MATHEMATICS (COURSE 18)

Department of Mathematics (http://catalog.mit.edu/schools/science/mathematics/#undergraduatetext)

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics (General Mathematics Option)

**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.

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<th>Summary of Subject Requirements</th>
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<td><strong>Science Requirement</strong></td>
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<td>Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (HASS)</td>
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<td>Requirement; 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><strong>Restricted Electives in Science and Technology (REST) Requirement</strong></td>
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<td>[one subject can be satisfied by 18.03 in the Departmental Program]</td>
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<td>Laboratory Requirement (12 units)</td>
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<td><strong>Total GIR Subjects Required for SB Degree</strong></td>
<td>17</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.

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<th>Required Subjects</th>
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<td>18.03 Differential Equations ¹</td>
<td>12</td>
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**Restricted Electives**
Select eight 12-unit subjects of essentially different content, including at least six advanced subjects (first decimal digit one or higher) that are distributed over at least three distinct areas (at least three distinct first decimal digits). One of these eight subjects must be one of the following:

- 18.06 Linear Algebra
- 18.061 Linear Algebra and Optimization
- 18.700 Linear Algebra
- 18.701 Algebra I

**Units in Major That Also Satisfy the GIRs**
(12)

**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 Students may also fulfill this requirement by completing 18.032 Differential Equations (which places more emphasis on theory), 18.152 Introduction to Partial Differential Equations, or 18.303 Linear Partial Differential Equations: Analysis and Numerics. Any subject substituted for 18.03 cannot also count towards the eight-subject Restricted Elective requirement.

**Communication-Intensive Subjects in the Major**
To satisfy the requirement that students take two CI-M subjects, students must select one of the following options:

**Option A**
Select two of the following:

- 18.104 Seminar in Analysis
- 18.204 Undergraduate Seminar in Discrete Mathematics
- 18.384 Undergraduate Seminar in Physical Mathematics
- 18.424 Seminar in Information Theory
- 18.434 Seminar in Theoretical Computer Science
- 18.504 Seminar in Logic
- 18.704 Seminar in Algebra
- 18.784 Seminar in Number Theory
- 18.821 Project Laboratory in Mathematics
- 18.904 Seminar in Topology
- 18.994 Seminar in Geometry

**Option B**
Select one subject from Option A and one of the following:

- 8.06 Quantum Physics III
- 14.33 Research and Communication in Economics: Topics, Methods, and Implementation

**Units in Major**
108

**Unrestricted Electives**
84

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