

FIRST YEAR

Concourse Program

Concourse (<http://concourse.mit.edu>) is a small community of students and faculty dedicated to exploring the fundamental questions at the heart of all serious human inquiry. The program offers small classes with rigorous instruction in the science and math General Institute Requirements, as well as in the humanities. In the humanities curriculum and first-year advising seminar, we raise questions and encourage debate about human nature, ethics, the proper role of science in society, and the possibilities for human well-being. Concourse students have close interactions with instructors and fellow students, and benefit from presentations by prominent guest speakers in diverse fields from MIT and elsewhere.

The program's facilities lie at the heart of the MIT campus and consist of a dedicated classroom and lounge, complete with kitchen and seminar room. Students and faculty meet frequently in the 24/7 lounge, not only for study but also for discussions, class tutorials, weekly Friday lunches, and student-led events. All Concourse students are required to sign up for the first-year advising seminar and in the fall to take at least two additional subjects within Concourse, including one humanities subject. Please see the Concourse website for more details and instructions for applying.

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