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>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>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.

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):

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

Restricted Electives

Units in Major: 135-186

Units in Major That Also Satisfy the GIRs: 48-117

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.

Notes:

1. African and African Diaspora Studies, 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)

African and African Diaspora Studies
Select seven elective subjects that follow the general structure of the Minor 1
21.THT  Humanities Pre-Thesis Tutorial  6
21.THU  Undergraduate Thesis in Humanities  12
Total Units  81-102

American Studies
Select seven elective subjects, including two in history and two in literature 63-84
21.THT  Humanities Pre-Thesis Tutorial  1  6
21.THU  Undergraduate Thesis in Humanities  12
Total Units  81-102

Ancient and Medieval Studies
Select seven elective subjects that follow the general structure of the Minor 1
21.THT  Humanities Pre-Thesis Tutorial  6
21.THU  Undergraduate Thesis in Humanities  12
Total Units  81-102

Anthropology
21A.00  Introduction to Anthropology: Comparing Human Cultures  12
or 21A.01  How Culture Works  90-96
Select eight elective subjects 1  102-108

Asian and Asian Diaspora Studies
Select seven elective subjects that follow the general structure of the Minor 1
21.THT  Humanities Pre-Thesis Tutorial  6

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  12
CMS.362  Civic Media Collaborative Design Studio  12
CMS.590[J]  Design and Development of Games for Learning  12
CMS.609[J]  The Word Made Digital  12
CMS.633  Digital Humanities: Topics, Techniques, and Technologies  12
CMS.634  Designing Interactions  12
21W.752  Making Documentary: Audio, Video, and More  12
Select five CMS electives  1  45-60
Total Units  81-96

Global Studies and Languages (in French, German, or Spanish)
Select nine elective subjects, which may include a pre-thesis tutorial and thesis (21G.THT and 21G.THU), subject to faculty approval 81-108

History
Select five elective subjects 1  54-60
Select one 21H seminar subject (excluding 21H.390) 2  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 See the minor in Asian and Asian Diaspora Studies (http://catalog.mit.edu/interdisciplinary/undergraduate-programs/minors/ asian-studies) for a list of available subjects and a description of the structure of the program.

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

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

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

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

6 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.
### Latin American and Latino/a Studies

**17.55[J]** Introduction to Latin American Studies  
Select six elective subjects, including study in at least two disciplines and subjects in either Spanish or Portuguese  
21.THT Humanities Pre-Thesis Tutorial  
21.THU Undergraduate Thesis in Humanities  
Total Units 84-102

### Literature

Select eight elective subjects, including two seminars and subjects in three historical periods or thematic complexes  
Total Units 96

### Music

21.M.301 Harmony and Counterpoint I  
Select two terms of performance subjects (6 units each)  
Select one of the following:  
21.M.220 Medieval and Renaissance Music  
21.M.260 Music since 1900  
Select one of the following:  
21.M.291 Music of India  
21.M.292 Music of Indonesia  
21.M.293 Music of Africa  

### Restricted Electives

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

### Russian and Eurasian Studies

Select seven elective subjects, two of which must satisfy the language requirement  
21.THT Humanities Pre-Thesis Tutorial  
21.THU Undergraduate Thesis in Humanities  
Total Units 81-102

### Science, Technology, and Society (STS)

Select six elective subjects  
STS.004 Intersections: Science, Technology, and the World  
STST.HTU Undergraduate Thesis Tutorial  
STST.THU Undergraduate Thesis  
Total Units 84-102

1. 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).

### Theater Arts

Select seven elective subjects. Qualified students may, with departmental approval, substitute a thesis (21M.THU) for one of these 12-unit electives.  
21.M.710 Script Analysis  
Select 12 units of the following:  
21.M.803 Performance and Design Workshop  
21.M.806 Applied Performance and Design Production  
21.M.809 Performance and Design Intensive  
21.M.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  
WGS.301[J] Feminist Thought  
Select five elective subjects  
21.THT Humanities Pre-Thesis Tutorial  
21.THU Undergraduate Thesis in Humanities  
Total Units 102

1. With the permission of the director of the program, students may substitute two 12-unit subjects for 21.THT and 21.THU.

### Writing

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

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