Programming & Software Engineering

6.100A Introduction to Computer Science Programming in Python
Prereq: None
U (Fall, Spring; first half of term)
3-0-3 units
Credit cannot also be received for 6.100L

Introduction to computer science and programming for students with little or no programming experience. Students develop skills to program and use computational techniques to solve problems. Topics include the notion of computation, Python, simple algorithms and data structures, testing and debugging, and algorithmic complexity. Combination of 6.100A and 6.100B or 16.C20[J] counts as REST subject. Final given in the seventh week of the term.

A. Bell, J. V. Guttag

6.100B Introduction to Computational Thinking and Data Science
Prereq: 6.100A or permission of instructor
U (Fall, Spring; second half of term)
3-0-3 units
Credit cannot also be received for 9.C20[J], 16.C20[J], 18.C20[J], CSE.C20[J]

Provides an introduction to using computation to understand real-world phenomena. Topics include plotting, stochastic programs, probability and statistics, random walks, Monte Carlo simulations, modeling data, optimization problems, and clustering. Combination of 6.100A and 6.100B counts as REST subject.

A. Bell, J. V. Guttag

6.1010 Fundamentals of Programming
Prereq: 6.100A
U (Fall, Spring)
2-4-6 units. Institute LAB

Introduces fundamental concepts of programming. Designed to develop skills in applying basic methods from programming languages to abstract problems. Topics include programming and Python basics, computational concepts, software engineering, algorithmic techniques, data types, and recursion. Lab component consists of software design, construction, and implementation of design. Enrollment may be limited.

D. S. Boning, A. Chlipala, S. Devadas, A. Hartz

6.1020 Software Construction
Prereq: 6.1010
U (Spring)
3-0-12 units

Introduces fundamental principles and techniques of software development: how to write software that is safe from bugs, easy to understand, and ready for change. Topics include specifications and invariants; testing, test-case generation, and coverage; abstract data types and representation independence; design patterns for object-oriented programming; concurrent programming, including message passing and shared memory concurrency, and defending against races and deadlock; and functional programming with immutable data and higher-order functions. Includes weekly programming exercises and larger group programming projects.

M. Goldman, R. C. Miller

6.1040 Software Design
Prereq: 6.1020 and 6.1200[J]
U (Fall)
4-0-14 units

Provides design-focused instruction on how to build complex software applications. Design topics include classic human-computer interaction (HCI) design tactics (need finding, heuristic evaluation, prototyping, user testing), conceptual design (inventing, modeling and evaluating constituent concepts), social and ethical implications, abstract data modeling, and visual design. Implementation topics include reactive front-ends, web services, and databases. Students work both on individual projects and a larger team project in which they design and build full-stack web applications.

D. N. Jackson, A. Satyanarayan

6.100L Introduction to Computer Science and Programming
Prereq: None
U (Fall, Spring)
3-0-6 units
Credit cannot also be received for 6.100A

Introduction to computer science and programming for students with no programming experience. Presents content taught in 6.100A over an entire semester. Students develop skills to program and use computational techniques to solve problems. Topics include the notion of computation, Python, simple algorithms and data structures, testing and debugging, and algorithmic complexity.

A. Bell, J. V. Guttag
6.1060 Software Performance Engineering
Prereq: 6.1020, 6.1210, and 6.1910
U (Fall)
3-12-3 units

Project-based introduction to building efficient, high-performance and scalable software systems. Topics include performance analysis, algorithmic techniques for high performance, instruction-level optimizations, vectorization, cache and memory hierarchy optimization, and parallel programming.
S. Amarasinghe, C. E. Leiserson

6.5060 Algorithm Engineering
Prereq: 6.1060 and 6.1220
G (Spring)
3-0-9 units

Covers the theory and practice of algorithms and data structures. Topics include models of computation, algorithm design and analysis, and performance engineering of algorithm implementations. Presents the design and implementation of sequential, parallel, cache-efficient, and external-memory algorithms. Illustrates many of the principles of algorithm engineering in the context of parallel algorithms and graph problems.
J. Shun

6.5080 Multicore Programming
Subject meets with 6.5081
Prereq: 6.1210
G (Spring)
4-0-8 units

Introduces principles and core techniques for programming multicore machines. Topics include locking, scalability, concurrent data structures, multiprocessor scheduling, load balancing, and state-of-the-art synchronization techniques, such as transactional memory. Includes sequence of programming assignments on a large multicore machine, culminating with the design of a highly concurrent application. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.
N. Shavit

Programming Languages

6.1100 Computer Language Engineering
Prereq: 6.1020 and 6.1910
U (Spring)
4-4-4 units

Analyzes issues associated with the implementation of higher-level programming languages. Fundamental concepts, functions, and structures of compilers. The interaction of theory and practice. Using tools in building software. Includes a multi-person project on compiler design and implementation.
M. C. Rinard

6.1120 Dynamic Computer Language Engineering
Prereq: 6.1020 or 6.1910
U (Fall)
4-4-4 units

Studies the design and implementation of modern, dynamic programming languages. Topics include fundamental approaches for parsing, semantics and interpretation, virtual machines, garbage collection, just-in-time machine code generation, and optimization. Includes a semester-long, group project that delivers a virtual machine that spans all of these topics.
M. Carbin
6.5110 Foundations of Program Analysis
Prereq: 6.1100
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered
Acad Year 2024-2025: G (Fall)
3-0-9 units

Presents major principles and techniques for program analysis. Includes formal semantics, type systems and type-based program analysis, abstract interpretation and model checking and synthesis. Emphasis on Haskell and Ocaml, but no prior experience in these languages is assumed. Student assignments include implementing of techniques covered in class, including building simple verifiers.
A. Solar-Lezama

6.5120 Formal Reasoning About Programs
Prereq: 6.1020 and 6.1200[J]
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered
Acad Year 2024-2025: G (Spring)
3-0-9 units

Surveys techniques for rigorous mathematical reasoning about correctness of software, emphasizing commonalities across approaches. Introduces interactive computer theorem proving with the Coq proof assistant, which is used for all assignments, providing immediate feedback on soundness of logical arguments. Covers common program-proof techniques, including operational semantics, model checking, abstract interpretation, type systems, program logics, and their applications to functional, imperative, and concurrent programs. Develops a common conceptual framework based on invariants, abstraction, and modularity applied to state and labeled transition systems.
A. Chlipala

6.5150 Large-scale Symbolic Systems
Subject meets with 6.5151
Prereq: 6.4100 or permission of instructor
G (Spring)
3-0-9 units

Concepts and techniques for the design and implementation of large software systems that can be adapted to uses not anticipated by the designer. Applications include compilers, computer-algebra systems, deductive systems, and some artificial intelligence applications. Covers means for decoupling goals from strategy, mechanisms for implementing additive data-directed invocation, work with partially-specified entities, and how to manage multiple viewpoints. Topics include combinators, generic operations, pattern matching, pattern-directed invocation, rule systems, backtracking, dependencies, indeterminacy, memoization, constraint propagation, and incremental refinement. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.
G. J. Sussman

6.5151 Large-scale Symbolic Systems
Subject meets with 6.5150
Prereq: 6.4100 or permission of instructor
U (Spring)
3-0-9 units

Concepts and techniques for the design and implementation of large software systems that can be adapted to uses not anticipated by the designer. Applications include compilers, computer-algebra systems, deductive systems, and some artificial intelligence applications. Covers means for decoupling goals from strategy, mechanisms for implementing additive data-directed invocation, work with partially-specified entities, and how to manage multiple viewpoints. Topics include combinators, generic operations, pattern matching, pattern-directed invocation, rule systems, backtracking, dependencies, indeterminacy, memoization, constraint propagation, and incremental refinement. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.
G. J. Sussman

Same subject as 8.351[J], 12.620[J]
Prereq: Physics I (GIR), 18.03, and permission of instructor
G (Fall)
3-3-6 units

See description under subject 12.620[J].
J. Wisdom, G. J. Sussman

Theoretical Computer Science

Same subject as 18.062[J]
Prereq: Calculus I (GIR)
U (Fall, Spring)
5-0-7 units. REST

Elementary discrete mathematics for science and engineering, with a focus on mathematical tools and proof techniques useful in computer science. Topics include logical notation, sets, relations, elementary graph theory, state machines and invariants, induction and proofs by contradiction, recurrences, asymptotic notation, elementary analysis of algorithms, elementary number theory and cryptography, permutations and combinations, counting tools, and discrete probability.
Z. R. Abel, F. T. Leighton, A. Moitra
**6.120A Discrete Mathematics and Proof for Computer Science**  
Prereq: Calculus I (GIR)  
U (Spring; second half of term)  
3-0-3 units  
Subset of elementary discrete mathematics for science and engineering useful in computer science. Topics may include logical notation, sets, done relations, elementary graph theory, state machines and invariants, induction and proofs by contradiction, recurrences, asymptotic notation, elementary analysis of algorithms, elementary number theory and cryptography, permutations and combinations, counting tools.  
*Staff*

**6.1210 Introduction to Algorithms**  
Prereq: 6.100A and (6.120A or 6.1200[J])  
U (Fall, Spring)  
5-0-7 units  
Introduction to mathematical modeling of computational problems, as well as common algorithms, algorithmic paradigms, and data structures used to solve these problems. Emphasizes the relationship between algorithms and programming, and introduces basic performance measures and analysis techniques for these problems. Enrollment may be limited.  
*E. Demaine, S. Devadas*

**6.1400[J] Computability and Complexity Theory**  
Same subject as 18.400[J]  
Prereq: (6.1200[J] and 6.1210) or permission of instructor  
U (Spring)  
4-0-8 units  
Mathematical introduction to the theory of computing. Rigorously explores what kinds of tasks can be efficiently solved with computers by way of finite automata, circuits, Turing machines, and communication complexity, introducing students to some major open problems in mathematics. Builds skills in classifying computational tasks in terms of their difficulty. Discusses other fundamental issues in computing, including the Halting Problem, the Church-Turing Thesis, the P versus NP problem, and the power of randomness.  
*R. Williams, R. Rubinfeld*

**6.1420 Fixed Parameter and Fine-grained Computation**  
Prereq: 6.1200[J], 6.1210, and (6.1220[J], 6.1400[J], or 18.404)  
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered  
Acad Year 2024-2025: U (Fall)  
3-0-9 units  
An overview of the theory of parameterized algorithms and the "problem-centric" theory of fine-grained complexity, both of which reconsider how to measure the difficulty and feasibility of solving computational problems. Topics include: fixed-parameter tractability (FPT) and its characterizations, the W-hierarchy (W[1], W[2], W[P], etc.), 3-sum-hardness, all-pairs shortest paths (APSP)-equivalences, strong exponential time hypothesis (SETH) hardness of problems, and the connections to circuit complexity and other aspects of computing.  
*R. Williams, V. Williams*

**6.1220[J] Design and Analysis of Algorithms**  
Same subject as 18.410[J]  
Prereq: 6.1200[J] and 6.1210  
U (Fall, Spring)  
4-0-8 units  
Techniques for the design and analysis of efficient algorithms, emphasizing methods useful in practice. Topics include sorting; search trees, heaps, and hashing; divide-and-conquer; dynamic programming; greedy algorithms; amortized analysis; graph algorithms; and shortest paths. Advanced topics may include network flow; computational geometry; number-theoretic algorithms; polynomial and matrix calculations; caching; and parallel computing.  
*E. Demaine, M. Goemans*

**6.5210[J] Advanced Algorithms**  
Same subject as 18.415[J]  
Prereq: 6.1220[J] and (6.1200[J], 6.3700, or 18.600)  
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered  
Acad Year 2024-2025: G (Fall)  
5-0-7 units  
First-year graduate subject in algorithms. Emphasizes fundamental algorithms and advanced methods of algorithmic design, analysis, and implementation. Surveys a variety of computational models and the algorithms for them. Data structures, network flows, linear programming, computational geometry, approximation algorithms, online algorithms, parallel algorithms, external memory, streaming algorithms.  
*A. Moitra, D. R. Karger*
**6.5220[J] Randomized Algorithms**  
Same subject as 18.416[J]  
Prereq: (6.1200[J] or 6.3700) and (6.1220[J] or 6.5210[J])  
Acad Year 2023-2024: G (Spring)  
Acad Year 2024-2025: Not offered  
5-0-7 units  

Studies how randomization can be used to make algorithms simpler and more efficient via random sampling, random selection of witnesses, symmetry breaking, and Markov chains. Models of randomized computation. Data structures: hash tables, and skip lists. Graph algorithms: minimum spanning trees, shortest paths, and minimum cuts. Geometric algorithms: convex hulls, linear programming in fixed or arbitrary dimension. Approximate counting; parallel algorithms; online algorithms; derandomization techniques; and tools for probabilistic analysis of algorithms.  

_D. R. Karger_

**6.5230 Advanced Data Structures**  
Prereq: 6.1220[J]  
Acad Year 2023-2024: G (Spring)  
Acad Year 2024-2025: Not offered  
3-0-9 units  

More advanced and powerful data structures for answering several queries on the same data. Such structures are crucial in particular for designing efficient algorithms. Dictionaries; hashing; search trees. Self-adjusting data structures; linear search; splay trees; dynamic optimality. Integer data structures; word RAM. Predecessor problem; van Emde Boas priority queues; y-fast trees; fusion trees. Lower bounds; cell-probe model; round elimination. Dynamic graphs; link-cut trees; dynamic connectivity. Strings; text indexing; suffix arrays; suffix trees. Static data structures; compact arrays; rank and select. Succinct data structures; tree encodings; implicit data structures. External-memory and cache-oblivious data structures; B-trees; buffer trees; tree layout; ordered-file maintenance. Temporal data structures; persistence; retroactivity.  

_E. D. Demaine_

**6.5240 Sublinear Time Algorithms**  
Prereq: 6.1220[J] or permission of instructor  
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered  
Acad Year 2024-2025: G (Fall)  
3-0-9 units  

Sublinear time algorithms understand parameters and properties of input data after viewing only a minuscule fraction of it. Tools from number theory, combinatorics, linear algebra, optimization theory, distributed algorithms, statistics, and probability are covered. Topics include: testing and estimating properties of distributions, functions, graphs, strings, point sets, and various combinatorial objects.  

_R. Rubinfeld_

**6.5250[J] Distributed Algorithms**  
Same subject as 18.437[J]  
Prereq: 6.1220[J]  
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered  
Acad Year 2024-2025: G (Fall)  
3-0-9 units  

Design and analysis of concurrent algorithms, emphasizing those suitable for use in distributed networks. Process synchronization, allocation of computational resources, distributed consensus, distributed graph algorithms, election of a leader in a network, distributed termination, deadlock detection, concurrency control, communication, and clock synchronization. Special consideration given to issues of efficiency and fault tolerance. Formal models and proof methods for distributed computation.  

_M. Ghaﬀari, N. A. Lynch_

**6.5310 Geometric Folding Algorithms: Linkages, Origami, Polyhedra**  
Prereq: 6.1220[J] or permission of instructor  
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered  
Acad Year 2024-2025: G (Fall)  
3-0-9 units  

Covers discrete geometry and algorithms underlying the reconﬁguration of foldable structures, with applications to robotics, manufacturing, and biology. Linkages made from one-dimensional rods connected by hinges: constructing polynomial curves, characterizing rigidity, characterizing unfoldable versus locked, protein folding. Folding two-dimensional paper (origami): characterizing ﬂat foldability, algorithmic origami design, one-cut magic trick. Unfolding and folding three-dimensional polyhedra: edge unfolding, vertex unfolding, gluings, Alexandrov’s Theorem, hinged dissections.  

