HUMANITIES AND ENGINEERING (COURSE 21E)

Bachelor of Science in Humanities and Engineering

As a matter of general Course 21 policy, subjects used to meet the General Institute Science Requirement, the REST Requirement, and the Laboratory Requirement may not be included in the six-subject Engineering component of 21E degrees. Up to six subjects (72 units) may be used for both the major and the GIRs, but the units from those subjects may not count toward the 180 units required beyond the GIRs. In addition, no more than one subject that counts toward the distribution component of the HASS Requirement may also be counted toward this major. At least eight of the subjects required for the chosen program cannot also count toward another major or a minor.

Students must designate two CI-M subjects by petitioning the Subcommittee on the Communication Requirement. Normally, students are expected to complete one CI-M from each area of study, usually chosen from the subjects designated as CI-M for each major.

General Institute Requirements (GIRs)

The General Institute Requirements include a Communication Requirement that is integrated into both the HASS Requirement and the requirements of each major; see details below.

Summary of Subject Requirements

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<td>Science Requirement</td>
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<td>Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (HASS) Requirement [up to six subjects can be from the Departmental Program. Only one subject being used to meet the distribution component of the HASS Requirement may be counted toward the degree program.]; at least two of these subjects must be designated as communication-intensive (CI-H) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.</td>
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<td>Restricted Electives in Science and Technology (REST) Requirement</td>
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<td>Laboratory Requirement (12 units)</td>
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<td>Total GIR Subjects Required for SB Degree</td>
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Physical Education Requirement

Swimming requirement, plus four physical education courses for eight points.

Departmental Program

Choose at least two subjects in the major that are designated as communication-intensive (CI-M) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.

Restricted Electives

For the humanities component, choose one of the following (further details may be obtained from the descriptions of programs in specific fields and the relevant field office):

- American Studies ¹
- Ancient and Medieval Studies ¹
- Anthropology
- Asian and Asian Diaspora Studies ¹
- Comparative Media Studies
- Global Studies and Languages (in French, German, or Spanish)
- History
- Latin American and Latino/a Studies ¹
- Literature
- Music
- Russian and Eurasian Studies ¹
- Science, Technology, and Society (STS)
- Theater Arts
- Women’s and Gender Studies ¹
- Writing

For the engineering component, select six elective subjects restricted to one of the engineering curricula and approved by a faculty member in the field.

Units in Major ¹

135-186

Unrestricted Electives ²

48-117

Units in Major That Also Satisfy the GIRs ²

36-72

Total Units Beyond the GIRs Required for SB Degree

180

The units for any subject that counts as one of the 17 GIR subjects cannot also be counted as units required beyond the GIRs.

¹ American Studies, Ancient and Medieval Studies, Asian and Asian Diaspora Studies, Latin American and Latino/a Studies, Russian and Eurasian Studies and Women’s and Gender Studies are also available as options within the Course 21 degree program (http://catalog.mit.edu/degree-charts/humanities-course-21), by special arrangement with the Dean of the School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences.

² This chart has been calculated based on an overlap of 36 units (three subjects) between the HASS General Institute Requirement and the departmental requirements. Students who develop a program of study with more overlap will be able to select more unrestricted electives to meet the number of total units beyond the GIRs required for an SB degree.
Restricted Electives: Humanities Component (by area of study)

**American Studies**
Select seven elective subjects, including two in history and two in literature

21.THT  Humanities Pre-Thesis Tutorial  6
21.THU  Undergraduate Thesis in Humanities  12

Total Units  81-102

1  With the consent of the faculty advisor, a student may substitute two subjects for 21.THT and 21.THU.

**Ancient and Medieval Studies**
Select seven elective subjects that follow the general structure of the Minor

21.THT  Humanities Pre-Thesis Tutorial  6
21.THU  Undergraduate Thesis in Humanities  12

Total Units  81-102

1  A pre-thesis tutorial (CMS.THT) and thesis (CMS.THU), totaling 18 units of credit, may be substituted for one CMS elective.

