The general guidelines for a minor program are as follows:

Minors may be pursued within the following framework. Science degrees, thus giving public recognition of this focused work. Students who successfully complete minors will have their fields of study specified on their transcripts as part of their Bachelor of Science degrees, thus giving public recognition of this focused work. Minors may be pursued within the following framework.

- A student may not minor in the area of his or her major. For example, a student majoring in biological engineering may not pursue a minor in biomedical engineering. In addition, if a student is pursuing a composite (joint) degree (such as the SB in Mathematics with Computer Science or the SB in Computer Science and Molecular Biology), he or she may not pursue a minor in either field of that program. The Committee on Curricula (COC) has the authority to determine whether a specific combination is permissible.

- At the discretion of a student’s major department, subjects taken for a minor may count toward departmental program requirements, provided the student’s combination of programs is permitted by the COC.

The general guidelines for a minor program are as follows:

- Minors consist of five to seven subjects, with a typical program comprising six. A minor may include subjects that count toward General Institute Requirements (GIRs). Subjects taken under the junior-senior P/D/F grading option cannot be used for a minor program.

- At the discretion of the minor advisor, approved transfer credit may be used to fulfill a portion of the minor program. MIT subjects, including those taken through cross-registration, must comprise at least half of the minor program.

- A student may earn no more than two minors, which are awarded only when the student receives the SB degree, and which must be associated with a specific degree. This two-minor maximum applies even if the student receives a double major.

- The student should apply for a minor by the end of the sophomore year, but no later than Add Date one full term preceding the one in which the SB degree is awarded. The student must complete an application form for a minor in consultation with the appropriate minor advisor. Note that application and completion forms vary among programs.

Minors are currently available in the fields listed below.

More information on departmental minors appears under the departments’ undergraduate program descriptions.

African and African Diaspora Studies

Ancient and Medieval Studies

Anthropology

Applied International Studies

Archaeology and Materials

Architecture

Art, Culture, and Technology

Asian and Asian Diaspora Studies

Astronomy

Atmospheric Chemistry

Biological Sciences

Biomedical Engineering

Brain and Cognitive Sciences

Chemistry

Chinese

Civil Engineering

Comparative Media Studies

Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences

Economics

Energy Studies
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Environmental Engineering Science (http://catalog.mit.edu/schools/engineering/civil-environmental-engineering/#undergraduatetext)

French (http://catalog.mit.edu/schools/humanities-arts-social-sciences/global-studies-languages/#undergraduatetext)

German (http://catalog.mit.edu/schools/humanities-arts-social-sciences/global-studies-languages/#undergraduatetext)

History (http://catalog.mit.edu/schools/humanities-arts-social-sciences/history/#undergraduatetext)

History of Architecture and Art (http://catalog.mit.edu/schools/architecture-planning/architecture)

International Development (http://catalog.mit.edu/schools/architecture-planning/urban-studies-planning/#undergraduatetext)

Japanese (http://catalog.mit.edu/schools/humanities-arts-social-sciences/global-studies-languages/#undergraduatetext)

Latin American and Latino Studies (http://catalog.mit.edu/interdisciplinary/undergraduate-programs/minors/latin-american-latio-studies)

Linguistics (http://catalog.mit.edu/schools/humanities-arts-social-sciences/linguistics-philosophy/#undergraduatetext)

Literature (http://catalog.mit.edu/schools/humanities-arts-social-sciences/literature/#undergraduatetext)

Management (http://catalog.mit.edu/schools/sloan-management/management)

Management Science (http://catalog.mit.edu/schools/sloan-management/management)

Materials Science and Engineering (http://catalog.mit.edu/schools/engineering/materials-science-engineering/#undergraduatetext)

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

Mechanical Engineering (http://catalog.mit.edu/schools/engineering/mechanical-engineering/#undergraduatetext)

Middle Eastern Studies (http://catalog.mit.edu/interdisciplinary/undergraduate-programs/minors/middle-eastern-studies)

Music (http://catalog.mit.edu/schools/humanities-arts-social-sciences/music-theater-arts/#undergraduatetext)

Nuclear Science and Engineering (http://catalog.mit.edu/schools/engineering/nuclear-science-engineering/#undergraduatetext)

Philosophy (http://catalog.mit.edu/schools/humanities-arts-social-sciences/linguistics-philosophy/#undergraduatetext)

Physics (http://catalog.mit.edu/schools/science/physics)

Political Science (http://catalog.mit.edu/schools/humanities-arts-social-sciences/political-science/#undergraduatetext)

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)


Spanish (http://catalog.mit.edu/schools/humanities-arts-social-sciences/global-studies-languages/#undergraduatetext)

Theater Arts (http://catalog.mit.edu/schools/humanities-arts-social-sciences/music-theater-arts/#undergraduatetext)

Toxicology and Environmental Health (http://catalog.mit.edu/schools/engineering/biological-engineering/#undergraduatetext)

Urban Studies and Planning (http://catalog.mit.edu/schools/architecture-planning/urban-studies-planning/#undergraduatetext)

Women’s and Gender Studies (http://catalog.mit.edu/interdisciplinary/undergraduate-programs/minors/womens-gender-studies)

Writing (http://catalog.mit.edu/schools/humanities-arts-social-sciences/comparative-media-studies-writing/#undergraduatetext)

1 These programs are HASS minors, which may be built on the concentration component of the HASS General Institute Requirement (http://catalog.mit.edu/mit/undergraduate-education/general-institute-requirements). Of the six subjects required for a HASS minor, at most five may count toward the eight-subject HASS Requirement. Of these five, at most one may count toward satisfying the distribution component of the HASS Requirement.

2 These programs are described under the Interdisciplinary Programs (http://catalog.mit.edu/interdisciplinary).

For additional information, instructions, and applications, students should contact the undergraduate office in their field of interest, or the Office of Undergraduate Advising and Academic Programming in Room 7-104. Information about HASS minors is available in the Office of the Dean, School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (Room 4-240) or on the SHASS website (http://shass.mit.edu/undergraduate/minors).