_E. D. Demaine_

**6.5320 Geometric Computing**  
Prereq: 6.1220[J]  
Acad Year 2023-2024: G (Spring)  
Acad Year 2024-2025: Not offered  
3-0-9 units  


_P. Indyk_
6.5340 Topics in Algorithmic Game Theory
Prereq: 6.1210 or 6.1220
G (Spring)
3-0-9 units
Presents research topics at the interface of computer science and game theory, with an emphasis on algorithms and computational complexity. Explores the types of game-theoretic tools that are applicable to computer systems, the loss in system performance due to the conflicts of interest of users and administrators, and the design of systems whose performance is robust with respect to conflicts of interest inside the system. Algorithmic focus is on algorithms for equilibria, the complexity of equilibria and fixed points, algorithmic tools in mechanism design, learning in games, and the price of anarchy.
K. Daskalakis

6.5350 Matrix Multiplication and Graph Algorithms
Prereq: 6.1220
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered
Acad Year 2024-2025: G (Fall)
3-0-9 units
Explores topics around matrix multiplication (MM) and its use in the design of graph algorithms. Focuses on problems such as transitive closure, shortest paths, graph matching, and other classical graph problems. Explores fast approximation algorithms when MM techniques are too expensive.
V. Williams

6.5400[J] Theory of Computation
Same subject as 18.4041[J]
Subject meets with 18.404
Prereq: 6.1200[J] or 18.200
G (Fall)
4-0-8 units
See description under subject 18.4041[J].
M. Sipser

6.5410[J] Advanced Complexity Theory
Same subject as 18.405[J]
Prereq: 18.404
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered
Acad Year 2024-2025: G (Spring)
3-0-9 units
See description under subject 18.405[J].
R. Williams

6.5420 Randomness and Computation
Prereq: 6.1220[J] and 18.4041[J]
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered
Acad Year 2024-2025: G (Spring)
3-0-9 units
The power and sources of randomness in computation. Connections and applications to computational complexity, computational learning theory, cryptography and combinatorics. Topics include: probabilistic proofs, uniform generation and approximate counting, Fourier analysis of Boolean functions, computational learning theory, expander graphs, pseudorandom generators, derandomization.
R. Rubinfeld

6.5430 Quantum Complexity Theory
Prereq: 6.1400[J], 18.4041[J], and 18.435[J]
G (Spring)
3-0-9 units
Introduction to quantum computational complexity theory, the study of the fundamental capabilities and limitations of quantum computers. Topics include complexity classes, lower bounds, communication complexity, proofs and advice, and interactive proof systems in the quantum world; classical simulation of quantum circuits. The objective is to bring students to the research frontier.
Staff

Security & Cryptography

6.1600 Foundations of Computer Security
Prereq: 6.1210 and 6.1800
U (Fall)
4-0-8 units
Fundamental notions and big ideas for achieving security in computer systems. Topics include cryptographic foundations (pseudorandomness, collision-resistant hash functions, authentication codes, signatures, authenticated encryption, public-key encryption), systems ideas (isolation, non-interference, authentication, access control, delegation, trust), and implementation techniques (privilege separation, fuzzing, symbolic execution, runtime defenses, side-channel attacks). Case studies of how these ideas are realized in deployed systems. Lab assignments apply ideas from lectures to learn how to build secure systems and how they can be attacked.
6.5610 Applied Cryptography and Security
Prereq: 6.1200[J] and 6.1800
G (Spring)
4-0-8 units
Emphasis on applied cryptography. May include: basic notion of systems security, cryptographic hash functions, symmetric cryptography (one-time pad, block ciphers, stream ciphers, message authentication codes), hash functions, key-exchange, public-key cryptography (encryption, digital signatures), elliptic curve cryptography, secret-sharing, fully homomorphic encryption, zero-knowledge proofs, and electronic voting. Assignments include a final group project. Topics may vary year to year.
H. Corrigan-Gibbs, Y. Kalai

6.5620[J] Cryptography and Cryptanalysis
Same subject as 18.425[J]
Prereq: 6.1220[J]
G (Fall)
3-0-9 units
A rigorous introduction to modern cryptography. Emphasis on the fundamental cryptographic primitives of public-key encryption, digital signatures, pseudo-random number generation, and basic protocols and their computational complexity requirements.
S. Goldwasser, S. Micali, V. Vaikuntanathan

6.5630 Advanced Topics in Cryptography
Prereq: 6.5620[J]
G (Fall)
3-0-9 units
Can be repeated for credit.
In-depth exploration of recent results in cryptography.
S. Goldwasser, S. Micali, V. Vaikuntanathan

6.5660 Computer Systems Security
Prereq: 6.1020 and 6.1800
G (Spring)
3-6-3 units
Design and implementation of secure computer systems. Lectures cover attacks that compromise security as well as techniques for achieving security, based on recent research papers. Topics include operating system security, privilege separation, capabilities, language-based security, cryptographic network protocols, trusted hardware, and security in web applications and mobile phones. Labs involve implementing and compromising a web application that sandboxes arbitrary code, and a group final project.
N. B. Zeldovich

Computer Systems

6.1800 Computer Systems Engineering
Prereq: 6.1910
U (Spring)
5-1-6 units
Topics on the engineering of computer software and hardware systems: techniques for controlling complexity; strong modularity using client-server design, operating systems; performance, networks; naming; security and privacy; fault-tolerant systems, atomicity and coordination of concurrent activities, and recovery; impact of computer systems on society. Case studies of working systems and readings from the current literature provide comparisons and contrasts. Includes a single, semester-long design project. Students engage in extensive written communication exercises. Enrollment may be limited.
K. LaCurts

6.1810 Operating System Engineering
Prereq: 6.1910
U (Fall)
3-0-9 units
Design and implementation of operating systems, and their use as a foundation for systems programming. Topics include virtual memory, file systems, threads, context switches, kernels, interrupts, system calls, interprocess communication, coordination, and interaction between software and hardware. A multi-processor operating system for RISC-V, xv6, is used to illustrate these topics. Individual laboratory assignments involve extending the xv6 operating system, for example to support sophisticated virtual memory features and networking.
A. Belay, M. F. Kaashoek, R. T. Morris
Same subject as MAS.453[J]
Prereq: 6.1800 or permission of instructor
U (Spring)
3-0-9 units
Focuses on “Internet of Things” (IoT) systems and technologies, sensing, computing, and communication. Explores fundamental design and implementation issues in the engineering of mobile and sensor computing systems. Topics include battery-free sensors, seeing through wall, robotic sensors, vital sign sensors (breathing, heartbeats, emotions), sensing in cars and autonomous vehicles, subsea IoT, sensor security, positioning technologies (including GPS and indoor WiFi), inertial sensing (accelerometers, gyroscopes, inertial measurement units, dead-reckoning), embedded and distributed system architectures, sensing with radio signals, sensing with microphones and cameras, wireless sensor networks, embedded and distributed system architectures, mobile libraries and APIs to sensors, and application case studies. Includes readings from research literature, as well as laboratory assignments and a significant term project.
H. Balakrishnan, S. Madden, F. Adib

6.1850 Computer Systems and Society
Prereq: 6.1800
U (Fall)
3-0-9 units
Explores the impact of computer systems on individual humans, society, and the environment. Examines large- and small-scale power structures that stem from low-level technical design decisions, the consequences of those structures on society, and how they can limit or provide access to certain technologies. Students learn to assess design decisions within an ethical framework and consider the impact of their decisions on non-users. Case studies of working systems and readings from the current literature provide comparisons and contrasts. Possible topics include the implications of hierarchical designs (e.g., DNS) for scale; how layered models influence what parts of a network have the power to take certain actions; and the environmental impact of proof-of-work-based systems such as Bitcoin. Enrollment may be limited.
K. LaCurts

6.5810 Operating System Engineering
Prereq: 6.1020 and 6.1800
G (Fall)
3-6-3 units
Fundamental design and implementation issues in the engineering of operating systems. Lectures based on the study of a symmetric multiprocessor version of UNIX version 6 and research papers. Topics include virtual memory; file system; threads; context switches; kernels; interrupts; system calls; interprocess communication; coordination, and interaction between software and hardware. Individual laboratory assignments accumulate in the construction of a minimal operating system (for an x86-based personal computer) that implements the basic operating system abstractions and a shell. Knowledge of programming in the C language is a prerequisite.
M. F. Kaashoek

6.5820 Computer Networks
Prereq: 6.1800 or permission of instructor
G (Fall)
4-0-8 units
Topics on the engineering and analysis of network protocols and architecture, including architectural principles for designing heterogeneous networks; transport protocols; Internet routing; router design; congestion control and network resource management; wireless networks; network security; naming; overlay and peer-to-peer networks. Readings from original research papers. Semester-long project and paper.
H. Balakrishnan, D. Katabi

6.5830 Database Systems
Subject meets with 6.5831
Prereq: (6.1800 and (6.1210 or 6.1220[J])) or permission of instructor
G (Fall)
3-0-9 units
Topics related to the engineering and design of database systems, including data models; database and schema design; schema normalization and integrity constraints; query processing; query optimization and cost estimation; transactions; recovery; concurrency control; isolation and consistency; distributed, parallel and heterogeneous databases; adaptive databases; trigger systems; pub-sub systems; semi structured data and XML querying. Lecture and readings from original research papers. Semester-long project and paper. Students taking graduate version complete different assignments. Enrollment may be limited.
S. R. Madden
6.5831 Database Systems
Subject meets with 6.5830
Prereq: (6.1800 and (6.1210 or 6.1220[J])) or permission of instructor
U (Fall)
3-0-9 units
Topics related to the engineering and design of database systems, including data models; database and schema design; schema normalization and integrity constraints; query processing; query optimization and cost estimation; transactions; recovery; concurrency control; isolation and consistency; distributed, parallel and heterogeneous databases; adaptive databases; trigger systems; pub-sub systems; semi structured data and XML querying. Lecture and readings from original research papers. Semester-long project and paper. Students taking graduate version complete different assignments. Enrollment may be limited.
S. R. Madden

6.5840 Distributed Computer Systems Engineering
Prereq: 6.1800 and permission of instructor
G (Spring)
3-0-9 units
R. T. Morris, M. F. Kaashoek

6.5850 Principles of Computer Systems
Prereq: Permission of instructor
G (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
3-0-9 units
Introduction to the basic principles of computer systems with emphasis on the use of rigorous techniques as an aid to understanding and building modern computing systems. Particular attention paid to concurrent and distributed systems. Topics include: specification and verification, concurrent algorithms, synchronization, naming, Networking, replication techniques (including distributed cache management), and principles and algorithms for achieving reliability.
M. F. Kaashoek, B. Lampson, N. B. Zeldovich

Computer Architecture

6.1903 Introduction to Low-level Programming in C and Assembly (6.1900)
Prereq: 6.100A
U (Spring; first half of term)
2-2-2 units
Credit cannot also be received for 6.1904
Introduction to C and assembly language for students coming from a Python background (6.100A). Studies the C language, focusing on memory and associated topics including pointers, and how different data structures are stored in memory, the stack, and the heap in order to build a strong understanding of the constraints involved in manipulating complex data structures in modern computational systems. Studies assembly language to facilitate a firm understanding of how high-level languages are translated to machine-level instructions.
J. D. Steinmeyer, S. Hanono Wachman

6.1904 Introduction to Low-level Programming in C and Assembly (New)
Prereq: 6.100A
U (Spring; second half of term)
2-2-2 units
Credit cannot also be received for 6.1903
Introduction to C and assembly language for students coming from a Python background (6.100A). Studies the C language, focusing on memory and associated topics including pointers, and how different data structures are stored in memory, the stack, and the heap in order to build a strong understanding of the constraints involved in manipulating complex data structures in modern computational systems. Studies assembly language to facilitate a firm understanding of how high-level languages are translated to machine-level instructions.
J. D. Steinmeyer, S. Hanono Wachman

6.1910 Computation Structures
Prereq: Physics II (GIR), 6.100A, and (6.1900 or 6.9010)
U (Fall, Spring)
4-0-8 units. REST
Provides an introduction to the design of digital systems and computer architecture. Emphasizes expressing all hardware designs in a high-level hardware language and synthesizing the designs. Topics include combinational and sequential circuits, instruction set abstraction for programmable hardware, single-cycle and pipelined processor implementations, multi-level memory hierarchies, virtual memory, exceptions and I/O, and parallel systems.
S. Z. Hanono Wachman, D. Sanchez
6.1920 Constructive Computer Architecture
Prereq: 6.1910
U (Spring)
3-8-1 units
Illustrates a constructive (as opposed to a descriptive) approach to computer architecture. Topics include combinational and pipelined arithmetic-logic units (ALU), in-order pipelined microarchitectures, branch prediction, blocking and unblocking caches, interrupts, virtual memory support, cache coherence and multicore architectures. Labs in a modern Hardware Design Language (HDL) illustrate various aspects of microprocessor design, culminating in a term project in which students present a multicore design running on an FPGA board.
Arvind

6.5900 Computer System Architecture
Prereq: 6.1910
G (Fall)
4-0-8 units
Introduction to the principles underlying modern computer architecture. Emphasizes the relationship among technology, hardware organization, and programming systems in the evolution of computer architecture. Topics include pipelined, out-of-order, and speculative execution; caches, virtual memory and exception handling, superscalar, very long instruction word (VLIW), vector, and multithreaded processors; on-chip networks, memory models, synchronization, and cache coherence protocols for multiprocessors.
J. S. Emer, D. Sanchez

6.5910 Complex Digital Systems Design
Prereq: 6.1910
G (Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
5-5-2 units
Introduction to the design and implementation of large-scale digital systems using hardware description languages and high-level synthesis tools in conjunction with standard commercial electronic design automation (EDA) tools. Emphasizes modular and robust designs, reusable modules, correctness by construction, architectural exploration, meeting area and timing constraints, and developing functional field-programmable gate array (FPGA) prototypes. Extensive use of CAD tools in weekly labs serve as preparation for a multi-person design project on multi-million gate FPGAs. Enrollment may be limited.
Arvind

6.5920 Parallel Computing
Prereq: 6.1910 or permission of instructor
G (Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
3-0-9 units
Introduction to parallel and multicore computer architecture and programming. Topics include the design and implementation of multicore processors; networking, video, continuum, particle and graph applications for multicores; communication and synchronization algorithms and mechanisms; locality in parallel computations; computational models, including shared memory, streams, message passing, and data parallel; multicore mechanisms for synchronization, cache coherence, and multithreading. Performance evaluation of multicores; compilation and runtime systems for parallel computing. Substantial project required.
A. Agarwal

6.5930 Hardware Architecture for Deep Learning
Subject meets with 6.5931
Prereq: 6.1910 and (6.3000 or 6.3900)
G (Spring)
3-3-6 units
Introduction to the design and implementation of hardware architectures for efficient processing of deep learning algorithms and tensor algebra in AI systems. Topics include basics of deep learning, optimization principles for programmable platforms, design principles of accelerator architectures, co-optimization of algorithms and hardware (including sparsity) and use of advanced technologies (including memristors and optical computing). Includes labs involving modeling and analysis of hardware architectures, architecting deep learning inference systems, and an open-ended design project. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.
V. Sze, J. Emer
6.5931 Hardware Architecture for Deep Learning
Subject meets with 6.5930
Prereq: 6.1910 and (6.3000 or 6.3900)
U (Spring)
3-3-6 units

Introduction to the design and implementation of hardware architectures for efficient processing of deep learning algorithms and tensor algebra in AI systems. Topics include basics of deep learning, optimization principles for programmable platforms, design principles of accelerator architectures, co-optimization of algorithms and hardware (including sparsity) and use of advanced technologies (including memristors and optical computing). Includes labs involving modeling and analysis of hardware architectures, architecting deep learning inference systems, and an open-ended design project. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.

V. Sze, J. Emer

6.5940 TinyML and Efficient Deep Learning Computing (New)
Prereq: 6.1910 and 6.3900
G (Fall)
3-0-9 units

Introduces efficient deep learning computing techniques that enable powerful deep learning applications on resource-constrained devices. Topics include model compression, pruning, quantization, neural architecture search, distributed training, data/model parallelism, gradient compression, on-device fine-tuning. It also introduces application-specific acceleration techniques for video recognition, point cloud, and generative AI (diffusion model, LLM). Students will get hands-on experience accelerating deep learning applications with an open-ended design project.

S. Han

6.5950 Secure Hardware Design (New)
Subject meets with 6.5951
Prereq: 6.1910
G (Spring)
3-0-9 units

Introduction to basic concepts, principles, and implementation issues in the designing of secure hardware systems. Through a mixture of lectures and paper discussions, covers state-of-the-art security attacks and defenses targeting the computer architecture, digital circuits, and physics layers of computer systems. Emphasizes both the conceptual and the practical aspects of security issues in modern hardware systems. Topics include microarchitectural timing side channels, speculative execution attacks, RowHammer, Trusted Execution Environment, physical attacks, hardware support for software security, and verification of digital systems. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.

M. Yan

Circuits & Applications

6.2000 Electrical Circuits: Modeling and Design of Physical Systems
Prereq: Physics II (GIR)
U (Fall, Spring)
3-2-7 units. REST

Fundamentals of linear systems, and abstraction modeling of multi-physics lumped and distributed systems using lumped electrical circuits. Linear networks involving independent and dependent sources, resistors, capacitors, and inductors. Extensions to include operational amplifiers and transducers. Dynamics of first- and second-order networks; analysis and design in the time and frequency domains; signal and energy processing applications. Design exercises. Weekly laboratory with microcontroller and transducers.

J. H. Lang, T. Palacios, D. J. Perreault, J. Voldman
6.2020[J] Electronics Project Laboratory
Same subject as EC.120[J]
Prereq: None
U (Fall, Spring)
1-2-3 units

Intuition-based introduction to electronics, electronic components, and test equipment such as oscilloscopes, multimeters, and signal generators. Key components studied and used are op-amps, comparators, bi-polar transistors, and diodes (including LEDs). Students design, build, and debug small electronics projects (often featuring sound and light) to put their new knowledge into practice. Upon completing the class, students can take home a kit of components. Intended for students with little or no previous background in electronics. Enrollment may be limited.

J. Bales

6.2030 Electronics First Laboratory
Prereq: None. Coreq: Physics II (GIR)
U (Spring)
4-4-4 units

Practical introduction to the design and construction of electronic circuits for information processing and control. Laboratory exercises include activities such as the construction of oscillators for a simple musical instrument, a laser audio communicator, a countdown timer, an audio amplifier, and a feedback-controlled solid-state lighting system for daylight energy conservation. Introduces basic electrical components including resistors, capacitors, and inductors; basic assembly techniques for electronics include breadboarding and soldering; and programmable system-on-chip electronics and C programming language. Enrollment limited.

S. B. Leeb

6.2040 Analog Electronics Laboratory
Prereq: 6.2000
U (Spring)
2-9-1 units. Institute LAB

Experimental laboratory explores the design, construction, and debugging of analog electronic circuits. Lectures and laboratory projects in the first half of the course investigate the performance characteristics of semiconductor devices (diodes, BJTs, and MOSFETs) and functional analog building blocks, including single-stage amplifiers, op amps, small audio amplifier, filters, converters, sensor circuits, and medical electronics (ECG, pulse-oximetry). Projects involve design, implementation, and presentation in an environment similar to that of industry engineering design teams. Instruction and practice in written and oral communication provided. Opportunity to simulate real-world problems and solutions that involve tradeoffs and the use of engineering judgment.

G. Hom, N. Reiskarimian

6.2050 Digital Systems Laboratory
Prereq: 6.1910 or permission of instructor
U (Fall)
3-7-2 units. Institute LAB

Lab-intensive subject that investigates digital systems with a focus on FPGAs. Lectures and labs cover logic, flip flops, counters, timing, synchronization, finite-state machines, digital signal processing, communication protocols, and modern sensors. Prepares students for the design and implementation of a large-scale final project of their choice: games, music, digital filters, wireless communications, video, or graphics. Extensive use of System/Verilog for describing and implementing and verifying digital logic designs.

