The Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE) seeks to understand the world, invent, and innovate with creative design. To address some of the greatest challenges of our time, the department uses approaches that range from basic scientific principles to complex engineering design, at scales from the nano to the global. Emphasizing the use of quantitative approaches, CEE features two vibrant centers of gravity: environment (what exists as natural systems) and infrastructure (what is created by human activity). The department is organized into two laboratories around these focus areas: the Parsons Laboratory for Environmental Science and Engineering (https://cee.mit.edu/research/#Parsons) and the Pierce Laboratory for Infrastructure Science and Engineering (https://cee.mit.edu/research/#Pierce), which emphasizes materials and systems. CEE consists of people from a broad range of academic disciplines who work together to contribute to exciting intellectual networks across the department and MIT, solving tomorrow’s problems to build a better future through discovery and innovation.

An education in civil and environmental engineering provides an excellent foundation to solve the world’s greatest challenges in areas such as sustainability, environment, or energy. It prepares students for careers in fields as diverse as engineering design, education, law, medicine, and public health, as well as for graduate study in engineering and science. Graduates teach and carry out research in universities, work for large firms, start their own businesses, and hold leadership positions in government and nonprofit organizations. The department’s undergraduate program provides a solid background in science and engineering fundamentals while emphasizing hands-on design and research projects that provide real-world context. Students focus on the use of large data, computation, probability, and data analysis, and learn how to combine theory, experiments, and modeling to understand and solve complex science and engineering problems.

Course 1-ENG is the undergraduate degree program offered by The Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. 1-ENG leads to a Bachelor of Science in General Engineering, and has a flexible curriculum that supplements a civil and environmental engineering foundation with an area of core coursework in a field of specialization, introducing exciting opportunities for disciplinary or multidisciplinary focus. This program is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) (http://www.abet.org) as a general engineering degree.

The department also offers graduate degrees within the broadly defined areas of environmental science and engineering (which includes environmental chemistry, environmental fluid mechanics, ecology, and hydrology and hydroclimatology), mechanics of materials and structures, transportation and systems engineering.

The depth and breadth of coursework and research required differ for each degree program.

The department’s graduate degrees are as follows: Master of Engineering (MEng), Master of Science in Transportation (MST), Master of Science (SM), Civil Engineer, Environmental Engineer, Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), and Doctor of Science (ScD).

Undergraduate Study

The Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering offers an undergraduate program, Course 1-ENG, leading to the Bachelor of Science in General Engineering.

Undergraduates are encouraged to participate in the research activities of the department and in many cases obtain degree credit for such work. In general, students are encouraged to plan their programs for the third and fourth years so they dovetail with possible graduate study, including the department’s Master of Engineering degree. This is readily accomplished by those students who embark on the departmental program in their second year. Under certain circumstances, students are permitted to work toward receiving simultaneous undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Bachelor of Science in Engineering (Course 1-ENG)

The degree is designed to prepare students to make an impact in solving the world’s greatest challenges. The Bachelor of Science in Engineering program (http://catalog.mit.edu/degree-charts/engineering-civil-environmental-engineering-course-1-eng) offers the option to select a core and pursue tracks of study for in-depth exploration of particular areas, or to focus on cross-cutting, multidisciplinary studies within and outside the department in emerging areas of civil and environmental engineering, broadly defined. Refer to the website for further details on sample educational tracks and educational opportunities (http://cee.mit.edu/undergraduate).

The undergraduate program provides significant flexibility through a track structure that is consistent with the diverse nature of our disciplinary groups and responsive to students’ interests in new educational offerings. The program is built around a solid foundation in mathematics, big data, sensing, and computing, and is complemented by laboratory subjects on data analysis. It includes a capstone subject that provides ample opportunities for students to solve complex problems. The program enables students to design individualized programs to meet particular educational objectives. For example, students interested in careers in fields such as sustainability, environmental science and engineering, microbiology, sustainable materials, geochimistry, energy resources, structural/architectural engineering, oceanography, or environmental law can design programs that provide both depth and breadth.

