The objective of any minor is to provide a depth of understanding and expertise in an area outside of, or complementary to, a student’s major. This depth and expertise must be sufficient to enable the student to: appreciate the complexities and issues that are central to the minor area; and to perform at a minimal working level in the minor area, e.g., sufficient to solve realistic problems and/or to make contributions to the field.

In order to be designated as an interdisciplinary minor at MIT, the content and working skills associated with the program must, in addition, be sufficiently broadly based that they cannot be reasonably addressed by a minor within a single department. Thus, interdisciplinary minors at MIT represent collaborative efforts among distinct academic units, a characteristic that distinguishes them from departmental minors. Interdisciplinary minors may be organized among departments within a School or among departments in different Schools. The interdisciplinary minors offered at MIT are as follows:

- Ancient and Medieval Studies (http://catalog.mit.edu/interdisciplinary/undergraduate-programs/minors/ancient-medieval-studies)
- Asian and Asian Diaspora Studies (http://catalog.mit.edu/interdisciplinary/undergraduate-programs/minors/asian-studies)
- Astronomy (http://catalog.mit.edu/interdisciplinary/undergraduate-programs/minors/astronomy)
- Atmospheric Chemistry (http://catalog.mit.edu/interdisciplinary/undergraduate-programs/minors/atmospheric-chemistry)
- Biomedical Engineering (http://catalog.mit.edu/interdisciplinary/undergraduate-programs/minors/biomedical-engineering)
- Energy Studies (http://catalog.mit.edu/interdisciplinary/undergraduate-programs/minors/energy-studies)
- Latin American and Latino Studies (http://catalog.mit.edu/interdisciplinary/undergraduate-programs/minors/latin-american-latino-studies)
- Middle Eastern Studies (http://catalog.mit.edu/interdisciplinary/undergraduate-programs/minors/middle-eastern-studies)
- Public Policy (http://catalog.mit.edu/interdisciplinary/undergraduate-programs/minors/public-policy)
- Russian and Eurasian Studies (http://catalog.mit.edu/interdisciplinary/undergraduate-programs/minors/russian-eurasian-studies)
- Women's and Gender Studies (http://catalog.mit.edu/interdisciplinary/undergraduate-programs/minors/womens-gender-studies)

See the Undergraduate Education section for general information about minor programs (http://catalog.mit.edu/mit/undergraduate-education/academic-programs/minors).