J. Steinmeyer, G. P. Hom, A. P. Chandrakasan

6.2060 Microcomputer Project Laboratory
Subject meets with 6.2061
Prereq: 6.1910, 6.2000, or 6.3000
U (Spring)
3-6-3 units. Institute LAB

Introduces analysis and design of embedded systems. Microcontrollers provide adaptation, flexibility, and real-time control. Emphasizes construction of complete systems, including a five-axis robot arm, a fluorescent lamp ballast, a tomographic imaging station (e.g., a CAT scan), and a simple calculator. Presents a wide range of basic tools, including software and development tools, programmable system on chip, peripheral components such as A/D converters, communication schemes, signal processing techniques, closed-loop digital feedback control, interface and power electronics, and modeling of electromechanical systems. Includes a sequence of assigned projects, followed by a final project of the student's choice, emphasizing creativity and uniqueness. Provides instruction in written and oral communication. To satisfy the independent inquiry component of this subject, students expand the scope of their laboratory project.

S. B. Leeb
6.2061 Microcomputer Project Laboratory - Independent Inquiry
Subject meets with 6.2060
Prereq: 6.1910, 6.2000, or 6.3000
U (Spring)
3-9-3 units

Introduces analysis and design of embedded systems. Microcontrollers provide adaptation, flexibility, and real-time control. Emphasizes construction of complete systems, including a five-axis robot arm, a fluorescent lamp ballast, a tomographic imaging station (e.g., a CAT scan), and a simple calculator. Presents a wide range of basic tools, including software and development tools, programmable system on chip, peripheral components such as A/D converters, communication schemes, signal processing techniques, closed-loop digital feedback control, interface and power electronics, and modeling of electromechanical systems. Includes a sequence of assigned projects, followed by a final project of the student’s choice, emphasizing creativity and uniqueness. Provides instruction in written and oral communication. Students taking independent inquiry version 6.2061 expand the scope of their laboratory project.
S. B. Leeb

6.2080 Semiconductor Electronic Circuits
Prereq: 6.2000
U (Spring)
3-2-7 units

Provides an introduction to basic circuit design, starting from basic semiconductor devices such as diodes and transistors, large and small signal models and analysis, to circuits such as basic amplifier and opamp circuits. Labs give students access to CAD/EDA tools to design, analyze, and layout analog circuits. At the end of the term, students have their chip design fabricated using a 22nm FinFET CMOS process.
R. Han, N. Reiskarimian

6.2090 Solid-State Circuits
Subject meets with 6.2092
Prereq: 6.2040, 6.2080, or permission of instructor
U (Fall)
3-2-7 units

Fosters deep understanding and intuition that is crucial in innovating analog circuits and optimizing the whole system in bipolar junction transistor (BJT) and metal oxide semiconductor (MOS) technologies. Covers both theory and real-world applications of basic amplifier structures, operational amplifiers, temperature sensors, bandgap references. Covers topics such as noise, linearity and stability. Homework and labs give students access to CAD/EDA tools to design and analyze analog circuits. Provides practical experience through lab exercises, including a broadband amplifier design and characterization. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.
N. Reiskarimian, H.-S. Lee, R. Han

6.2092 Solid-State Circuits
Subject meets with 6.2090
Prereq: 6.2040, 6.2080, or permission of instructor
G (Fall)
3-2-7 units

Fosters deep understanding and intuition that is crucial in innovating analog circuits and optimizing the whole system in bipolar junction transistor (BJT) and metal oxide semiconductor (MOS) technologies. Covers both theory and real-world applications of basic amplifier structures, operational amplifiers, temperature sensors, bandgap references. Covers topics such as noise, linearity and stability. Homework and labs give students access to CAD/EDA tools to design and analyze analog circuits. Provides practical experience through lab exercises, including a broadband amplifier design and characterization. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.
N. Reiskarimian, H.-S. Lee, R. Han
6.6000 CMOS Analog and Mixed-Signal Circuit Design
Prereq: 6.2090
G (Spring)
3-0-9 units
A detailed exposition of the principles involved in designing and optimizing analog and mixed-signal circuits in CMOS technologies. Small-signal and large-signal models. Systemic methodology for device sizing and biasing. Basic circuit building blocks. Operational amplifier design. Large signal considerations. Principles of switched capacitor networks including switched-capacitor and continuous-time integrated filters. Basic and advanced A/D and D/A converters, delta-sigma modulators, RF and other signal processing circuits. Design projects on op amps and subsystems are a required part of the subject.
H. S. Lee, R. Han

6.6010 Analysis and Design of Digital Integrated Circuits
Prereq: 6.1910 and (6.2080 or 6.2500)
G (Fall)
3-3-6 units
Device and circuit level optimization of digital building blocks. Circuit design styles for logic, arithmetic, and sequential blocks. Estimation and minimization of energy consumption. Interconnect models and parasitics, device sizing and logical effort, timing issues (clock skew and jitter), and active clock distribution techniques. Memory architectures, circuits (sense amplifiers), and devices. Evaluation of how design choices affect tradeoffs across key metrics including energy consumption, speed, robustness, and cost. Extensive use of modern design flow and EDA/CAD tools for the analysis and design of digital building blocks and digital VLSI design for labs and design projects.
V. Sze, A. P. Chandrakasan

6.6020 High Speed Communication Circuits
Prereq: 6.2090
G (Fall)
3-3-6 units
Principles and techniques of high-speed integrated circuits used in wireless/wireline data links and remote sensing. On-chip passive component design of inductors, capacitors, and antennas. Analysis of distributed effects, such as transmission line modeling, S-parameters, and Smith chart. Transceiver architectures and circuit blocks, which include low-noise amplifiers, mixers, voltage-controlled oscillators, power amplifiers, and frequency dividers. Involves IC/EM simulation and laboratory projects.
R. Han

Energy
6.2200 Electric Energy Systems
Prereq: 6.2000
U (Fall)
4-0-8 units
Analysis and design of modern energy conversion and delivery systems. Develops a solid foundation in electromagnetic phenomena with a focus on electrical energy distribution, electro-mechanical energy conversion (motors and generators), and electrical-to-electrical energy conversion (DC-DC, DC-AC power conversion). Students apply the material covered to consider critical challenges associated with global energy systems, with particular examples related to the electrification of transport and decarbonization of the grid.
R. Ram, J. H. Lang, M. Ilic, D. J. Perreault

6.2210 Electromagnetic Fields, Forces and Motion
Subject meets with 6.6210
Prereq: Physics II (GIR) and 18.03
U (Fall)
4-0-8 units
J. H. Lang
6.2220 Power Electronics Laboratory
Subject meets with 6.2221, 6.2222
Prereq: 6.2000 or 6.3000
U (Fall)
3-6-3 units. Institute LAB

Introduces the design and construction of power electronic circuits and motor drives. Laboratory exercises include the construction of drive circuitry for an electric go-cart, flash strobes, computer power supplies, three-phase inverters for AC motors, and resonant drives for lamp ballasts and induction heating. Basic electric machines introduced include DC, induction, and permanent magnet motors, with drive considerations. Provides instruction in written and oral communication. Students taking independent inquiry version 6.2221 expand the scope of their laboratory project.
S. B. Leeb

6.2221 Power Electronics Laboratory - Independent Inquiry
Subject meets with 6.2220, 6.2222
Prereq: 6.2000 or 6.3000
U (Fall)
3-9-3 units

Introduces the design and construction of power electronic circuits and motor drives. Laboratory exercises include the construction of drive circuitry for an electric go-cart, flash strobes, computer power supplies, three-phase inverters for AC motors, and resonant drives for lamp ballasts and induction heating. Basic electric machines introduced include DC, induction, and permanent magnet motors, with drive considerations. Provides instruction in written and oral communication. To satisfy the independent inquiry component of this subject, students expand the scope of their laboratory project.
S. B. Leeb

6.2222 Power Electronics Laboratory
Subject meets with 6.2220, 6.2221
Prereq: Permission of instructor
G (Fall)
3-9-3 units

Hands-on introduction to the design and construction of power electronic circuits and motor drives. Laboratory exercises (shared with 6.131 and 6.1311) include the construction of drive circuitry for an electric go-cart, flash strobes, computer power supplies, three-phase inverters for AC motors, and resonant drives for lamp ballasts and induction heating. Basic electric machines introduced including DC, induction, and permanent magnet motors, with drive considerations. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments and an extended final project.
S. B. Leeb

6.6210 Electromagnetic Fields, Forces and Motion
Subject meets with 6.2210
Prereq: Physics II (GIR) and 18.03
G (Fall)
4-0-8 units

J. H. Lang

6.6220 Power Electronics
Prereq: 6.2500
G (Spring)
3-0-9 units

The application of electronics to energy conversion and control. Modeling, analysis, and control techniques. Design of power circuits including inverters, rectifiers, and dc-dc converters. Analysis and design of magnetic components and filters. Characteristics of power semiconductor devices. Numerous application examples, such as motion control systems, power supplies, and radio-frequency power amplifiers.
D. J. Perreault

6.6280 Electric Machines
Prereq: 6.2220, 6.690, or permission of instructor
G (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
3-0-9 units

J. L. Kirtley, Jr.
Electromagnetics, Photonics, and Quantum

6.2300 Electromagnetics Waves and Applications
Prereq: Calculus II (GIR) and Physics II (GIR)
U (Spring)
3-5-4 units

Analysis and design of modern applications that employ electromagnetic phenomena for signals and power transmission in RF, microwaves, optical and wireless communication systems. Fundamentals include dynamic solutions for Maxwell’s equations; electromagnetic power and energy, waves in media, metallic and dielectric waveguides, radiation, and diffraction; resonance; filters; and acoustic analogs. Lab activities range from building to testing of devices and systems (e.g., antenna arrays, radars, dielectric waveguides). Students work in teams on self-proposed maker-style design projects with a focus on fostering creativity, teamwork, and debugging skills. 6.2000 and 6.3000 are recommended but not required.
K. O’Brien, L. Daniel

6.2370 Modern Optics Project Laboratory
Subject meets with 6.6370
Prereq: 6.3000
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered
Acad Year 2024-2025: U (Fall)
3-5-4 units. Institute LAB

Lectures, laboratory exercises and projects on optical signal generation, transmission, detection, storage, processing and display. Topics include polarization properties of light; reflection and refraction; coherence and interference; Fraunhofer and Fresnel diffraction; holography; Fourier optics; coherent and incoherent imaging and signal processing systems; optical properties of materials; lasers and LEDs; electro-optic and acousto-optic light modulators; photorefractive and liquid-crystal light modulation; display technologies; optical waveguides and fiber-optic communication systems; photodetectors. Students may use this subject to find an advanced undergraduate project. Students engage in extensive oral and written communication exercises. Recommended prerequisite: 8.03.
C. Warde

6.2400 Introduction to Quantum Systems Engineering
Prereq: 6.2300 and (18.06 or 18.C06[J])
U (Fall)
4-2-6 units

Introduction to the quantum mechanics needed to engineer quantum systems for computation, communication, and sensing. Topics include: motivation for quantum engineering, qubits and quantum gates, rules of quantum mechanics, mathematical background, quantum electrical circuits and other physical quantum systems, harmonic and anharmonic oscillators, measurement, the Schrödinger equation, noise, entanglement, benchmarking, quantum communication, and quantum algorithms. No prior experience with quantum mechanics is assumed.
K. Berggren, A. Natarajan, K. O’Brien

6.2410 Quantum Engineering Platforms
Prereq: 6.2400, 6.6400, 18.435[J], or (8.04 and 8.05)
U (Spring)
1-5-6 units

Provides practical knowledge and quantum engineering experience with several physical platforms for quantum computation, communication, and sensing, including photonics, superconducting qubits, and trapped ions. Labs include both a hardware component — to gain experience with challenges, design, and non-idealities — and a cloud component to run algorithms on state of the art commercial systems. Use entangled photons to communicate securely (quantum key distribution). Run quantum algorithms on trapped ion and superconducting quantum computers.
D. Englund

6.6300 Electromagnetics
Prereq: Physics II (GIR) and 6.3000
G (Fall)
4-0-8 units

Explores electromagnetic phenomena in modern applications, including wireless and optical communications, circuits, computer interconnects and peripherals, microwave communications and radar, antennas, sensors, micro-electromechanical systems, and power generation and transmission. Fundamentals include quasistatic and dynamic solutions to Maxwell’s equations; waves, radiation, and diffraction; coupling to media and structures; guided and unguided waves; modal expansions; resonance; acoustic analogs; and forces, power, and energy.
Q. Hu, J. Notaros
6.6310 Optics and Photonics
Prereq: 6.2300 or 8.03
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered
Acad Year 2024-2025: G (Fall)
3-0-9 units

Introduction to fundamental concepts and techniques of optics, photonics, and fiber optics, aimed at developing skills for independent research. Topics include: Review of Maxwell's equations, light propagation, reflection and transmission, dielectric mirrors and filters. Scattering matrices, interferometers, and interferometric measurement. Fresnel and Fraunhofer diffraction theory. Lenses, optical imaging systems, and software design tools. Gaussian beams, propagation and resonator design. Optical waveguides, optical fibers and photonic devices for encoding and detection. Discussion of research operations / funding and professional development topics. The course reviews and introduces mathematical methods and techniques, which are fundamental in optics and photonics, but also useful in many other engineering specialties.

J. G. Fujimoto

6.6330 Fundamentals of Photonics
Subject meets with 6.6331
Prereq: 2.71, 6.2300, or 8.07
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered
Acad Year 2024-2025: G (Fall)
3-0-9 units

Covers the fundamentals of optics and the interaction of light and matter, leading to devices such as light emitting diodes, optical amplifiers, and lasers. Topics include classical ray, wave, beam, and Fourier optics; Maxwell's electromagnetic waves; resonators; quantum theory of photons; light-matter interaction; laser amplification; lasers; and semiconductors optoelectronics. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.

D. R. Englund

6.6331 Fundamentals of Photonics
Subject meets with 6.6330
Prereq: 2.71, 6.2300, or 8.07
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered
Acad Year 2024-2025: U (Fall)
3-0-9 units

Covers the fundamentals of optics and the interaction of light and matter, leading to devices such as light emitting diodes, optical amplifiers, and lasers. Topics include classical ray, wave, beam, and Fourier optics; Maxwell's electromagnetic waves; resonators; quantum theory of photons; light-matter interaction; laser amplification; lasers; and semiconductors optoelectronics. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.

D. R. Englund

6.6340[J] Nonlinear Optics
Same subject as 8.431[J]
Prereq: 6.2300 or 8.03
G (Spring)
3-0-9 units

Techniques of nonlinear optics with emphasis on fundamentals for research in optics, photonics, spectroscopy, and ultrafast science. Topics include: electro-optic modulators and devices, sum and difference frequency generation, and parametric conversion. Nonlinear propagation effects in optical fibers including self-phase modulation, pulse compression, solitons, communication, and femtosecond fiber lasers. Review of quantum mechanics, interaction of light with matter, laser gain and operation, density matrix techniques, perturbation theory, diagrammatic methods, nonlinear spectroscopies, ultrafast lasers and measurements. Discussion of research operations and funding and professional development topics. Introduces fundamental methods and techniques needed for independent research in advanced optics and photonics, but useful in many other engineering and physics disciplines.

J. G. Fujimoto

6.6370 Optical Imaging Devices, and Systems
Subject meets with 6.2370
Prereq: 6.3000
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered
Acad Year 2024-2025: G (Fall)
3-0-9 units

Principles of operation and applications of optical imaging devices and systems (includes optical signal generation, transmission, detection, storage, processing and display). Topics include review of the basic properties of electromagnetic waves; coherence and interference; diffraction and holography; Fourier optics; coherent and incoherent imaging and signal processing systems; optical properties of materials; lasers and LEDs; electro-optic and acousto-optic light modulators; photorefractive and liquid-crystal light modulation; spatial light modulators and displays; near-eye and projection displays, holographic and other 3-D display schemes, photodetectors; 2-D and 3-D optical storage technologies; adaptive optical systems; role of optics in next-generation computers. Requires a research paper on a specific contemporary optical imaging topic. Recommended prerequisite: 8.03.

C. Warde
6.6400 Applied Quantum and Statistical Physics
Prereq: 18.06
G (Fall)
4-0-8 units
Elementary quantum mechanics and statistical physics. Introduces applied quantum physics. Emphasizes experimental basis for quantum mechanics. Applies Schrödinger’s equation to the free particle, tunneling, the harmonic oscillator, and hydrogen atom. Variational methods. Elementary statistical physics; Fermi-Dirac, Bose-Einstein, and Boltzmann distribution functions. Simple models for metals, semiconductors, and devices such as electron microscopes, scanning tunneling microscope, thermionic emitters, atomic force microscope, and more. Some familiarity with continuous time Fourier transforms recommended.

P. L. Hagelstein

6.6410[J] Quantum Computation
Same subject as 2.111[J], 8.370[J], 18.435[J]
Prereq: 8.05, 18.06, 18.700, 18.701, or 18.C06[J]
G (Fall)
3-0-9 units
See description under subject 18.435[J].
I. Chuang, A. Harrow, P. Shor

6.6420[J] Quantum Information Science
Same subject as 8.371[J], 18.436[J]
Prereq: 18.435[J]
G (Spring)
3-0-9 units
See description under subject 8.371[J].
I. Chuang, A. Harrow

Nanoelectronics & Nanotechnology

6.2500 Nanoelectronics and Computing Systems
Prereq: 6.2000
U (Spring)
4-0-8 units
Studies interaction between materials, semiconductor physics, electronic devices, and computing systems. Develops intuition of how transistors operate. Topics range from introductory semiconductor physics to modern state-of-the-art nano-scale devices. Considers how innovations in devices have driven historical progress in computing, and explores ideas for further improvements in devices and computing. Students apply material to understand how building improved computing systems requires knowledge of devices, and how making the correct device requires knowledge of computing systems. Includes a design project for practical application of concepts, and labs for experience building silicon transistors and devices.

