

ACTIVITIES

There is much more to an MIT education than study and research in classrooms and laboratories. Numerous activities and groups are available that complement academic pursuits and provide opportunities for students to grow and develop new interests or lifelong pursuits. This section describes just a few of the activities that add to campus life.

There are more than 500 co-curricular student organizations at MIT (many open to both faculty and students), including the Outing Club, the Solar Electric Vehicle Team, the Debate Team, the FM local broadcasting station (WMBR), the MIT Society for Women Engineers, the Student Art Association, Model UN, and interest groups focusing on dance, chess, ham radio, and strategic games, to name just a few.

Many students are actively engaged in service work either through the Priscilla King Gray Public Service Center or on their own. Groups such as Alpha Phi Omega, the national service fraternity, Amphibious Achievement, and the Educational Studies Program sponsor active social service programs. For example, the Educational Studies Program provides opportunities for MIT students to work with area high school students.

MIT also has a number of cultural and identity groups including the Black Students' Union, the Latino Cultural Center, the Asian American Association, and the South Asian American Students Association. Over 30 international student organizations sponsor a rich array of programs, including discussion groups and social events. The International Students' Association, for example, sponsors a newsletter, assemblies, and other events. MIT's Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Friends at MIT (G@MIT) organizes weekly awareness programs and discussion groups, and sponsors social events throughout the year. The Graduate Women at MIT (GWAMIT) works to promote the personal and professional development of women in graduate school at MIT.

For more information, contact the Association of Student Activities (<http://web.mit.edu/asa/www>), Room W20-401, or the Student Activities Office (<http://studentlife.mit.edu/sao>), Room W20-549, 617-253-6777.