Bachelor of Science in Literature

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

| Subjects                                               | 17 |
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| Science Requirement                                   | 6  |
| Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (HASS) Requirement [between three and six subjects can be from the Departmental Program]; at least two of these subjects must be designated as communication-intensive (CI-H) to fulfill the Communication Requirement. | 8  |
| Restricted Electives in Science and Technology (REST) Requirement | 2  |
| Laboratory Requirement (12 units)                     | 1  |
| Total GIR Subjects Required for SB Degree             | 17 |

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.

Required Subjects

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Select three of the following seminars

- 21L.701 Literary Methods (CI-M)
- 21L.702 Studies in Fiction (CI-M)
- 21L.703 Studies in Drama (CI-M)
- 21L.704 Studies in Poetry (CI-M)
- 21L.705 Major Authors (CI-M)
- 21L.706 Studies in Film (CI-M)
- 21L.707 Problems in Cultural Interpretation (CI-M)
- 21L.709 Studies in Literary History (CI-M)
- 21L.715 Media in Cultural Context (CI-M)

Restricted Electives
Select seven additional subjects to form a coherent program

Units in Major | 114–120
Unrestricted Electives | 96–102
Units in Major That Also Satisfy the GIRs | (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 Four of the 10 subjects from the required subjects and restricted electives must be chosen, in consultation with a faculty advisor, either from four of five historical periods (ancient and medieval; Renaissance and Restoration; 18th century and Enlightenment; 19th century and Romanticism; 20th century and contemporary culture) or from four of five thematic complexes (historical period; genre or mode; author study; film, media, and popular culture; gender and ethnic studies).

2 A maximum of three subjects may be selected from among introductory subjects (http://lit.mit.edu/curriculum/introductory-subjects), as described on the Literature website.

3 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.