A. I. Akinwande, J. Kong, T. Palacios, M. Shulaker

6.2530 Introduction to Nanoelectronics
Subject meets with 6.2532
Prereq: 6.3000
U (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
4-0-8 units
Transistors at the nanoscale. Quantization, wavefunctions, and Schrödinger’s equation. Introduction to electronic properties of molecules, carbon nanotubes, and crystals. Energy band formation and the origin of metals, insulators and semiconductors. Ballistic transport, Ohm’s law, ballistic versus traditional MOSFETs, fundamental limits to computation.

M. A. Baldo

6.2532 Nanoelectronics
Subject meets with 6.2530
Prereq: 6.3000
G (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
4-0-8 units
Meets with undergraduate subject 6.2530, but requires the completion of additional/different homework assignments and or projects. See subject description under 6.2530.

M. A. Baldo
**6.2540 Nanotechnology: From Atoms to Systems**  
Prereq: Physics II (GIR)  
U (Fall)  
2-3-7 units  
Introduces the fundamentals of applied quantum mechanics, materials science, and fabrication skills needed to design, engineer, and build emerging nanodevices with diverse applications in energy, memory, display, communications, and sensing. Focuses on the application and outlines the full progression from the fundamentals to the implemented device and functional technology. Closely integrates lectures with design-oriented laboratory modules.  
F. Niroui, R. Ram, L. Liu, T. Palacios

**6.2600[J] Micro/Nano Processing Technology**  
Same subject as 3.155[J]  
Prereq: Calculus II (GIR), Chemistry (GIR), Physics II (GIR), or permission of instructor  
U (Spring)  
3-4-5 units  
Introduces the theory and technology of micro/nano fabrication. Includes lectures and laboratory sessions on processing techniques: wet and dry etching, chemical and physical deposition, lithography, thermal processes, packaging, and device and materials characterization. Homework uses process simulation tools to build intuition about higher order effects. Emphasizes interrelationships between material properties and processing, device structure, and the electrical, mechanical, optical, chemical or biological behavior of devices. Students fabricate solar cells, and a choice of MEMS cantilevers or microfluidic mixers. Students formulate their own device idea, either based on cantilevers or mixers, then implement and test their designs in the lab. Students engage in extensive written and oral communication exercises. Course provides background for research work related to micro/nano fabrication.  
Enrollment limited.  
J. del Alamo, J. Michel, J. Scholvin

**6.6500[J] Integrated Microelectronic Devices**  
Same subject as 3.43[J]  
Prereq: 3.42 or 6.2500  
G (Fall)  
4-0-8 units  
Covers physics of microelectronic semiconductor devices for integrated circuit applications. Topics include semiconductor fundamentals, p-n junction, metal-oxide semiconductor structure, metal-semiconductor junction, MOS field-effect transistor, and bipolar junction transistor. Emphasizes physical understanding of device operation through energy band diagrams and short-channel MOSFET device design and modern device scaling. Familiarity with MATLAB recommended.  
J. A. del Alamo, H. L. Tuller

**6.6510 Physics for Solid-State Applications**  
Prereq: 6.2300 and 6.6400  
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered  
Acad Year 2024-2025: G (Spring)  
5-0-7 units  
Classical and quantum models of electrons and lattice vibrations in solids, emphasizing physical models for elastic properties, electronic transport, and heat capacity. Crystal lattices, electronic energy band structures, phonon dispersion relations, effective mass theorem, semiclassical equations of motion, electron scattering and semiconductor optical properties. Band structure and transport properties of selected semiconductors. Connection of quantum theory of solids with quasi-Fermi levels and Boltzmann transport used in device modeling.  
Q. Hu, R. Ram

**6.6520 Semiconductor Optoelectronics: Theory and Design**  
Prereq: 6.2500 and 6.6400  
Acad Year 2023-2024: G (Spring)  
Acad Year 2024-2025: Not offered  
3-0-9 units  
Focuses on the physics of the interaction of photons with semiconductor materials. Uses the band theory of solids to calculate the absorption and gain of semiconductor media; and uses rate equation formalism to develop the concepts of laser threshold, population inversion, and modulation response. Presents theory and design for photodetectors, solar cells, modulators, amplifiers, and lasers. Introduces noise models for semiconductor devices, and applications of optoelectronic devices to fiber optic communications.  
R. J. Ram

**6.6530 Physics of Solids**  
Prereq: 6.6510 or 8.231  
G (Fall)  
Not offered regularly; consult department  
4-0-8 units  
Continuation of 6.730 emphasizing applications-related physical issues in solids. Topics include: electronic structure and energy band diagrams of semiconductors, metals, and insulators; Fermi surfaces; dynamics of electrons under electric and magnetic fields; classical diffusive transport phenomena such as electrical and thermal conduction and thermoelectric phenomena; quantum transport in tunneling and ballistic devices; optical properties of metals, semiconductors, and insulators; impurities and excitons; photon-lattice interactions; Kramers-Kronig relations; optoelectronic devices based on interband and intersubband transitions; magnetic properties of solids; exchange energy and magnetic ordering; magneto-oscillatory phenomena; quantum Hall effect; superconducting phenomena and simple models.  
Q. Hu
6.6600[J] Nanostructure Fabrication
Same subject as 2.391[J]
Prereq: 2.710, 6.2370, 6.2600[J], or permission of instructor
G (Spring)
4-0-8 units

Describes current techniques used to analyze and fabricate
nanometer-length-scale structures and devices. Emphasizes
imaging and patterning of nanostructures, including fundamentals
of optical, electron (scanning, transmission, and tunneling), and
atomic-force microscopy; optical, electron, ion, and nanoimprint
lithography, templated self-assembly, and resist technology. Surveys
substrate characterization and preparation, facilities, and metrology
requirements for nanolithography. Addresses nanodevice processing
methods, such as liquid and plasma etching, lift-off, electroplating,
and ion-implant. Discusses applications in nanoelectronics,
nanomaterials, and nanophotonics.
K. K. Berggren

6.6630[J] Control of Manufacturing Processes
Same subject as 2.830[J]
Prereq: 2.008, 6.2600[J], or 6.3700
G (Fall)
3-0-9 units

See description under subject 2.830[J].
D. E. Hardt, D. S. Boning

Signal Processing

6.3000 Signal Processing
Prereq: 6.100A and 18.03
U (Fall, Spring)
6-0-6 units. REST

Fundamentals of signal processing, focusing on the use of Fourier
methods to analyze and process signals such as sounds and images.
Topics include Fourier series, Fourier transforms, the Discrete Fourier
Transform, sampling, convolution, deconvolution, filtering, noise
reduction, and compression. Applications draw broadly from areas of
contemporary interest with emphasis on both analysis and design.
D. M. Freeman, A. Hartz

6.3010 Signals, Systems and Inference
Prereq: 6.3000 and (6.3700, 6.3800, or 18.05)
U (Spring)
4-0-8 units

Covers signals, systems and inference in communication, control
and signal processing. Topics include input-output and state-
space models of linear systems driven by deterministic and random
signals; time- and transform-domain representations in discrete and
continuous time; and group delay. State feedback and observers.
Probabilistic models; stochastic processes, correlation functions,
power spectra, spectral factorization. Least-mean square error
estimation; Wiener filtering. Hypothesis testing; detection; matched
filters.
P. L. Hagelstein, G. C. Verghese

6.187)
Same subject as 21M.387[J]
Subject meets with 21M.587
Prereq: 6.3000 and 21M.051
U (Fall)
3-0-9 units. HASS-A

See description under subject 21M.387[J].
E. Egozy

6.7000 Discrete-Time Signal Processing
Prereq: 6.3010
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered
Acad Year 2024-2025: G (Fall)
4-0-8 units

Representation, analysis, and design of discrete time signals and
systems. Decimation, interpolation, and sampling rate conversion.
Noise shaping. Flowgraph structures for DT systems. IIR and FIR filter
design techniques. Parametric signal modeling, linear prediction,
and lattice filters. Discrete Fourier transform, DFT computation, and
FFT algorithms. Spectral analysis, time-frequency analysis, relation
to filter banks. Multirate signal processing, perfect reconstruction
filter banks, and connection to wavelets.
A. V. Oppenheim, J. Ward
6.7010 Digital Image Processing
Prereq: 6.3000 and 6.3700
G (Spring)
3-0-9 units
Introduces models, theories, and algorithms key to digital image processing. Core topics covered include models of image formation, image processing fundamentals, filtering in the spatial and frequency domains, image transforms, and feature extraction. Additional topics include image enhancement, image restoration and reconstruction, compression of images and videos, visual recognition, and the application of machine learning-based approaches to image processing. Includes student-driven term project.
Y. Rachlin, J. S. Lim

6.7020 Array Processing
Prereq: 6.7000 and (2.687 or (6.3010 and 18.06))
Acad Year 2023-2024: G (Fall)
Acad Year 2024-2025: Not offered
3-2-7 units
Adaptive and non-adaptive processing of signals received at arrays of sensors. Deterministic beamforming, space-time random processes, optimal and adaptive algorithms, and the sensitivity of algorithm performance to modeling errors and limited data. Methods of improving the robustness of algorithms to modeling errors and limited data are derived. Advanced topics include matched field processing and physics-based methods of estimating signal statistics. Homework exercises providing the opportunity to implement and analyze the performance of algorithms in processing data supplied during the course.
J. Bonnel

Control

6.3100 Dynamical System Modeling and Control Design
Subject meets with 6.3102
Prereq: Physics II (GIR) and (18.06 or 18.C06[J])
U (Fall, Spring)
4-4-4 units. Institute LAB
A learn-by-design introduction to modeling and control of discrete- and continuous-time systems, from intuition-building analytical techniques to more computational and data-centric strategies. Topics include: linear difference/differential equations (natural frequencies, transfer functions); controller metrics (stability, tracking, disturbance rejection); analytical techniques (PID, root-loci, lead-lag, phase margin); computational strategies (state-space, eigen-placement, LQR); and data-centric approaches (state estimation, regression, and identification). Concepts are introduced with lectures and online problems, and then mastered during weekly labs. In lab, students model, design, test, and explain systems and controllers involving sensors, actuators, and a microcontroller (e.g., optimizing thrust-driven positioners or stabilizing magnetic levitators). Students taking graduate version complete additional problems and labs.
K. Chen, J. K. White

6.3102 Dynamical System Modeling and Control Design
Subject meets with 6.3100
Prereq: Physics II (GIR) and (18.06 or 18.C06[J])
G (Fall, Spring)
4-4-4 units
A learn-by-design introduction to modeling and control of discrete- and continuous-time systems, from intuition-building analytical techniques to more computational and data-centric strategies. Topics include: linear difference/differential equations (natural frequencies, transfer functions); controller metrics (stability, tracking, disturbance rejection); analytical techniques (PID, root-loci, lead-lag, phase margin); computational strategies (state-space, eigen-placement, LQR); and data-centric approaches (state estimation, regression and identification). Concepts are introduced with lectures and on-line problems, and then mastered during weekly labs. In lab, students model, design, test and explain systems and controllers involving sensors, actuators, and a microcontroller (e.g. optimizing thrust-driven positioners or stabilizing magnetic levitators). Students in the graduate version complete additional problems and labs.
K. Chen, J. K. White
6.7100 Dynamic Systems and Control
Same subject as 16.338
Prereq: 6.3000 and 18.06
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered
Acad Year 2024-2025: G (Spring)
4-0-8 units

M. A. Dahleh, A. Megretski

6.7110 Multivariable Control Systems
Prereq: 6.7100 or 16.31
G (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
3-0-9 units

Computer-aided design methodologies for synthesis of multivariable feedback control systems. Performance and robustness trade-offs. Model-based compensators; Q-parameterization; ill-posed optimization problems; dynamic augmentation; linear-quadratic optimization of controllers; H-infinity controller design; Mu-synthesis; model and compensator simplification; nonlinear effects. Computer-aided (MATLAB) design homework using models of physical processes.
A. Megretski

Subject meets with 6.7121
Prereq: 6.2200, (6.2000 and 6.3100), or permission of instructor
G (Fall)
4-0-8 units

Introduces fundamentals of electric energy systems as complex dynamical network systems. Topics include coordinated and distributed modeling and control methods for efficient and reliable power generation, delivery, and consumption; data-enabled algorithms for integrating clean intermittent resources, storage, and flexible demand, including electric vehicles; examples of network congestion management, frequency, and voltage control in electrical grids at various scales; and design and operation of supporting markets. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.
M. Ilic

Optimization & Engineering Mathematics

6.3260 Networks
Same subject as 14.15
Subject meets with 14.15
Prereq: 6.3700 or 14.30
U (Spring)
4-0-8 units. HASS-S

See description under subject 14.15.
A. Wolitzky

6.7200 Optimization Methods
Same subject as 15.093, IDS.200
Subject meets with 6.7201
Prereq: 18.06
G (Fall)
4-0-8 units

See description under subject 15.093.
D. Bertsimas, P. Parrilo
6.7201 Optimization Methods
Subject meets with 6.7200[J], 15.093[J], IDS.200[J]
Prereq: 18.06
U (Fall)
4-0-8 units
Introduces the principal algorithms for linear, network, discrete, robust, nonlinear, and dynamic optimization. Emphasizes methodology and the underlying mathematical structures. Topics include the simplex method, network flow methods, branch and bound and cutting plane methods for discrete optimization, optimality conditions for nonlinear optimization, interior point methods for convex optimization, Newton’s method, heuristic methods, and dynamic programming and optimal control methods. Expectations and evaluation criteria differ for students taking graduate version; consult syllabus or instructor for specific details.
D. Bertsimas, P. Parrilo

6.7210[J] Introduction to Mathematical Programming
Same subject as 15.081[J]
Prereq: 18.06
G (Fall)
4-0-8 units
Introduction to linear optimization and its extensions emphasizing both methodology and the underlying mathematical structures and geometrical ideas. Covers classical theory of linear programming as well as some recent advances in the field. Topics: simplex method; duality theory; sensitivity analysis; network flow problems; decomposition; robust optimization; integer programming; interior point algorithms for linear programming; and introduction to combinatorial optimization and NP-completeness.
J. N. Tsitsiklis, D. Bertsimas

6.7220[J] Nonlinear Optimization
Same subject as 15.084[J]
Prereq: 18.06 and (18.100A, 18.100B, or 18.100Q)
G (Spring)
4-0-8 units
R. M. Freund, P. Parrilo, G. Perakis

6.7230[J] Algebraic Techniques and Semidefinite Optimization
Same subject as 18.456[J]
Prereq: 6.7210[J] or 15.093[J]
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered
Acad Year 2024-2025: G (Spring)
3-0-9 units
Theory and computational techniques for optimization problems involving polynomial equations and inequalities with particular, emphasis on the connections with semidefinite optimization.
Develops algebraic and numerical approaches of general applicability, with a view towards methods that simultaneously incorporate both elements, stressing convexity-based ideas, complexity results, and efficient implementations. Examples from several engineering areas, in particular systems and control applications. Topics include semidefinite programming, resultants/discriminants, hyperbolic polynomials, Groebner bases, quantifier elimination, and sum of squares.
P. Parrilo

6.7240 Game Theory with Engineering Applications
Prereq: 6.3702
G (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
4-0-8 units
Introduction to fundamentals of game theory and mechanism design with motivations for each topic drawn from engineering applications (including distributed control of wireline/wireless communication networks, transportation networks, pricing). Emphasis on the foundations of the theory, mathematical tools, as well as modeling and the equilibrium notion in different environments. Topics include normal form games, supermodular games, dynamic games, repeated games, games with incomplete/imperfect information, mechanism design, cooperative game theory, and network games.
A. Ozdaglar

6.7250 Optimization for Machine Learning
Prereq: 6.3900 and 18.06
G (Spring)
3-0-9 units
Optimization algorithms are central to all of machine learning. Covers a variety of topics in optimization, with a focus on non-convex optimization. Focuses on both classical and cutting-edge results, including foundational topics grounded in convexity, complexity theory of first-order methods, stochastic optimization, as well as recent progress in non-Euclidean optimization, deep learning, and beyond. Prepares students to appreciate a broad spectrum of ideas in OPTML, learning to be not only informed users but also gaining exposure to research questions in the area.
S. Sra
6.7260 Network Science and Models  
**Prereq:** 6.3702 and 18.06  
**Acad Year 2023-2024:** Not offered  
**Acad Year 2024-2025:** G (Spring)  
3-0-9 units  
Introduces the main mathematical models used to describe large networks and dynamical processes that evolve on networks. Static models of random graphs, preferential attachment, and other graph evolution models. Epidemic propagation, opinion dynamics, social learning, and inference in networks. Applications drawn from social, economic, natural, and infrastructure networks, as well as networked decision systems such as sensor networks.  
*P. Jaillet, J. N. Tsitsiklis*

6.7300 Introduction to Modeling and Simulation  
**Same subject as 2.096[J], 16.910[J]**  
**Prereq:** 18.03 or 18.06  
**G (Fall)**  
3-6-3 units  
Introduction to computational techniques for modeling and simulation of a variety of large and complex engineering, science, and socio-economical systems. Prepares students for practical use and development of computational engineering in their own research and future work. Topics include mathematical formulations (e.g., automatic assembly of constitutive and conservation principles); linear system solvers (sparse and iterative); nonlinear solvers (Newton and homotopy); ordinary, time-periodic and partial differential equation solvers; and model order reduction. Students develop their own models and simulators for self-proposed applications, with an emphasis on creativity, teamwork, and communication. Prior basic linear algebra required and at least one numerical programming language (e.g., MATLAB, Julia, Python, etc.) helpful.  
*L. Daniel*

