First-Year 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 learn more about MIT by taking part in an info session (https://mitadmissions.org/online-info-sessions). While all in-person programming has been suspended for the time being due to the pandemic, the Admissions website (https://mitadmissions.org/visit) offers a variety of resources that allow you to experience MIT (https://mitadmissions.org/explore-on-your-own) from the comfort of your own home. Students may also sign up for the mailing list (https://apply.mitadmissions.org/register/introduceyourself) to receive the monthly e-newsletter.

Application Procedures

MIT has its own online application, which will be available online in August of the year prior to proposed entry. The application deadline for Early Action is November 1, while the deadline for Regular Action is January 1. Early Action decisions are non-binding, and will be announced 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 application fee is $75. If paying the fee presents a hardship for applicants, fee waivers are available upon request.

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Additionally, MIT participates in the QuestBridge 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 (http://www.questbridge.org).

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. Students will be given further information about interview details during the application process if they have an active application.

Standardized Testing Requirements

Testing requirements (http://mitadmissions.org/apply/firstyear/tests-scores) are outlined in detail on the Tests & Scores page of the Admissions website.

Transfer Admissions

Although space is 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 a half years of study are not eligible.

Transfer Application Procedures

The MIT transfer application (https://mitadmissions.org/apply/transfer/transfer-application) is available online. The deadline to submit the application is November 15 for spring entry and March 15 for fall entry. International students are eligible for fall entry only. The application fee is $75. If paying the fee presents a hardship for applicants, fee waivers are available upon request.

Testing requirements are outlined in detail on the Transfer Deadlines & Requirements (https://mitadmissions.org/apply/transfer/deadlines) page of the Admissions website.

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 subjects offered at MIT this year (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects).

Transfer students typically lose at least one semester of coursework. Most students enter MIT as sophomores, regardless of the amount of coursework they completed at their previous college(s).