Freshman Admissions
The information provided here contains a broad overview of Admissions policies and procedures. For specific information, please visit the Undergraduate Admissions website (http://mitadmissions.org).

Secondary School Preparation
Although MIT does not have any required high school classes, applicants are expected to have enrolled in a broad, rigorous program in high school. A strong academic foundation in high school will help students make the most of the Institute when they are here. Advice and suggestions on how to Prepare for MIT (http://mitadmissions.org/apply/prepare/highschool) are available on the Admissions website.

Campus Tours and Information Sessions
Prospective applicants and their families are welcome to visit the Admissions Reception Center in Room 10-100, Monday through Friday between 9 am and 5 pm. Undergraduate admissions information sessions are offered most weekdays at 10 am and 2 pm. Student-guided tours of the campus follow immediately after at 11 am and 3 pm. The Visit (http://mitadmissions.org/visit) pages provide an up-to-date schedule and online registration for information sessions and tours, maps, directions, and parking information.

Application Procedures
MIT has its own online application. Students may register for a MyMIT (http://mitadmissions.org/apply/freshman/mymit) account at any time to be added to the mailing list and, when they’re ready to apply, use their MyMIT account to access the application. The application will be available online in August of the year prior to proposed entry. Early Action (available to citizens and permanent residents of the United States only) has a November 1 deadline. Regular Action candidates must complete the application process by January 1 of the year of intended entrance. Early Action applications will be considered in mid-December. At that time the committee may offer admission, deny admission, or defer the decision to Regular Action. Deferred applications are reconsidered without prejudice in March. The MIT application fee for 2016 is $75. MIT accepts fee waiver requests.

Additionally, MIT participates in the QuestBridge (http://www.questbridge.org) National College Match program, which aims to increase the percentage of talented low-income students attending the nation’s best universities and the ranks of national leadership itself. Interested applicants should consult the QuestBridge website.

Applicant Interviews
MIT recommends that applicants interview with a member of the MIT Educational Council if available. Council members are MIT graduates who have volunteered to interview on behalf of the Office of Admissions. Applicants will be referred via their MyMIT account to a member of the council near the applicant's home. Students contact their Education Counselor by October 20 for Early Action and December 10 for Regular Action.

Standardized Testing Requirements
Standardized tests are required for all applicants. Specific SAT, ACT, and TOEFL testing requirements are outlined in detail on the Tests & Scores (http://mitadmissions.org/apply/freshman/tests) page of the Admissions website.

Transfer Admissions
Although spaces are very limited, transfer students are welcome on campus for their fresh perspective, maturity, and focus. Students who have completed a minimum of one year with high academic standing at an accredited college, university, technical institute, or community college may be considered for transfer admission. Students with more than two and one-half years of study are not eligible.

Transfer Application Procedures
The MIT transfer application is available online (http://mitadmissions.org/apply/transfer/application). International students are eligible for fall admission only. Students applying for fall admission must complete all testing requirements by January 31 and the transfer application by February 15. Students applying for spring admission must complete all testing requirements by November 30 and the transfer application by November 15. The MIT Transfer application fee is $75. Applicants may request a fee waiver.

Credit Transfer
Students admitted by transfer may receive credit for subjects of study completed elsewhere which are substantially equivalent to corresponding Institute subjects. Academic credit is not assessed until after a student is admitted. You may compare the courses offered at your institution to those offered at MIT this year (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects).

Undergraduate Special Student Admissions
An undergraduate special student is one whose intended program of study is at the undergraduate level but who is not a degree candidate. Undergraduates enrolled at other universities who wish to take classes not offered at their home university may apply as non-degree undergraduate special students. Undergraduate special student status is available to individuals who have successfully completed at least one year of full-time study, or the equivalent, at the university level. Secondary school students are not eligible.
Undergraduate special students enjoy most of the same privileges as regular students but are not eligible for financial assistance from MIT, are not offered housing, and may not take certain restricted classes. In certain classes with limited space, priority will be given to regular MIT students before special students.

Undergraduate special student status is granted for one term only, and a new application is required for a successive term. Enrollment as a special student is limited to two full academic terms. Admission as a special student does not carry any implication for other applications. It is a guest status only and not a means to an undergraduate degree at MIT.

The Special Student application and more information about the admission process may be found on the Undergraduate Special Student (http://web.mit.edu/admissions/graduate/special.html) website.