6.7310 Introduction to Numerical Methods  
**Same subject as 18.335[J]**  
**Prereq:** 18.06, 18.700, or 18.701  
**G (Spring)**  
3-0-9 units  
See description under subject 18.335[J].  
*A. J. Horning*

6.7320 Parallel Computing and Scientific Machine Learning  
**Same subject as 18.337[J]**  
**Prereq:** 18.06, 18.700, or 18.701  
**Acad Year 2023-2024:** Not offered  
**Acad Year 2024-2025:** G (Spring)  
3-0-9 units  
See description under subject 18.337[J].  
*A. Edelman*

6.7330 Numerical Methods for Partial Differential Equations  
**Same subject as 2.097[J], 16.920[J]**  
**Prereq:** 18.03 or 18.06  
**G (Fall)**  
3-0-9 units  
See description under subject 16.920[J].  
*J. Peraire*

6.7340 Fast Methods for Partial Differential and Integral Equations  
**Same subject as 18.336[J]**  
**Prereq:** 6.7300[J], 16.920[J], 18.085, 18.335[J], or permission of instructor  
**G (Fall, Spring)**  
3-0-9 units  
See description under subject 18.336[J].  
*K. Burns*

Communications  

6.3400 Introduction to EECS via Communication Networks  
**Prereq:** 6.100A  
**U (Fall)**  
Not offered regularly; consult department  
4-4-4 units. Institute LAB  
Studies key concepts, systems, and algorithms to reliably communicate data in settings ranging from the cellular phone network and the Internet to deep space. Weekly laboratory experiments explore these areas in depth. Topics presented in three modules - bits, signals, and packets - spanning the multiple layers of a communication system. Bits module includes information, entropy, data compression algorithms, and error correction with block and convolutional codes. Signals module includes modeling physical channels and noise, signal design, filtering and detection, modulation, and frequency-division multiplexing. Packets module includes switching and queuing principles, media access control, routing protocols, and data transport protocols.  
*K. LaCurts*
6.7410 Principles of Digital Communication
Subject meets with 6.7411
Prereq: (6.3000 or 6.3102) and (6.3700, 6.3800, or 18.05)
G (Fall)
3-0-9 units
Covers communications by progressing through signal representation, sampling, quantization, compression, modulation, coding and decoding, medium access control, and queueing and principles of protocols. By providing simplified proofs, seeks to present an integrated, systems-level view of networking and communications while laying the foundations of analysis and design. Lectures are offered online; in-class time is dedicated to recitations, exercises, and weekly group labs. Homework exercises are based on theoretical derivation and software implementation. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.

M. Medard

6.7411 Principles of Digital Communication
Subject meets with 6.7410
Prereq: (6.3000, 6.3100, or 6.3400) and (6.3700, 6.3800, or 18.05)
U (Fall)
3-0-9 units
Covers communications by progressing through signal representation, sampling, quantization, compression, modulation, coding and decoding, medium access control, and queueing and principles of protocols. By providing simplified proofs, seeks to present an integrated, systems-level view of networking and communications while laying the foundations of analysis and design. Lectures are offered online; in-class time is dedicated to recitations, exercises, and weekly group labs. Homework exercises are based on theoretical derivation and software implementation. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.

M. Medard

6.7420 Heterogeneous Networks: Architecture, Transport, Protocols, and Management
Prereq: 6.1200[J] or 6.3700
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered
Acad Year 2024-2025: G (Fall)
4-0-8 units
Introduction to modern heterogeneous networks and the provision of heterogeneous services. Architectural principles, analysis, algorithmic techniques, performance analysis, and existing designs are developed and applied to understand current problems in network design and architecture. Begins with basic principles of networking. Emphasizes development of mathematical and algorithmic tools; applies them to understanding network layer design from the performance and scalability viewpoint. Concludes with network management and control, including the architecture and performance analysis of interconnected heterogeneous networks. Provides background and insight to understand current network literature and to perform research on networks with the aid of network design projects.

V. W. S. Chan, R. G. Gallager

6.7430 Optical Networks
Prereq: 6.1200[J] or 6.3700
Acad Year 2023-2024: G (Spring)
Acad Year 2024-2025: Not offered
3-0-9 units
Introduces the fundamental and practical aspects of optical network technology, architecture, design and analysis tools and techniques. The treatment of optical networks are from the architecture and system design points of view. Optical hardware technologies are introduced and characterized as fundamental network building blocks on which optical transmission systems and network architectures are based. Beyond the Physical Layer, the higher network layers (Media Access Control, Network and Transport Layers) are treated together as integral parts of network design. Performance metrics, analysis and optimization techniques are developed to help guide the creation of high performance complex optical networks.

V. W. S. Chan
6.7440 Principles of Wireless Communication
Prereq: 6.7410
G (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
3-0-9 units

Introduction to design, analysis, and fundamental limits of wireless transmission systems. Wireless channel and system models; fading and diversity; resource management and power control; multiple-antenna and MIMO systems; space-time codes and decoding algorithms; multiple-access techniques and multiuser detection; broadcast codes and precoding; cellular and ad-hoc network topologies; OFDM and ultrawideband systems; architectural issues.
G. W. Wornell, L. Zheng

6.7450[J] Data-Communication Networks
Same subject as 16.37[J]
Prereq: 6.3700 or 18.204
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered
Acad Year 2024-2025: G (Fall)
3-0-9 units

Provides an introduction to data networks with an analytic perspective, using wireless networks, satellite networks, optical networks, the internet and data centers as primary applications. Presents basic tools for modeling and performance analysis. Draws upon concepts from stochastic processes, queueing theory, and optimization.
E. Modiano

6.7460 Essential Coding Theory
Prereq: 6.1210 and 6.1400[J]
G (Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
3-0-9 units

Introduces the theory of error-correcting codes. Focuses on the essential results in the area, taught from first principles. Special focus on results of asymptotic or algorithmic significance. Principal topics include construction and existence results for error-correcting codes; limitations on the combinatorial performance of error-correcting codes; decoding algorithms; and applications to other areas of mathematics and computer science.
Staff

6.7470 Information Theory
Prereq: 6.3700
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered
Acad Year 2024-2025: G (Fall)
3-0-9 units

Mathematical definitions of information measures, convexity, continuity, and variational properties. Lossless source coding; variable-length and block compression; Slepian-Wolf theorem; ergodic sources and Shannon-McMillan theorem. Hypothesis testing, large deviations and I-projection. Fundamental limits of block coding for noisy channels: capacity, dispersion, finite blocklength bounds. Coding with feedback. Joint source-channel problem. Rate-distortion theory, vector quantizers. Advanced topics include Gelfand-Pinsker problem, multiple access channels, broadcast channels (depending on available time).
M. Medard, Y. Polyanskiy, L. Zheng

Probability & Statistics

6.3700 Introduction to Probability
Subject meets with 6.3702
Prereq: Calculus II (GIR)
U (Fall, Spring)
4-0-8 units. REST
Credit cannot also be received for 18.600

G. Bresler, P. Jaillet, J. N. Tsitsiklis

Staff
**6.3702 Introduction to Probability**
Subject meets with 6.3700
Prereq: Calculus II (GIR)
G (Fall, Spring)
4-0-8 units
Credit cannot also be received for 18.600
G. Bresler, P. Jaillet, J. N. Tsitsiklis

**6.3720 Introduction to Statistical Data Analysis**
Subject meets with 6.3722
Prereq: 6.100A and (6.3700, 6.3800, or 18.600)
U (Spring)
4-0-8 units
Introduction to the central concepts and methods of data science with an emphasis on statistical grounding and modern computational capabilities. Covers principles involved in extracting information from data for the purpose of making predictions or decisions, including data exploration, feature selection, model fitting, and performance assessment. Topics include learning of distributions, hypothesis testing (including multiple comparison procedures), linear and nonlinear regression and prediction, classification, time series, uncertainty quantification, model validation, causal inference, optimization, and decisions. Computational case studies and projects drawn from applications in finance, sports, engineering, and machine learning life sciences. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments. Recommended prerequisite: 18.06.
Y. Polyanskiy, D. Shah, J. N. Tsitsiklis

**6.3730[J] Statistics, Computation and Applications**
Same subject as IDS.012[J]
Subject meets with 6.3732[J], IDS.131[J]
Prereq: (6.100B, (18.03, 18.06, or 18.C06[J]), and (6.3700, 6.3800, 14.30, 16.09, or 18.05)) or permission of instructor
U (Spring)
3-1-8 units
See description under subject IDS.012[J]. Enrollment limited; priority to Statistics and Data Science minors, and to juniors and seniors.
C. Uhler, N. Azizan

**6.3732[J] Statistics, Computation and Applications**
Same subject as IDS.131[J]
Subject meets with 6.3730[J], IDS.012[J]
Prereq: (6.100B, (18.03, 18.06, or 18.C06[J]), and (6.3700, 6.3800, 14.30, 16.09, or 18.05)) or permission of instructor
G (Spring)
3-1-8 units
See description under subject IDS.131[J]. Limited enrollment; priority to Statistics and Data Science minors and to juniors and seniors.
C. Uhler, N. Azizan
Same subject as 15.085[J]
Prereq: Calculus II (GIR)
G (Fall)
4-0-8 units

*T. Broderick, D. Gamarnik, Y. Polyanskiy, J. N. Tsitsiklis*

**6.7710 Discrete Stochastic Processes**
Prereq: 6.3702 or 18.204
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered
Acad Year 2024-2025: G (Spring)
4-0-8 units

Review of probability and laws of large numbers; Poisson counting process and renewal processes; Markov chains (including Markov decision theory), branching processes, birth-death processes, and semi-Markov processes; continuous-time Markov chains and reversibility; random walks, martingales, and large deviations; applications from queueing, communication, control, and operations research.
*R. G. Gallager, V. W. S. Chan*

**6.7720[J] Discrete Probability and Stochastic Processes**
Same subject as 15.070[J], 18.619[J]
Prereq: 6.3702, 6.7700[J], 18.100A, 18.100B, or 18.100Q
G (Spring)
3-0-9 units

See description under subject 15.070[J].
*G. Bresler, D. Gamarnik, E. Mossel, Y. Polyanskiy*

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**Inference**

**6.3800 Introduction to Inference**
Prereq: Calculus II (GIR) or permission of instructor
U (Fall)
4-4-4 units. Institute LAB

Introduces probabilistic modeling for problems of inference and machine learning from data, emphasizing analytical and computational aspects. Distributions, marginalization, conditioning, and structure, including graphical and neural network representations. Belief propagation, decision-making, classification, estimation, and prediction. Sampling methods and analysis. Introduces asymptotic analysis and information measures. Computational laboratory component explores the concepts introduced in class in the context of contemporary applications. Students design inference algorithms, investigate their behavior on real data, and discuss experimental results.
P. Golland, G. W. Wornell

**6.7800 Inference and Information**
Prereq: 6.3700, 6.3800, or 6.7700[J]
G (Spring)
4-0-8 units

Introduction to principles of Bayesian and non-Bayesian statistical inference. Hypothesis testing and parameter estimation, sufficient statistics; exponential families. EM algorithm. Log-loss inference criterion, entropy and model capacity. Kullback-Leibler distance and information geometry. Asymptotic analysis and large deviations theory. Model order estimation; nonparametric statistics. Computational issues and approximation techniques; Monte Carlo methods. Selected topics such as universal inference and learning, and universal features and neural networks.
P. Golland, G. W. Wornell

**6.7810 Algorithms for Inference**
Prereq: 18.06 and (6.3700, 6.3800, or 6.7700[J])
G (Fall)
4-0-8 units

Introduction to statistical inference with probabilistic graphical models. Directed and undirected graphical models, and factor graphs, over discrete and Gaussian distributions; hidden Markov models, linear dynamical systems. Sum-product and junction tree algorithms; forward-backward algorithm, Kalman filtering and smoothing. Min-sum and Viterbi algorithms. Variational methods, mean-field theory, and loopy belief propagation. Particle methods and filtering. Building graphical models from data, including parameter estimation and structure learning; Baum-Welch and Chow-Liu algorithms. Selected special topics.
P. Golland, G. W. Wornell, D. Shah
Same subject as IDS.136[J]
Prereq: 6.3702 and 18.06
G (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
3-0-9 units
See description under subject IDS.136[J].
C. Uhler

6.7830 Bayesian Modeling and Inference
Prereq: 6.7700[J] and 6.7900
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered
Acad Year 2024-2025: G (Spring)
3-0-9 units
Covers Bayesian modeling and inference at an advanced graduate level. Topics include de Finetti's theorem, decision theory, approximate inference (modern approaches and analysis of Monte Carlo, variational inference, etc.), hierarchical modeling, (continuous and discrete) nonparametric Bayesian approaches, sensitivity and robustness, and evaluation.
T. Broderick

Machine Learning

6.3900 Introduction to Machine Learning
Prereq: (6.1010 or 6.1210) and (18.06, 18.700, or 18.C06[J])
U (Fall, Spring)
4-0-8 units
Introduces principles, algorithms, and applications of machine learning from the point of view of modeling and prediction; formulation of learning problems; representation, over-fitting, generalization; clustering, classification, probabilistic modeling; and methods such as support vector machines, hidden Markov models, and neural networks. Recommended prerequisites: 6.1210 and 18.06. Enrollment may be limited.
D. S. Boning, P. Jaillet, L. P. Kaelbling

6.3950 AI, Decision Making, and Society
Subject meets with 6.3952
Prereq: None. Coreq: 6.1200[J], 6.3700, 6.3800, 18.05, or 18.600
U (Fall)
4-0-8 units
Introduction to fundamentals of modern data-driven decision-making frameworks, such as causal inference and hypothesis testing in statistics as well as supervised and reinforcement learning in machine learning. Explores how these frameworks are being applied in various societal contexts, including criminal justice, healthcare, finance, and social media. Emphasis on pinpointing the non-obvious interactions, undesirable feedback loops, and unintended consequences that arise in such settings. Enables students to develop their own principled perspective on the interface of data-driven decision making and society. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.
A. Ozdaglar, A. Madry, A. Wilson

6.3952 AI, Decision Making, and Society
Subject meets with 6.3950
Prereq: None. Coreq: 6.1200[J], 6.3700, 6.3800, or 18.05
G (Fall)
4-0-8 units
Introduction to fundamentals of modern data-driven decision-making frameworks, such as causal inference and hypothesis testing in statistics as well as supervised and reinforcement learning in machine learning. Explores how these frameworks are being applied in various societal contexts, including criminal justice, healthcare, finance, and social media. Emphasis on pinpointing the non-obvious interactions, undesirable feedback loops, and unintended consequences that arise in such settings. Enables students to develop their own principled perspective on the interface of data-driven decision making and society. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.
A. Ozdaglar, A. Madry, A. Wilson

6.7900 Machine Learning
Prereq: 18.06 and (6.3700, 6.3800, or 18.600)
G (Fall)
3-0-9 units
Principles, techniques, and algorithms in machine learning from the point of view of statistical inference; representation, generalization, and model selection; and methods such as linear/additive models, active learning, boosting, support vector machines, non-parametric Bayesian methods, hidden Markov models, Bayesian networks, and convolutional and recurrent neural networks. Recommended prerequisite: 6.3900 or other previous experience in machine learning. Enrollment may be limited.
C. Daskalakis, T. Jaakkola
6.7910[J] Statistical Learning Theory and Applications
Same subject as 9.520[J]
Prereq: 6.3700, 6.7900, 18.06, or permission of instructor
G (Fall)
3-0-9 units

See description under subject 9.520[J].
T. Poggio, L. Rosasco

Same subject as 1.127[J], IDS.140[J]
Prereq: 6.3700 or permission of instructor
G (Fall)
4-0-8 units

Examines reinforcement learning (RL) as a methodology for approximately solving sequential decision-making under uncertainty, with foundations in optimal control and machine learning. Provides a mathematical introduction to RL, including dynamic programming, statistical, and empirical perspectives, and special topics. Core topics include: dynamic programming, special structures, finite and infinite horizon Markov Decision Processes, value and policy iteration, Monte Carlo methods, temporal differences, Q-learning, stochastic approximation, and bandits. Also covers approximate dynamic programming, including value-based methods and policy space methods. Applications and examples drawn from diverse domains. Focus is mathematical, but is supplemented with computational exercises. An analysis prerequisite is suggested but not required; mathematical maturity is necessary.
C. Wu

Same subject as HST.956[J]
Prereq: 6.3900, 6.4100, 6.7810, 6.7900, 6.8611, or 9.520[J]
G (Spring)
4-0-8 units

Introduces students to machine learning in healthcare, including the nature of clinical data and the use of machine learning for risk stratification, disease progression modeling, precision medicine, diagnosis, subtype discovery, and improving clinical workflows. Topics include causality, interpretability, algorithmic fairness, time-series analysis, graphical models, deep learning and transfer learning. Guest lectures by clinicians from the Boston area, and projects with real clinical data, emphasize subtleties of working with clinical data and translating machine learning into clinical practice. Limited to 55.
D. Sontag, P. Szolovits

6.7940 Dynamic Programming and Reinforcement Learning
Prereq: 6.3700 or 18.600
G (Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
4-0-8 units

Dynamic programming as a unifying framework for sequential decision-making under uncertainty, Markov decision problems, and stochastic control. Perfect and imperfect state information models. Finite horizon and infinite horizon problems, including discounted and average cost formulations. Value and policy iteration. Suboptimal methods. Approximate dynamic programming for large-scale problems, and reinforcement learning. Applications and examples drawn from diverse domains. While an analysis prerequisite is not required, mathematical maturity is necessary.
J. N. Tsitsiklis

6.7950 Advanced Topics in Control
Prereq: Permission of instructor
G (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
3-0-9 units
Can be repeated for credit.
Advanced study of topics in control. Specific focus varies from year to year.
Consult Department

Artificial Intelligence

6.4100 Artificial Intelligence
Prereq: 6.100A
U (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
4-3-5 units

Introduces representations, methods, and architectures used to build applications and to account for human intelligence from a computational point of view. Covers applications of rule chaining, constraint propagation, constrained search, inheritance, statistical inference, and other problem-solving paradigms. Also addresses applications of identification trees, neural nets, genetic algorithms, support-vector machines, boosting, and other learning paradigms. Considers what separates human intelligence from that of other animals.
Staff
6.4102 Artificial Intelligence
Prereq: 6.100A
G (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
4-3-5 units

Introduces representations, methods, and architectures used to build applications and to account for human intelligence from a computational point of view. Covers applications of rule chaining, constraint propagation, constrained search, inheritance, statistical inference, and other problem-solving paradigms. Also addresses applications of identification trees, neural nets, genetic algorithms, support-vector machines, boosting, and other learning paradigms. Considers what separates human intelligence from that of other animals. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.

