MIT without having to worry about a GPA.

- Fall 2024 – Pass/NR*
- IAP 2025 – Pass/NR*
- Spring 2025 – ABC/NR*

*NR = No Records
(Grades of D & F are not considered passing for FY students)
Credit Limit

- Fall 2024: credit limit = 54 units
  - 54 units is the typical and maximum subject load and is equivalent to 4 12-unit classes + extra 6-units (ex. UROP, MITSO, 6-unit class)
  - +6 units bucket (FAS: 3 units/Discovery: 1-3 units)
- IAP 2025: credit limit = 12 units
- Spring 2025: credit limit = 60 units
  - 60 units is the maximum
  - 48 units is the typical load
  - +6 units bucket (Discovery classes: 1-3 units)
General Institute Requirements

- **Math & Science Core**
  - Mathematics (2), Chemistry (1), Physics (2), Biology (1)

- **Humanities, Arts, Social Sciences (HASS)**
  - HASS Requirement (8 classes)
  - Includes the Communication requirement and a concentration in a specific area

- **Other Requirements**
  - REST - Restricted Electives in Sciences & Technology (2)
  - Laboratory Requirement (1 or 2)
  - Physical Education Requirement (8 PE points & Swim Test)
# HASS & Communication Requirement

**Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences (HASS) Requirement**
- Distribution Component (3 – one from each category)
- Concentration Component (3 or 4)
- Elective (1 or 2)

**Communication Requirement**
- CI-H/CI-HW
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- 21G.222 - Expository Writing for Bilingual Students
- 21G.220 - Foundations of Academic and Professional Writing (ESL)
Typical Schedule

- 54 units – each class below is 12 units
  - GIR (Physics, Math, Chem, Bio)
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  - Major of interest class
  - HASS class (CI-H or CI/HW)
  - Extra 6 units (MITSO, UROP)
  - Extra “bucket”:
    - 3 units for Advising seminar
    - 3 units Discovery
- Note: PE classes do not count toward the credit limit
Subject Listing and Class Planning Form

- [www.student.mit.edu](http://www.student.mit.edu)

Class Planning Form is a great way for you advisees to explore classes and come up with a rough idea of what they would like to take in the fall.
- Available on July 22
Top FAQs - by students

- When do I register for my fall classes?
- When do I see my schedule?
- When do I declare my major?
- What happens if I don’t take a CI-H/W 1st semester?
- Can my parents call you?
- How often will we meet?
- Pre-requisites
- Math Self-Assessment
Have Questions? Contact us!

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Thank you for attending a First Year Academics Information Session!