The main component of the program is a small set of General Department Requirements (GDRs) consisting of subjects that focus on mathematics, computation, probability and statistics, and
data analysis, plus a capstone. Students select one of three core options, each consisting of subjects that build a solid background in one of three areas: environment, mechanics and materials, or systems. Their selections of a core and a consistent set of four or five restricted elective subjects, in consultation with a CEE faculty advisor, define their track of undergraduate study. Restricted electives may be selected from subjects within or outside the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

To satisfy the CI-M component of the Communication Requirement, students must take two of the department’s CI-M subjects (1.013 and either 1.101/1.102 or 1.106/1.107) or take one Course 1 CI-M subject and petition the Subcommittee on the Communication Requirement to substitute one CI-M from another science or engineering field. Any outside CI-M must fit into the coherent program of electives approved by the student’s academic advisor and must be approved by the undergraduate officer. The remaining part of the program consists of unrestricted electives, bringing the total number of required units beyond the General Institute Requirements to 180.

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The Minor in Civil and Environmental Systems consists of the following subjects:

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<td>Introduction to Hydrology and Water Resources</td>
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<td>Environmental Chemistry</td>
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<td>Environmental Fluid Transport Processes and Hydrology Laboratory</td>
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Substitution of equivalent subjects offered by other departments is allowed, with permission of the minor advisor. However, at least three full 12-unit subjects must be Course 1 subjects.

For a general description of the minor program (http://catalog.mit.edu/mit/undergraduate-education/academic-programs/minors), see Undergraduate Education.

**Other Undergraduate Opportunities Research Opportunities**
Students wishing to work closely with a member of the faculty on research may obtain permission to enroll in 1.UR or 1.URG. The Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) (http://catalog.mit.edu/mit/undergraduate-education/academic-research-options/undergraduate-research-opportunities-program) offers numerous possibilities, and the department awards several UROP traineeships to undergraduates each term.

**Graduate Study**
Graduate students in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE) participate in research with renowned faculty and get hands-on experience solving some of the world’s largest problems in the domains of infrastructure and environment, and related areas of interest. Education takes place inside and outside the classroom, and there are numerous opportunities to learn not only about civil and environmental engineering in an interdisciplinary research environment but also to network with peers. CEE grants the following advanced degrees: Master of Engineering in Civil and Environmental Engineering, Master of Science in Transportation, Master of Science, Civil Engineer, Environmental Engineer, Doctor of Science, and Doctor of Philosophy. The Institute’s general requirements for these degrees (http://catalog.mit.edu/mit/graduate-education) are described under Graduate Education. Detailed information on the departmental requirements for each degree (http://cee.mit.edu) may be obtained on the CEE website.
**Admission Requirements**

CEE seeks a diverse group of applicants from a range of academic disciplines who will work together to contribute to exciting intellectual networks across the department and Institute. All applicants are required to submit scores from the GRE General Test. Applicants whose first language is not English are required to submit scores from either the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), the preferred exam, or the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Email the department (cee-admissions@mit.edu) or visit the CEE website (http://cee.mit.edu) to learn more about individual graduate programs.

**Master of Engineering**

The Master of Engineering (MEng) (http://cee.mit.edu/master-of-engineering) degree program is a professional-oriented graduate program that consists of high-level, fast-paced coursework and significant engagement with applied engineering projects that prepare graduates for a professional career path or further graduate studies at MIT or elsewhere. This nine-month program, with opportunities for individualized tracks of study in CEE, prepares students to address significant challenges in the domains of civil and environmental engineering. The degree requirements include 66 units of graduate-level subjects, 48 units of which must be departmental subjects.

Within the Structural Mechanics and Design track, students must complete 1.562 Structural Design Project I in the fall and 1.563 Structural Design Project II in the spring, plus 24 additional units of CEE subjects. Students are also required to complete an original thesis. Students in the Environmental Engineering Science track pursue classes and research in their areas of interest, including hydrology, environmental chemistry, ecology, and environmental fluid mechanics.

Students in the Structural Mechanics and Design track pursue classes and research in areas including structural engineering mechanics, computational design and optimization, and collaborative workflows at the interface of engineering and architecture.

For current MIT students, the program is a natural extension of the Institute’s four-year Bachelor of Science degree, providing them an opportunity to gain practical experience and preparing them for emerging fields in today’s job market.

**Master of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering**

The Master of Science is a two-year research-focused degree that culminates with a thesis. This degree prepares graduates for an advanced position in the field, and provides a foundation for doctoral studies. The degree requirements include 66 units of subject units, 34 of which must be departmental subjects. The student is also required to complete a research thesis comprised of original work.