K. Koile

6.4110 Representation, Inference, and Reasoning in AI
Subject meets with 16.420
Prereq: (16.09 and 16.410[J]) or (6.1010, 6.1210, and (6.3700 or 6.3800))
U (Fall)
3-0-9 units

An introduction to representations and algorithms for artificial intelligence. Topics covered include: constraint satisfaction in discrete and continuous problems, logical representation and inference, Monte Carlo tree search, probabilistic graphical models and inference, planning in discrete and continuous deterministic and probabilistic models including MDPs and POMDPs.

L. P. Kaelbling, T. Lozano-Perez, N. Roy

6.4120[J] Computational Cognitive Science
Same subject as 9.66[J]
Subject meets with 9.660
Prereq: 6.3700, 6.3800, 9.40, 18.05, 6.3900, or permission of instructor
U (Fall)
3-0-9 units

See description under subject 9.66[J].
J. Tenenbaum

6.4130[J] Principles of Autonomy and Decision Making
Same subject as 16.410[J]
Subject meets with 6.4132[J], 16.413[J]
Prereq: 6.100B or 6.9080
U (Fall)
4-0-8 units

See description under subject 16.410[J].
H. E. Shrobe

6.4132[J] Principles of Autonomy and Decision Making
Same subject as 16.413[J]
Subject meets with 6.4130[J], 16.410[J]
Prereq: 6.100B, 6.9080, or permission of instructor
G (Fall)
3-0-9 units

See description under subject 16.413[J].
B. C. Williams

6.4150[J] Artificial Intelligence for Business (New)
Same subject as 15.563[J]
Prereq: None
G (Spring)
3-0-6 units

See description under subject 15.563[J].
M. Raghavan

6.8110[J] Cognitive Robotics
Same subject as 16.412[J]
Prereq: (6.4100 or 16.413[J]) and (6.1200[J], 6.3700, or 16.09)
G (Spring)
3-0-9 units

See description under subject 16.412[J]. Enrollment may be limited.
B. C. Williams

Robotics

6.4200[J] Robotics: Science and Systems
Same subject as 2.124[J], 16.405[J]
Prereq: ((1.00 or 6.100A) and (2.003[J], 6.1010, 6.1210, or 16.06)) or permission of instructor
U (Spring)
2-6-4 units. Institute LAB

Presents concepts, principles, and algorithmic foundations for robots and autonomous vehicles operating in the physical world. Topics include sensing, kinematics and dynamics, state estimation, computer vision, perception, learning, control, motion planning, and embedded system development. Students design and implement advanced algorithms on complex robotic platforms capable of agile autonomous navigation and real-time interaction with the physical world. Students engage in extensive written and oral communication exercises. Enrollment limited.

L. Carlone, S. Karaman, D. Hadfield-Manell, J. Leonard
**6.4210 Robotic Manipulation**
Subject meets with 6.4212
Prereq: (6.100A and 6.3900) or permission of instructor
U (Fall)
4-2-9 units
Introduces the fundamental algorithmic approaches for creating robot systems that can autonomously manipulate physical objects in unstructured environments such as homes and restaurants. Topics include perception (including approaches based on deep learning and approaches based on 3D geometry), planning (robot kinematics and trajectory generation, collision-free motion planning, task-and-motion planning, and planning under uncertainty), as well as dynamics and control (both model-based and learning-based). Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments. Students engage in extensive written and oral communication exercises.
R. Tedrake

**6.4212 Robotic Manipulation**
Subject meets with 6.4210
Prereq: (6.100A and 6.3900) or permission of instructor
G (Fall)
3-0-9 units
Introduces the fundamental algorithmic approaches for creating robot systems that can autonomously manipulate physical objects in unstructured environments such as homes and restaurants. Topics include perception (including approaches based on deep learning and approaches based on 3D geometry), planning (robot kinematics and trajectory generation, collision-free motion planning, task-and-motion planning, and planning under uncertainty), as well as dynamics and control (both model-based and learning-based). Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.
T. P. Lozano-Perez, R. Tedrake

**6.8200 Sensorimotor Learning**
Prereq: 6.3900 or 6.7900
G (Spring)
3-0-9 units
Provides an in-depth view of the state-of-the-art learning methods for control and the know-how of applying these techniques. Topics span reinforcement learning, self-supervised learning, imitation learning, model-based learning, and advanced deep learning architectures, and specific machine learning challenges unique to building sensorimotor systems. Discusses how to identify if learning-based control can help solve a particular problem, how to formulate the problem in the learning framework, and what algorithm to use. Applications of algorithms in robotics, logistics, recommendation systems, playing games, and other control domains covered.
Instruction involves two lectures a week, practical experience through exercises, discussion of current research directions, and a group project.
P. Agrawal

**6.8210 Underactuated Robotics**
Prereq: 18.03 and 18.06
G (Spring)
3-0-9 units
Covers nonlinear dynamics and control of underactuated mechanical systems, with an emphasis on computational methods. Topics include the nonlinear dynamics of robotic manipulators, applied optimal and robust control and motion planning. Discussions include examples from biology and applications to legged locomotion, compliant manipulation, underwater robots, and flying machines.
R. Tedrake

**Graphics**

**6.4400 Computer Graphics**
Prereq: 6.1010 and (18.06 or 18.C06[J])
U (Fall)
3-0-9 units
Introduction to computer graphics algorithms, software and hardware. Topics include ray tracing, the graphics pipeline, transformations, texture mapping, shadows, sampling, global illumination, splines, animation and color.
F. P. Durand, W. Matusik, J. Solomon
6.4420[J] Computational Design and Fabrication
Same subject as 2.0911[J]
Subject meets with 6.8420
Prereq: Calculus II (GIR) and (6.1010 or permission of instructor)
U (Spring)
3-0-9 units
Introduces computational aspects of computer-aided design and manufacturing. Explores relevant methods in the context of additive manufacturing (e.g., 3D printing). Topics include computer graphics (geometry modeling, solid modeling, procedural modeling), physically-based simulation (kinematics, finite element method), 3D scanning/geometry processing, and an overview of 3D fabrication methods. Exposes students to the latest research in computational fabrication. Students taking the graduate version complete additional assignments.
W. Matusik

6.8410 Shape Analysis
Prereq: Calculus II (GIR), 18.06, and (6.8300 or 6.4400)
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered
Acad Year 2024-2025: G (Spring)
3-0-9 units
Introduces mathematical, algorithmic, and statistical tools needed to analyze geometric data and to apply geometric techniques to data analysis, with applications to fields such as computer graphics, machine learning, computer vision, medical imaging, and architecture. Potential topics include applied introduction to differential geometry, discrete notions of curvature, metric embedding, geometric PDE via the finite element method (FEM) and discrete exterior calculus (DEC); computational spectral geometry and relationship to graph-based learning, correspondence and mapping, level set method, descriptor, shape collections, optimal transport, and vector field design.
J. Solomon

6.8420 Computational Design and Fabrication
Subject meets with 2.0911[J], 6.4420[J]
Prereq: Calculus II (GIR) and (6.1010 or permission of instructor)
G (Spring)
3-0-9 units
Introduces computational aspects of computer-aided design and manufacturing. Explores relevant methods in the context of additive manufacturing (e.g., 3D printing). Topics include computer graphics (geometry modeling, solid modeling, procedural modeling), physically-based simulation (kinematics, finite element method), 3D scanning/geometry processing, and an overview of 3D fabrication methods. Exposes students to the latest research in computational fabrication. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.
W. Matusik

6.4510 Engineering Interactive Technologies
Prereq: 6.1020, 6.2050, 6.2060, 6.9010, or permission of instructor
U (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
1-5-6 units
Provides instruction in building cutting-edge interactive technologies, explains the underlying engineering concepts, and shows how those technologies evolved over time. Students use a studio format (i.e., extended periods of time) for constructing software and hardware prototypes. Topics include interactive technologies, such as multi-touch, augmented reality, haptics, wearables, and shape-changing interfaces. In a group project, students build their own interactive hardware/software prototypes and present them in a live demo at the end of term. Enrollment may be limited.
S. Mueller

6.4530[J] Principles and Practice of Assistive Technology
Same subject as 2.78[J], HST.420[J]
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
2-4-6 units
Students work closely with people with disabilities to develop assistive and adaptive technologies that help them live more independently. Covers design methods and problem-solving strategies; human factors; human-machine interfaces; community perspectives; social and ethical aspects; and assistive technology for motor, cognitive, perceptual, and age-related impairments. Prior knowledge of one or more of the following areas useful: software; electronics; human-computer interaction; cognitive science; mechanical engineering; control; or MIT hobby shop, MIT PSC, or other relevant independent project experience. Enrollment may be limited.
R. C. Miller, J. E. Greenberg, J. J. Leonard

6.4550[J] Interactive Music Systems
Same subject as 21M.385[J]
Subject meets with 21M.585
Prereq: (6.1010 and 21M.301) or permission of instructor
U (Fall, Spring)
3-0-9 units. HASS-A
See description under subject 21M.385[J]. Limited to 36.
E. Egozy, L. Kaelbling
6.4570[J] Creating Video Games
Same subject as CMS.611[J]
Prereq: 6.100A or CMS.301
U (Fall)
3-3-6 units. HASS-A
See description under subject CMS.611[J]. Limited to 36.
P. Tan, S. Verrilli, R. Eberhardt, A. Grant

Same subject as STS.085[J]
Subject meets with STS.487
Prereq: Permission of instructor
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered
Acad Year 2024-2025: U (Fall)
3-0-9 units. HASS-S
Studies the growth of computer and communications technology and the new legal and ethical challenges that reflect tensions between individual rights and societal needs. Topics include computer crime; intellectual property restrictions on software; encryption, privacy, and national security; academic freedom and free speech. Students meet and question technologists, activists, law enforcement agents, journalists, and legal experts. Instruction and practice in oral and written communication provided. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments. Enrollment limited.
H. Abelson, M. Fischer, D. Weitzner

6.8510 Intelligent Multimodal User Interfaces
Prereq: (6.1020 and 6.4100) or permission of instructor
G (Spring)
3-0-9 units
Implementation and evaluation of intelligent multi-modal user interfaces, taught from a combination of hands-on exercises and papers from the original literature. Topics include basic technologies for handling speech, vision, pen-based interaction, and other modalities, as well as various techniques for combining modalities. Substantial readings and a term project, where students build a program that illustrates one or more of the themes of the course.
R. Davis

6.8530 Interactive Data Visualization
Prereq: 6.1020
G (Spring)
3-0-9 units
Interactive visualization provides a means of making sense of a world awash in data. Covers the techniques and algorithms for creating effective visualizations, using principles from graphic design, perceptual psychology, and cognitive science. Short assignments build familiarity with the data analysis and visualization design process, and a final project provides experience designing, implementing, and deploying an explanatory narrative visualization or visual analysis tool to address a concrete challenge.
A. Satyanarayan

Computational Biology

Same subject as 7.33[J]
Prereq: (6.100A and 7.03) or permission of instructor
U (Spring)
3-0-9 units
See description under subject 7.33[J].
R. Berwick, D. Bartel

Same subject as HST.507[J]
Subject meets with 6.8701
Prereq: (Biology (GIR), 6.1210, and 6.3700) or permission of instructor
G (Fall)
4-0-8 units
See description for 6.047. Additionally examines recent publications in the areas covered, with research-style assignments. A more substantial final project is expected, which can lead to a thesis and publication.
M. Kellis
6.8701 Computational Biology: Genomes, Networks, Evolution
Subject meets with 6.8700[J], HST.507[J]
Prereq: (Biology (GIR), 6.1210, and 6.3700) or permission of instructor
U (Fall)
3-0-9 units
Covers the algorithmic and machine learning foundations of computational biology, combining theory with practice. Principles of algorithm design, influential problems and techniques, and analysis of large-scale biological datasets. Topics include (a) genomes: sequence analysis, gene finding, RNA folding, genome alignment and assembly, database search; (b) networks: gene expression analysis, regulatory motifs, biological network analysis; (c) evolution: comparative genomics, phylogenetics, genome duplication, genome rearrangements, evolutionary theory. These are coupled with fundamental algorithmic techniques including: dynamic programming, hashing, Gibbs sampling, expectation maximization, hidden Markov models, stochastic context-free grammars, graph clustering, dimensionality reduction, Bayesian networks.
M. Kellis

6.8710[J] Computational Systems Biology: Deep Learning in the Life Sciences
Same subject as HST.506[J]
Subject meets with 6.8711[J], 20.390[J], 20.490
Prereq: Biology (GIR) and (6.3700 or 18.600)
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered
Acad Year 2024-2025: G (Spring)
3-0-9 units
Presents innovative approaches to computational problems in the life sciences, focusing on deep learning-based approaches with comparisons to conventional methods. Topics include protein-DNA interaction, chromatin accessibility, regulatory variant interpretation, medical image understanding, medical record understanding, therapeutic design, and experiment design (the choice and interpretation of interventions). Focuses on machine learning model selection, robustness, and interpretation. Teams complete a multidisciplinary final research project using TensorFlow or other framework. Provides a comprehensive introduction to each life sciences problem, but relies upon students understanding probabilistic problem formulations. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.
D. K. Gifford

6.8711[J] Computational Systems Biology: Deep Learning in the Life Sciences
Same subject as 20.390[J]
Subject meets with 6.8710[J], 20.490, HST.506[J]
Prereq: (7.05 and (6.100B or 6.9080)) or permission of instructor
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered
Acad Year 2024-2025: U (Spring)
3-0-9 units
Presents innovative approaches to computational problems in the life sciences, focusing on deep learning-based approaches with comparisons to conventional methods. Topics include protein-DNA interaction, chromatin accessibility, regulatory variant interpretation, medical image understanding, medical record understanding, therapeutic design, and experiment design (the choice and interpretation of interventions). Focuses on machine learning model selection, robustness, and interpretation. Teams complete a multidisciplinary final research project using TensorFlow or other framework. Provides a comprehensive introduction to each life sciences problem, but relies upon students understanding probabilistic problem formulations. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.
D. K. Gifford

6.8720[J] Principles of Synthetic Biology
Same subject as 20.405[J]
Subject meets with 6.8721[J], 20.305[J]
Prereq: None
G (Fall)
3-0-9 units
See description under subject 20.405[J].
R. Weiss

6.8721[J] Principles of Synthetic Biology
Same subject as 20.305[J]
Subject meets with 6.8720[J], 20.405[J]
Prereq: None
U (Fall)
3-0-9 units
See description under subject 20.305[J].
R. Weiss
Biomedical & Health

6.4800[J] Biomedical Systems: Modeling and Inference
Same subject as 22.54[J]
Prereq: (6.3100 and (18.06 or 18.06[J])) or permission of instructor
U (Spring)
4-4-4 units

Medically motivated examples of problems in human health that engage students in systems modeling, signal analysis and inference, and design. Content draws on two domains, first by establishing a model of the human cardiovascular system with signal analysis and inference applications of electrocardiograms in health and disease. In a second topic, medical imaging by MRI is motivated by examples of common clinical decision making, followed by laboratory work with technology and instrumentation with the functionality of commercial diagnostic scanners. Students apply concepts from lectures in labs for data collection for image reconstruction, image analysis, and inference by their own design. Labs further include kits for interactive and portable low-cost devices that can be assembled by the students to demonstrate fundamental building blocks of an MRI system.

E. Adalsteinsson, T. Heldt, C. M. Stultz, J. K. White

6.4810[J] Cellular Neurophysiology and Computing
Same subject as 2.794[J], 9.021[J], 20.370[J]
Subject meets with 2.791[J], 6.4812[J], 9.21[J], 20.470[J], HST.541[J]
Prereq: (Physics II (GIR), 18.03, and (2.005, 6.2000, 6.3000, 10.301, or 20.110[J])) or permission of instructor
G (Spring)
5-2-5 units

Integrated overview of the biophysics of cells from prokaryotes to neurons, with a focus on mass transport and electrical signal generation across cell membrane. First third of course focuses on mass transport through membranes: diffusion, osmosis, chemically mediated, and active transport. Second third focuses on electrical properties of cells: ion transport to action potential generation and propagation in electrically excitable cells. Synaptic transmission. Electrical properties interpreted via kinetic and molecular properties of single voltage-gated ion channels. Final third focuses on biophysics of synaptic transmission and introduction to neural computing. Laboratory and computer exercises illustrate the concepts. Students taking graduate version complete different assignments.