**Anthropology**

21A.00  Introduction to Anthropology: Comparing Human Cultures  12
or 21A.01  How Culture Works

Select eight elective subjects

Total Units  102-108

1  An honors thesis may be done at the invitation and approval of faculty.

**Asian and Asian Diaspora Studies**
Select seven elective subjects that follow the general structure of the Minor

21.THT  Humanities Pre-Thesis Tutorial  6
21.THU  Undergraduate Thesis in Humanities  12

Total Units  81-102

1  See the minor in Asian and Asian Diaspora Studies (http://catalog.mit.edu/interdisciplinary/undergraduate-programs/minors/ancient-medieval-studies) for a list of available subjects and a description of the structure of the program.

**Comparative Media Studies**

CMS.100  Introduction to Media Studies  12
CMS.701  Current Debates in Media  12

Select one of the following Practice and Production subjects:

CMS.335[J]  Short Attention Span Documentary
CMS.362  Civic Media Collaborative Design Studio
CMS.590[J]  Design and Development of Games for Learning
CMS.609[J]  The Word Made Digital
CMS.622  Applying Media Technologies in the Arts and Humanities
CMS.633  Digital Humanities: Topics, Techniques, and Technologies
CMS.634  Designing Interactions
21W.752  Making Documentary: Audio, Video, and More

Select five CMS electives  45-60

Total Units  81-102

1  The five 21H subjects must include one pre-modern subject (before 1700).

**History**
Select five elective subjects

Select one 21H seminar subject (excluding 21H.390)  9-12
21H.390  Theories and Methods in the Study of History  12
21H.THT  History Pre-Thesis Tutorial  12
21H.THU  History Thesis  12

Total Units  99-108

1  Select from among 21H subjects for which the first digit after the decimal point is 3. See the History website (http://history.mit.edu/subjects) for additional information.
Literature
Select eight elective subjects, including two seminars and subjects in three historical periods or thematic complexes
Total Units 96

Music
21M.301 Harmony and Counterpoint I 12
Select two terms of performance subjects (6 units each) 12
Select one of the following: 12
  21M.220 Medieval and Renaissance Music
  21M.235 Baroque and Classical Music
  21M.260 Music since 1900
Select one of the following: 12
  21M.291 Music of India
  21M.292 Music of Indonesia
  21M.293 Music of Africa
  21M.294 Popular Musics of the World
  21M.299 Studies in World Music

Restricted Electives
A coherent program of four subjects from the music curriculum chosen in consultation with faculty advisor(s) 48
Total Units 96

Russian and Eurasian Studies
Select seven elective subjects, two of which must satisfy the language requirement 63-84
  21.THT Humanities Pre-Thesis Tutorial 6
  21.THU Undergraduate Thesis in Humanities 12
Total Units 81-102

Science, Technology, and Society (STS)
Select seven elective subjects 63-84
  STS.004 Intersections: Science, Technology, and the World 12
  STS.THT Undergraduate Thesis Tutorial 6
  STS.THU Undergraduate Thesis 12
Total Units 93-114

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Theater Arts
Select seven elective subjects. Qualified students may, with departmental approval, substitute a thesis (21M.ThU) for one of these 12-unit electives.
  21M.710 Script Analysis 12
Select 12 units of the following: 12
  21M.803 Performance and Design Workshop
  21M.806 Applied Performance and Design Production
  21M.809 Performance and Design Intensive
  21M.851 Independent Study in Performance and Design
Total Units 90-108

Women's and Gender Studies
WGS.101 Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies 12
WGS.301 Feminist Thought 12
Select five elective subjects 60
  21.THT Humanities Pre-Thesis Tutorial 6
  21.THU Undergraduate Thesis in Humanities 12
Total Units 102

Writing
Select seven subjects in Writing 84
  21W.THT Writing Pre-Thesis Tutorial 6
  21W.THU Writing Program Thesis 12
Total Units 102

  One of these subjects is normally at the introductory level; one may be selected from a related field.

Notes:
2 Must include at least one Tier I subject (http://sts-program.mit.edu/academics/undergraduate/tier-i-subjects) in addition to STS.004 and one Tier II subject (http://sts-program.mit.edu/academics/undergraduate/tier-ii-subjects).