**Doctoral Degrees**

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) or Doctor of Science (ScD) in Civil and Environmental Engineering offers in-depth study in all areas represented by the department’s faculty. The Civil and Environmental Engineering doctoral program educates students to find solutions based on scientific research and implement them to make real-world contributions. The curriculum and doctoral degree program applies basic scientific principles to complex engineering design at scales from the nano to the global.

Student research is characterized by the following traits:

- Applies theoretical, numerical, experimental, and field work to cutting-edge research projects
- Considers a range of scientific and engineering issues and investigates solutions
- Emphasizes fundamental understanding of, and innovative approaches to, engineering problems by considering a vast range of scales from the nano to the macro

The doctoral program includes a three-subject core area of study that reflects key knowledge in the student’s chosen field. The three subjects are selected from an approved list of four to five subjects within a specific subdiscipline of CEE. The remainder of the doctoral program consists of five graduate subjects that complement the core, including one “breadth” class. (Subjects taken in pursuit of the CEE SM can be counted towards these requirements.) The doctoral degree is granted upon completion of the required subjects, submission and defense of a thesis proposal, and submission and defense of a thesis embodying an original research contribution. A detailed description of the doctoral program requirements can be found on the department website (https://cee.mit.edu/resources).

**Financial Assistance**

The research of the department is an integral part of the graduate program. All doctoral students receive appointments as research or teaching assistants, as do the majority of our SM and MST students. Most of these appointments fully cover tuition, individual health insurance, and reasonable living expenses in the Cambridge area.

Applicants are encouraged to apply for traineeships and fellowships (http://odge.mit.edu/finances/fellowships) offered nationally by the National Science Foundation, NASA, DOE, and other governmental agencies that traditionally support students in the department. For an extensive list of such opportunities, visit the Office of Graduate Education website.

**Interdisciplinary Programs**

Through its interdisciplinary programs, the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering brings together the science,
technology, systems, and management skills necessary to deal with the important engineering problems of the future.

Computational Science and Engineering
The Master of Science in Computational Science and Engineering (CSE SM) is an interdisciplinary program for students interested in the analysis and application of computational approaches to designing and operating engineered systems. The curriculum is designed with a common core serving all engineering disciplines and an elective component focusing on specific applications. Current MIT graduate students may pursue a the CSE SM in conjunction with a department-based master’s or PhD program.

The Computational Science and Engineering (CSE) doctoral program allows students to specialize in a computation-related field of their choice through focused coursework and a doctoral thesis through a number of participating host departments. The CSE PhD program is administered jointly by the Center for Computational Science and Engineering (CCSE) and the host departments, with the emphasis of thesis research activities being the development of new computational methods and/or the innovative application of computational techniques to important problems in engineering and science.

For more information, see the program descriptions under Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs.

Graduate Programs in Transportation
MIT provides a broad range of opportunities for transportation-related education. Courses and classes span the School of Engineering, the Sloan School of Management, and the School of Architecture and Planning, with many activities covering interdisciplinary topics that prepare students for future industry, government, or academic careers.

A variety of graduate degrees are available to students interested in transportation studies and research (http://catalog.mit.edu/interdisciplinary/graduate-programs/transportation), including a Master of Science in Transportation and PhD in Transportation, described under Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs.

Leaders for Global Operations
The 24-month Leaders for Global Operations (LGO) (http://lgo.mit.edu) program combines graduate degrees in engineering and management for those with previous postgraduate work experience and strong undergraduate degrees in a technical field. During the two-year program, students complete a six-month internship at one of LGO’s partner companies, where they conduct research that forms the basis of a dual-degree thesis. Students finish the program with two MIT degrees: an MBA (or SM in management) and an SM from one of seven engineering programs, some of which have optional or required LGO tracks. After graduation, alumni lead strategic initiatives in high-tech, operations, and manufacturing companies.

Joint Program with the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
The Joint Program with the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) (http://mit.whoi.edu) is intended for students whose primary career objective is oceanography or oceanographic engineering. Students divide their academic and research efforts between the campuses of MIT and WHOI. Joint Program students are assigned an MIT faculty member as academic advisor; thesis research may be supervised by MIT or WHOI faculty. While in residence at MIT, students follow a program similar to that of other students in their home department. The program is described in more detail (http://catalog.mit.edu/interdisciplinary/graduate-programs/joint-program-woods-hole-oceanographic-institution) under Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs.

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