J. Han, T. Heldt

6.4820[J] Quantitative and Clinical Physiology
Same subject as 2.792[J], HST.542[J]
Subject meets with 2.796[J], 6.4822[J]
Prereq: Physics II (GIR), 18.03, or permission of instructor
U (Fall)
4-2-6 units

Application of the principles of energy and mass flow to major human organ systems. Anatomical, physiological and clinical features of the cardiovascular, respiratory and renal systems. Mechanisms of regulation and homeostasis. Systems, features and devices that are most illuminated by the methods of physical sciences and engineering models. Required laboratory work includes animal studies. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.

T. Heldt, R. G. Mark
Same subject as 2.796[J]
Subject meets with 2.792[J], 6.4820[J], HST.542[J]
Prereq: 6.4810[J] and (2.006 or 6.2300)
G (Fall)
4-2-6 units
Application of the principles of energy and mass flow to major human organ systems. Anatomical, physiological and clinical features of the cardiovascular, respiratory and renal systems. Mechanisms of regulation and homeostasis. Systems, features and devices that are most illuminated by the methods of physical sciences and engineering models. Required laboratory work includes animal studies. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.
T. Heldt, R. G. Mark

Same subject as 2.793[J], 20.330[J]
Prereq: Biology (GIR), Physics II (GIR), and 18.03
U (Spring)
4-0-8 units
See description under subject 20.330[J].
J. Han, S. Manalis

Same subject as 2.795[J], 10.539[J], 20.430[J]
Prereq: Permission of instructor
G (Fall)
3-0-9 units
See description under subject 20.430[J].
M. Bathe, A. J. Grodzinsky

6.4840[J] Molecular, Cellular, and Tissue Biomechanics
Same subject as 2.797[J], 3.053[J], 20.310[J]
Subject meets with 2.798[J], 3.971[J], 6.4842[J], 10.537[J], 20.410[J]
Prereq: Biology (GIR) and 18.03
U (Spring)
4-0-8 units
See description under subject 20.310[J].
M. Bathe, K. Ribbeck, P. T. So

6.4842[J] Molecular, Cellular, and Tissue Biomechanics
Same subject as 2.798[J], 3.971[J], 10.537[J], 20.410[J]
Subject meets with 2.797[J], 3.053[J], 6.4840[J], 20.310[J]
Prereq: Biology (GIR) and 18.03
G (Spring)
3-0-9 units
See description under subject 20.410[J].
M. Bathe, K. Ribbeck, P. T. So

6.4860[J] Medical Device Design
Same subject as 2.750[J]
Subject meets with 2.75[J], 6.4861[J], HST.552[J]
Prereq: 2.008, 6.2040, 6.2050, 6.2060, 22.071, or permission of instructor
U (Spring)
3-3-6 units
See description under subject 2.750[J]. Enrollment limited.
A. H. Slocum, E. Roche, N. C. Hanumara, G. Traverso, A. Pennes

6.4861[J] Medical Device Design
Same subject as 2.75[J], HST.552[J]
Subject meets with 2.750[J], 6.4860[J]
Prereq: 2.008, 6.2040, 6.2050, 6.2060, 22.071, or permission of instructor
G (Spring)
3-3-6 units
See description under subject 2.75[J]. Enrollment limited.
A. H. Slocum, E. Roche, N. C. Hanumara, G. Traverso, A. Pennes

6.4880[J] Biological Circuit Engineering Laboratory
Same subject as 20.129[J]
Prereq: Biology (GIR) and Calculus II (GIR)
U (Spring)
2-8-2 units. Institute LAB
See description under subject 20.129[J]. Enrollment limited.
T. Lu, R. Weiss

6.4900 Introduction to EECS via Medical Technology
Prereq: Calculus II (GIR) and Physics II (GIR)
U (Spring)
4-4-4 units. Institute LAB
Explores biomedical signals generated from electrocardiograms, glucose detectors or ultrasound images, and magnetic resonance images. Topics include physical characterization and modeling of systems in the time and frequency domains; analog and digital signals and noise; basic machine learning including decision trees, clustering, and classification; and introductory machine vision. Labs designed to strengthen background in signal processing and machine learning. Students design and run structured experiments, and develop and test procedures through further experimentation.
C. M. Stultz, E. Adalsteinsson
6.8800[J] Biomedical Signal and Image Processing
Same subject as 16.456[J], HST.582[J]
Subject meets with 6.8801[J], HST.482[J]
Prereq: (6.3700 and (2.004, 6.3000, 16.002, or 18.085)) or
permission of instructor
Acad Year 2023-2024: G (Spring)
Acad Year 2024-2025: Not offered
3-1-8 units
Fundamentals of digital signal processing with emphasis on problems in biomedical research and clinical medicine. Basic principles and algorithms for processing both deterministic and random signals. Topics include data acquisition, imaging, filtering, coding, feature extraction, and modeling. Lab projects, performed in MATLAB, provide practical experience in processing physiological data, with examples from cardiology, speech processing, and medical imaging. Lectures cover signal processing topics relevant to the lab exercises, as well as background on the biological signals processed in the labs. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.
J. Greenberg, E. Adalsteinsson, W. Wells

6.8801[J] Data Acquisition and Image Reconstruction in MRI
Same subject as HST.580[J]
Prereq: 6.3010
Acad Year 2023-2024: G (Fall)
Acad Year 2024-2025: Not offered
3-0-9 units
Applies analysis of signals and noise in linear systems, sampling, and Fourier properties to magnetic resonance (MR) imaging acquisition and reconstruction. Provides adequate foundation for MR physics to enable study of RF excitation design, efficient Fourier sampling, parallel encoding, reconstruction of non-uniformly sampled data, and the impact of hardware imperfections on reconstruction performance. Surveys active areas of MR research. Assignments include Matlab-based work with real data. Includes visit to a scan site for human MR studies.
E. Adalsteinsson

Same subject as HST.716[J]
Prereq: (6.3000 and (6.3700 or 6.3702)) or permission of instructor
G (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
3-0-9 units
Studies information processing performance of the human auditory system in relation to current physiological knowledge. Examines mathematical models for the quantification of auditory-based behavior and the relation between behavior and peripheral physiology, reflecting the tono-topic organization and stochastic responses of the auditory system. Mathematical models of psychophysical relations, incorporating quantitative knowledge of physiological transformations by the peripheral auditory system.
L. D. Braida

Vision

6.8300 Advances in Computer Vision
Subject meets with 6.8301
Prereq: (6.1200[J] or 6.3700) and (18.06 or 18.C06[J])
G (Spring)
3-0-9 units
Advanced topics in computer vision with a focus on the use of machine learning techniques and applications in graphics and human-computer interface. Covers image representations, texture models, structure-from-motion algorithms, Bayesian techniques, object and scene recognition, tracking, shape modeling, and image databases. Applications may include face recognition, multimodal interaction, interactive systems, cinematic special effects, and photorealistic rendering. Covers topics complementary to 6.8390. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.
W. T. Freeman, M. Konakovíc Lukovic, V. Sitzmann
6.8301 Advances in Computer Vision
Subject meets with 6.8300
Prereq: (6.1200[J] or 6.3700) and (18.06 or 18.C06[J])
U (Spring)
4-0-11 units
Advanced topics in computer vision with a focus on the use of machine learning techniques and applications in graphics and human-computer interface. Covers image representations, texture models, structure-from-motion algorithms, Bayesian techniques, object and scene recognition, tracking, shape modeling, and image databases. Applications may include face recognition, multimodal interaction, interactive systems, cinematic special effects, and photorealistic rendering. Includes instruction and practice in written and oral communication. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.
W. T. Freeman, M. Konakovic Lukovic, V. Sitzmann

6.8320 Advanced Topics in Computer Vision
Prereq: 6.801, 6.8300, or permission of instructor
G (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
3-0-9 units
Can be repeated for credit.
Seminar exploring advanced research topics in the field of computer vision; focus varies with lecturer. Typically structured around discussion of assigned research papers and presentations by students. Example research areas explored in this seminar include learning in vision, computational imaging techniques, multimodal human-computer interaction, biomedical imaging, representation and estimation methods used in modern computer vision.
W. T. Freeman, B. K. P. Horn, A. Torralba

6.8370 Advanced Computational Photography
Subject meets with 6.8371
Prereq: Calculus II (GIR) and 6.1020
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered
Acad Year 2024-2025: U (Fall)
3-0-9 units
Presents fundamentals and applications of hardware and software techniques used in digital and computational photography, with an emphasis on software methods. Provides sufficient background to implement solutions to photographic challenges and opportunities. Topics include cameras and image formation, image processing and image representations, high-dynamic-range imaging, human visual perception and color, single view 3-D model reconstruction, morphing, data-rich photography, super-resolution, and image-based rendering. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.
F. P. Durand

6.8371 Digital and Computational Photography
Subject meets with 6.8370
Prereq: Calculus II (GIR) and 6.1010
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered
Acad Year 2024-2025: U (Fall)
3-0-9 units
Presents fundamentals and applications of hardware and software techniques used in digital and computational photography, with an emphasis on software methods. Provides sufficient background to implement solutions to photographic challenges and opportunities. Topics include cameras and image formation, image processing and image representations, high-dynamic-range imaging, human visual perception and color, single view 3-D model reconstruction, morphing, data-rich photography, super-resolution, and image-based rendering. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.
F. P. Durand

Natural Language Processing & Speech

6.8610 Quantitative Methods for Natural Language Processing
Subject meets with 6.8611
Prereq: 6.3900 and (18.06 or 18.C06[J])
G (Fall)
3-0-9 units
Introduces the study of human language from a computational perspective, including syntactic, semantic and discourse processing models. Emphasizes machine learning methods and algorithms. Uses these methods and models in applications such as syntactic parsing, information extraction, statistical machine translation, dialogue systems. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.
J. Andreas, J. Glass

6.8611 Quantitative Methods for Natural Language Processing
Subject meets with 6.8610
Prereq: 6.3900 and (18.06 or 18.C06[J])
U (Fall)
4-0-11 units
Introduces the study of human language from a computational perspective, including syntactic, semantic and discourse processing models. Emphasizes machine learning methods and algorithms. Uses these methods and models in applications such as syntactic parsing, information extraction, statistical machine translation, dialogue systems. Instruction and practice in oral and written communication provided. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.
J. Andreas, J. Glass
6.8620[J] Spoken Language Processing
Same subject as HST.728[J]
Prereq: 6.3000 and 6.3900
Acad Year 2023-2024: G (Spring)
Acad Year 2024-2025: Not offered
3-1-8 units
Introduces the rapidly developing field of spoken language processing including automatic speech recognition. Topics include acoustic theory of speech production, acoustic-phonetics, signal representation, acoustic and language modeling, search, hidden Markov modeling, neural networks models, end-to-end deep learning models, and other machine learning techniques applied to speech and language processing topics. Lecture material intersperses theory with practice. Includes problem sets, laboratory exercises, and open-ended term project.
J. R. Glass

6.8630[J] Natural Language and the Computer Representation of Knowledge
Same subject as 9.611[J], 24.984[J]
Prereq: 6.4100
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered
Acad Year 2024-2025: G (Spring)
3-3-6 units
Explores the relationship between the computer representation and acquisition of knowledge and the structure of human language, its acquisition, and hypotheses about its differentiating uniqueness. Emphasizes development of analytical skills necessary to judge the computational formalisms of grammatical formalisms and their role in connecting human intelligence to computational intelligence. Uses concrete examples to illustrate particular computational issues in this area.
R. C. Berwick

Cross-cutting EECS Subjects

6.9000 Engineering for Impact
U (Spring)
2-3-7 units
Students work in large teams to engineer hardware/software systems that solve important problems in society. Topics include requirements, specifications, system design and partitioning, detailed engineering design, prototyping and implementation, test and verification, and the ethical implications of these choices. Explores case studies of existing hardware/software systems to understand implications of different system design choices. Teams design and build functional prototypes of useful systems. Grading is based on individual- and team-based elements. Enrollment may be limited due to staffing and space requirements.
J. Voldman

6.9010 Introduction to EECS via Interconnected Embedded Systems
Prereq: 6.100A; Coreq: Physics II (GIR)
U (Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
1-5-6 units. Institute LAB
Introduction to embedded systems in the context of connected devices, wearables, and the "Internet of Things" (IoT). Topics include microcontrollers, energy utilization, algorithmic efficiency, interfacing with sensors, networking, cryptography, and local versus distributed computation. Students design, make, and program an Internet-connected wearable or handheld device. In the final project, student teams design and demo their own server-connected IoT system. Enrollment limited; preference to first- and second-year students.
S. Mueller, J. D. Steinmeyer, J. Voldman

Same subject as 4.140[J], MAS.863[J]
Prereq: Permission of instructor
G (Fall)
3-9-6 units
See description under subject MAS.863[J].
N. Gershenfeld, J. DiFrancesco, J. Lavallee, G. Darcey

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6.9030 Strobe Project Laboratory
Prereq: Physics II (GIR) or permission of instructor
U (Fall, Spring)
2-8-2 units. Institute LAB
Application of electronic flash sources to measurement and photography. First half covers fundamentals of photography and electronic flashes, including experiments on application of electronic flash to photography, stroboscopy, motion analysis, and high-speed videography. Students write four extensive lab reports. In the second half, students work in small groups to select, design, and execute independent projects in measurement or photography that apply learned techniques. Project planning and execution skills are discussed and developed over the term. Students engage in extensive written and oral communication exercises. Enrollment limited.
J. K. Vandiver, J. W. Bales

6.9080 Introduction to EECS via Robotics
Prereq: 6.100A or permission of instructor
U (Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
2-4-6 units. Institute LAB
An integrated introduction to electrical engineering and computer science, taught using substantial laboratory experiments with mobile robots. Key issues in the design of engineered artifacts operating in the natural world: measuring and modeling system behaviors; assessing errors in sensors and effectors; specifying tasks; designing solutions based on analytical and computational models; planning, executing, and evaluating experimental tests of performance; refining models and designs. Issues addressed in the context of computer programs, control systems, probabilistic inference problems, circuits and transducers, which all play important roles in achieving robust operation of a large variety of engineered systems.
D. M. Freeman, A. Hartz, L. P. Kaelbling, T. Lozano-Perez

6.UAR Seminar in Undergraduate Advanced Research
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (Fall, Spring)
2-0-4 units
Can be repeated for credit.
Instruction in effective undergraduate research, including choosing and developing a research topic, surveying previous work and publications, research topics in EECS and the School of Engineering, industry best practices, design for robustness, technical presentation, authorship and collaboration, and ethics. Students engage in extensive written and oral communication exercises, in the context of an approved advanced research project. A total of 12 units of credit is awarded for completion of the fall and subsequent spring term offerings. Application required; consult EECS SuperUROP website for more information.
D. Katabi, A. P. Chandrakasan

6.UAT Oral Communication
Prereq: None
U (Fall)
3-0-6 units
Provides instruction in aspects of effective technical oral presentations and exposure to communication skills useful in a workplace setting. Students create, give and revise a number of presentations of varying length targeting a range of different audiences. Enrollment may be limited.
T. L. Eng

Gordon Engineering Leadership Program

6.9101[J] Introduction to Design Thinking and Innovation in Engineering
Same subject as 2.7231[J], 16.6621[J]
Prereq: None
U (Fall, Spring; first half of term)
2-0-1 units
Introduces students to concepts of design thinking and innovation that can be applied to any engineering discipline. Focuses on introducing an iterative design process, a systems-thinking approach for stakeholder analysis, methods for articulating design concepts, methods for concept selection, and techniques for testing with users. Provides an opportunity for first-year students to explore product or system design and development, and to build their understanding of what it means to lead and coordinate projects in engineering design. Subject can count toward the 6-unit discovery-focused credit limit for first-year students. Enrollment limited to 25; priority to first-year students.
B. Kotelly
6.910A Design Thinking and Innovation Leadership for Engineers
Engineering School-Wide Elective Subject.
Offered under: 2.723A, 6.910A, 16.662A
Prereq: None
U (Fall, Spring; first half of term)
2-0-1 units

Introductory subject in design thinking and innovation. Develops
students’ ability to conceive, implement, and evaluate successful
projects in any engineering discipline. Lessons focus on an
iterative design process, a systems-thinking approach for
stakeholder analysis, methods for articulating design concepts,
methods for concept selection, and techniques for testing with
users.
B. Kotelly

6.910B Design Thinking and Innovation Project
Engineering School-Wide Elective Subject.
Offered under: 2.723B, 6.910B, 16.662B
Prereq: 6.910A
U (Fall, Spring; second half of term)
2-0-1 units

Project-based subject. Students employ design-thinking techniques
learned in 6.902A to develop a robust speech-recognition
application using a web-based platform. Students practice in
leadership and teamwork skills as they collaboratively conceive,
implement, and iteratively refine their designs based on user
feedback. Topics covered include techniques for leading the creative
process in teams, the ethics of engineering systems, methods
for articulating designs with group collaboration, identifying and
reconciling paradoxes of engineering designs, and communicating
solution concepts with impact. Students present oral presentations
and receive feedback to sharpen their communication skills.
B. Kotelly

6.9110 Engineering Leadership Lab
Engineering School-Wide Elective Subject.
Offered under: 6.9110, 16.650
Subject meets with 6.9130[J], 16.667[J]
Prereq: 6.910A, 6.9110, 6.9120, or permission of instructor
U (Fall, Spring)
0-2-4 units
Can be repeated for credit.

Advances students’ leadership, teamwork and communication skills
through further exposure to leadership frameworks, models, and
cases within an engineering context in an interactive, practice-
based environment. Students coach others, assess performance,
and lead guided reflections on individual and team successes, while
discovering opportunities for improvement. Students assist with
programmatic planning and implementation of role-play simulations,
small group discussions, and performance and peer assessments
by and of other students and by instructors. Includes frequent
engineering industry-guest participation and involvement. Content is
frequently student-led. Second year Gordon Engineering Leadership
Program (GEL) Program students register for 6.913. Preference to
students enrolled in the second year of the Gordon-MIT Engineering
Leadership Program.
L. McGonagle, J. Feiler

6.9120 Engineering Leadership
Engineering School-Wide Elective Subject.
Offered under: 6.9120, 16.651
Prereq: None. Coreq: 6.9110; or permission of instructor
U (Fall, Spring)
1-0-2 units
Can be repeated for credit.

