The purpose of the academic program at MIT is to give students a solid command of basic principles, a versatility of insight and perspective concerning natural and social phenomena, the habit of continued learning, and the power that comes from a thorough and systematic approach to learning. From these attributes comes the best assurance for continued professional and personal growth, especially in today’s rapidly changing world.

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**School of Architecture and Planning**

Architecture  
Media Arts and Sciences  
Urban Studies and Planning

**School of Engineering**

Aeronautics and Astronautics  
Biological Engineering  
Chemical Engineering  
Civil and Environmental Engineering  
Electrical Engineering and Computer Science  
Materials Science and Engineering  
Mechanical Engineering  
Nuclear Science and Engineering  
Institute for Data, Systems, and Society  
Institute for Medical Engineering and Science

**School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences**

Anthropology  
Comparative Media Studies/Writing  
Economics  
Global Studies and Languages  
History  
Humanities  
Linguistics and Philosophy  
Literature  
Music and Theater Arts  
Political Science  
Science, Technology, and Society

**Sloan School of Management**

Management

**School of Science**

Biology  
Brain and Cognitive Sciences  
Chemistry  
Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences  
Mathematics  
Physics

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