Exposes students to the models and methods of engineering
leadership within the contexts of conceiving, designing,
implementing and operating products, processes and systems.
Introduces the Capabilities of Effective Engineering Leaders, and
models and theories related to the capabilities. Discusses the
appropriate times and reasons to use particular models to deliver
engineering success. Includes occasional guest speakers or panel
discussions. May be repeated for credit once with permission
of instructor. Preference to first-year students in the Gordon
Engineering Leadership Program.
J. Magarian

6.9130 Engineering Leadership Lab
Engineering School-Wide Elective Subject.
Offered under: 6.9130, 16.667
Subject meets with 6.9110[J], 16.650[J]
Prereq: 6.910A, 6.9110, 6.9120, or permission of instructor
U (Fall, Spring)
0-2-4 units
Can be repeated for credit.

See description under subject 6.9130. Preference to students
enrolled in the Bernard M. Gordon-MIT Engineering Leadership
Program.
L. McGonagle, J. Feiler

L. McGonagle, J. Feiler
6.9140 Project Engineering
Engineering School-Wide Elective Subject.
Offered under: 6.9140, 16.669
Prereq: (6.910A and (6.9110 or 6.9120)) or permission of instructor
U (IAP)
4.0-0 units
Students attend and participate in a four-day off-site workshop covering an introduction to basic principles, methods, and tools for project management in a realistic context. In teams, students create a plan for a project of their choice in one of several areas, including: aircraft modification, factory automation, flood prevention engineering, solar farm engineering, small-business digital transformation/modernization, and disaster response, among others. Develops skills applicable to the planning and management of complex engineering projects. Topics include cost-benefit analysis, resource and cost estimation, and project control and delivery which are practiced during an experiential, team-based activity. Case studies highlight projects in both hardware/software and consumer packaged goods. Preference to students in the Bernard M. Gordon-MIT Engineering Leadership Program.

O. de Weck, J. Feiler, L. McGonagle, R. Rahaman

6.9150] Leading Innovation in Teams
Same subject as 16.671]J
Prereq: None
U (Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
3-0-6 units
Empowers future innovators in engineering and technology with a foundation of leadership and teamwork skills. Grounded in research but practical in focus, equips students with leadership competencies such as building self-awareness, motivating and developing others, influencing without authority, managing conflict, and communicating effectively. Teamwork skills include how to convene, launch, and develop various types of teams, including project teams. Reviews recent advances in implementing innovations and building personal capacity for lifelong learning as a leading innovator. Enrollment limited to seating capacity of classroom. Admittance may be controlled by lottery.

D. Nino, J. Schindall

6.9160] Engineering Innovation: Global Security Systems
Same subject as 15.359]J
Prereq: None
U (Spring)
3-3-6 units
See description under subject 15.359]J.
F. Murray, V. Bulovic, G. Keselman

6.9260 Multistakeholder Negotiation for Technical Experts
Prereq: None
G (Spring)
2-0-4 units
Presents strategies and proven techniques for improving communications, relationships, and decision-making in groups using simulations, role-plays, case studies, and video analysis. Aims to provide the skill set needed to effectively negotiate with both internal and external stakeholders to align efforts and overcome differences. No prior experience in negotiation required. Satisfies the requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Technical Leadership.

S. Dinnar

6.9270 Negotiation and Influence Skills for Technical Leaders
Prereq: None
G (Fall)
2-0-4 units
Focuses around the premise that the abilities to negotiate with, and influence others, are essential to being an effective leader in technology rich environments. Provides graduate students with underlying principles and a repertoire of negotiation and influence skills that apply to interpersonal situations, particularly those where an engineer or project leader lacks formal authority over others in delivering results. Utilizes research-based approaches through the application of multiple learning methods, including experiential role plays, case studies, assessments, feedback, and personal reflections. Concepts such as the zone of possible agreements, best alternative to negotiated agreements, and sources of influence are put into practice. Satisfies the requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Technical Leadership.

D. Nino, J. Wu

6.9280]J] Leading Creative Teams
Same subject as 15.674]]J, 16.990]J
Prereq: Permission of instructor
G (Fall, Spring)
3-0-6 units
Prepares students to lead teams charged with developing creative solutions in engineering and technical environments. Grounded in research but practical in focus, equips students with leadership competencies such as building self-awareness, motivating and developing others, creative problem solving, influencing without authority, managing conflict, and communicating effectively. Teamwork skills include how to convene, launch, and develop various types of teams, including project teams. Learning methods emphasize personalized and experiential skill development. Enrollment limited.

D. Nino, J. Wu
6.EPE UPOP Engineering Practice Experience
Engineering School-Wide Elective Subject.
Offered under: 1.EPE, 2.EPE, 3.EPE, 6.EPE, 8.EPE, 10.EPE, 15.EPE, 16.EPE, 20.EPE, 22.EPE
Prereq: None
U (Fall, Spring)
0-0-1 units
Can be repeated for credit.
See description under subject 2.EPE. Application required; consult UPOP website for more information.
K. Tan-Tiongco, D. Fordell

6.EPW UPOP Engineering Practice Workshop
Engineering School-Wide Elective Subject.
Offered under: 1.EPW, 2.EPW, 3.EPW, 6.EPW, 10.EPW, 16.EPW, 20.EPW, 22.EPW
Prereq: 2.EPE
U (IAP, Spring)
1-0-0 units
See description under subject 2.EPW. Enrollment limited to those in the UPOP program.
K. Tan-Tiongco, D. Fordell

EECS & Beyond

6.9300 StartMIT: Workshop for Entrepreneurs and Innovators
Subject meets with 6.9302[J], 15.352[J]
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
4-0-2 units
Designed for students who are interested in entrepreneurship and want to explore the potential commercialization of their research project. Introduces practices for building a successful company, such as idea creation and validation, defining a value proposition, building a team, marketing, customer traction, and possible funding models. Students taking graduate version complete different assignments.
A. Chandrakasan, C. Chase, B. Aulet

6.9302[J] StartMIT: Workshop for Entrepreneurs and Innovators
Same subject as 15.352[J]
Subject meets with 6.9300
Prereq: None
G (IAP)
4-0-2 units
Designed for students who are interested in entrepreneurship and want to explore the potential commercialization of their research project. Introduces practices for building a successful company, such as idea creation and validation, defining a value proposition, building a team, marketing, customer traction, and possible funding models. Students taking graduate version complete different assignments.
B. Aulet, A. Chandrakasan, C. Chase

Prereq: None
U (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
2-0-4 units
Intensive introduction to the law, focusing on intellectual property, patents, copyrights, trademarks, and trade secrets. Covers the process of drafting and filing patent applications, enforcement of patents in the courts, the differences between US and international IP laws and enforcement mechanisms, and the inventor’s ability to monetize and protect his/her innovations. Highlights current legal issues and trends relating to the technology, and life sciences industries. Readings include judicial opinions and statutory material. Class projects include patent drafting, patent searching, and patentability opinions, and courtroom presentation.
S. M. Bauer

6.9320 Ethics for Engineers
Engineering School-Wide Elective Subject.
Offered under: 1.082, 2.900, 6.9320, 10.01, 16.676, 22.014
Subject meets with 6.9321, 20.005
Prereq: None
U (Fall, Spring)
2-0-4 units
See description under subject 10.01.
D. A. Lauffenberger, B. L. Trout
6.9321 Ethics for Engineers - Independent Inquiry
Subject meets with 1.082[J], 2.900[J], 6.9320[J], 10.01[J], 16.676[J], 20.005, 22.014[J]
Prereq: None
U (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
2-0-10 units

Explores the ethical principles by which an engineer ought to be guided. Integrates foundational texts in ethics with case studies illustrating ethical problems arising in the practice of engineering. Readings from classic sources including Aristotle, Kant, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Franklin, Tocqueville, Arendt, and King. Case studies include articles and films that address engineering disasters, safety, biotechnology, the internet and AI, and the ultimate scope and aims of engineering. Different sections may focus on themes, such as AI or biotechnology. To satisfy the independent inquiry component of this subject, students expand the scope of their term project. Students taking 20.005 focus their term project on a problem in biological engineering in which there are intertwined ethical and technical issues.

D. A. Lauffenburger, B. L. Trout

Same subject as 15.481[J]
Prereq: 15.401, 15.414, or 15.415
Acad Year 2023-2024: Not offered
Acad Year 2024-2025: G (Spring)
4-0-5 units

See description under subject 15.481[J]. Enrollment may be limited; preference to Sloan graduate students.
A. Lo

6.9360 Management in Engineering
Engineering School-Wide Elective Subject.
Offered under: 2.96, 6.9360, 10.806, 16.653
Prereq: None
U (Fall)
3-1-8 units

See description under subject 2.96. Restricted to juniors and seniors.
H. S. Marcus, J.-H. Chun

Independent Activities Period

6.9500 Introduction to MATLAB
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
Not offered regularly; consult department
1-0-2 units

Accelerated introduction to MATLAB and its popular toolboxes. Lectures are interactive, with students conducting sample MATLAB problems in real time. Includes problem-based MATLAB assignments. Students must provide their own laptop and software. Enrollment limited.
Staff

6.9510 Introduction to Signals and Systems, and Feedback Control
Prereq: Calculus II (GIR) or permission of instructor
U (IAP)
Not offered regularly; consult department
2-2-2 units

Introduces fundamental concepts for 6.003, including Fourier and Laplace transforms, convolution, sampling, filters, feedback control, stability, and Bode plots. Students engage in problem solving, using Mathematica and MATLAB software extensively to help visualize processing in the time frequency domains.
Staff

6.9520 Introduction to Electrical Engineering Lab Skills
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
Not offered regularly; consult department
1-3-2 units

Introduces basic electrical engineering concepts, components, and laboratory techniques. Covers analog integrated circuits, power supplies, and digital circuits. Lab exercises provide practical experience in constructing projects using multi-meters, oscilloscopes, logic analyzers, and other tools. Includes a project in which students build a circuit to display their own EKG. Enrollment limited.
G. P. Hom
6.9550 Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
Not offered regularly; consult department
1-0-5 units

Studies the structure and interpretation of computer programs which transcend specific programming languages. Demonstrates thought patterns for computer science using Scheme. Includes weekly programming projects. Enrollment may be limited.

6.9560 Introduction to Software Engineering in Java
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
Not offered regularly; consult department
1-1-4 units

Covers the fundamentals of Java, helping students develop intuition about object-oriented programming. Focuses on developing working software that solves real problems. Designed for students with little or no programming experience. Concepts covered useful to 6.3100. Enrollment limited.

6.9570 Introduction to C and C++
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
Not offered regularly; consult department
3-3-0 units

Fast-paced introduction to the C and C++ programming languages. Intended for those with experience in other languages who have never used C or C++. Students complete daily assignments, a small-scale individual project, and a mandatory online diagnostic test. Enrollment limited.

6.9590 Mobile Autonomous Systems Laboratory: MASLAB
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
2-2-2 units
Can be repeated for credit.

Autonomous robotics contest emphasizing technical AI, vision, mapping and navigation from a robot-mounted camera. Few restrictions are placed on materials, sensors, and/or actuators enabling teams to build robots very creatively. Teams should have members with varying engineering, programming and mechanical backgrounds. Culminates with a robot competition at the end of IAP. Enrollment limited.

6.9610 The Battlecode Programming Competition
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
2-0-4 units
Can be repeated for credit.

Artificial Intelligence programming contest in Java. Student teams program virtual robots to play Battlecode, a real-time strategy game. Competition culminates in a live BattleCode tournament. Assumes basic knowledge of programming.

6.9620 Web Lab: A Web Programming Class and Competition
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
1-0-5 units
Can be repeated for credit.

Student teams learn to build a functional and user-friendly website. Topics include version control, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, ReactJS, and nodejs. All teams are eligible to enter a competition where sites are judged by industry experts. Beginners and experienced web programmers welcome, but some previous programming experience is recommended. Registration on subject website required.

6.9630 Pokerbots Competition
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
1-0-5 units
Can be repeated for credit.

Build autonomous poker players and acquire the knowledge of the game of poker. Showcase decision making skills, apply concepts in mathematics, computer science and economics. Provides instruction in programming, game theory, probability and statistics and machine learning. Concludes with a final competition and prizes. Enrollment limited.

6.9640 Introduction to C and C++
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
3-3-0 units
Can be repeated for credit.

Fast-paced introduction to the C and C++ programming languages. Intended for those with experience in other languages who have never used C or C++. Students complete daily assignments, a small-scale individual project, and a mandatory online diagnostic test. Enrollment limited.

6.9650 Mobile Autonomous Systems Laboratory: MASLAB
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
2-2-2 units
Can be repeated for credit.

Autonomous robotics contest emphasizing technical AI, vision, mapping and navigation from a robot-mounted camera. Few restrictions are placed on materials, sensors, and/or actuators enabling teams to build robots very creatively. Teams should have members with varying engineering, programming and mechanical backgrounds. Culminates with a robot competition at the end of IAP. Enrollment limited.

6.9660 The Battlecode Programming Competition
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
2-0-4 units
Can be repeated for credit.

Artificial Intelligence programming contest in Java. Student teams program virtual robots to play Battlecode, a real-time strategy game. Competition culminates in a live BattleCode tournament. Assumes basic knowledge of programming.

6.9670 Web Lab: A Web Programming Class and Competition
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
1-0-5 units
Can be repeated for credit.

Student teams learn to build a functional and user-friendly website. Topics include version control, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, ReactJS, and nodejs. All teams are eligible to enter a competition where sites are judged by industry experts. Beginners and experienced web programmers welcome, but some previous programming experience is recommended. Registration on subject website required.

6.9680 Pokerbots Competition
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
1-0-5 units
Can be repeated for credit.

Build autonomous poker players and acquire the knowledge of the game of poker. Showcase decision making skills, apply concepts in mathematics, computer science and economics. Provides instruction in programming, game theory, probability and statistics and machine learning. Concludes with a final competition and prizes. Enrollment limited.

6.9690 Introduction to C and C++
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
3-3-0 units
Can be repeated for credit.

Fast-paced introduction to the C and C++ programming languages. Intended for those with experience in other languages who have never used C or C++. Students complete daily assignments, a small-scale individual project, and a mandatory online diagnostic test. Enrollment limited.

6.9700 Mobile Autonomous Systems Laboratory: MASLAB
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
2-2-2 units
Can be repeated for credit.

Autonomous robotics contest emphasizing technical AI, vision, mapping and navigation from a robot-mounted camera. Few restrictions are placed on materials, sensors, and/or actuators enabling teams to build robots very creatively. Teams should have members with varying engineering, programming and mechanical backgrounds. Culminates with a robot competition at the end of IAP. Enrollment limited.

6.9710 The Battlecode Programming Competition
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
2-0-4 units
Can be repeated for credit.

Artificial Intelligence programming contest in Java. Student teams program virtual robots to play Battlecode, a real-time strategy game. Competition culminates in a live BattleCode tournament. Assumes basic knowledge of programming.

6.9720 Web Lab: A Web Programming Class and Competition
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
1-0-5 units
Can be repeated for credit.

Student teams learn to build a functional and user-friendly website. Topics include version control, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, ReactJS, and nodejs. All teams are eligible to enter a competition where sites are judged by industry experts. Beginners and experienced web programmers welcome, but some previous programming experience is recommended. Registration on subject website required.

6.9730 Pokerbots Competition
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
1-0-5 units
Can be repeated for credit.

Build autonomous poker players and acquire the knowledge of the game of poker. Showcase decision making skills, apply concepts in mathematics, computer science and economics. Provides instruction in programming, game theory, probability and statistics and machine learning. Concludes with a final competition and prizes. Enrollment limited.

6.9740 Introduction to C and C++
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
3-3-0 units
Can be repeated for credit.

Fast-paced introduction to the C and C++ programming languages. Intended for those with experience in other languages who have never used C or C++. Students complete daily assignments, a small-scale individual project, and a mandatory online diagnostic test. Enrollment limited.

6.9750 Mobile Autonomous Systems Laboratory: MASLAB
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
2-2-2 units
Can be repeated for credit.

Autonomous robotics contest emphasizing technical AI, vision, mapping and navigation from a robot-mounted camera. Few restrictions are placed on materials, sensors, and/or actuators enabling teams to build robots very creatively. Teams should have members with varying engineering, programming and mechanical backgrounds. Culminates with a robot competition at the end of IAP. Enrollment limited.

6.9760 The Battlecode Programming Competition
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
2-0-4 units
Can be repeated for credit.

Artificial Intelligence programming contest in Java. Student teams program virtual robots to play Battlecode, a real-time strategy game. Competition culminates in a live BattleCode tournament. Assumes basic knowledge of programming.

6.9770 Web Lab: A Web Programming Class and Competition
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
1-0-5 units
Can be repeated for credit.

Student teams learn to build a functional and user-friendly website. Topics include version control, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, ReactJS, and nodejs. All teams are eligible to enter a competition where sites are judged by industry experts. Beginners and experienced web programmers welcome, but some previous programming experience is recommended. Registration on subject website required.

6.9780 Pokerbots Competition
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
1-0-5 units
Can be repeated for credit.

Build autonomous poker players and acquire the knowledge of the game of poker. Showcase decision making skills, apply concepts in mathematics, computer science and economics. Provides instruction in programming, game theory, probability and statistics and machine learning. Concludes with a final competition and prizes. Enrollment limited.

6.9600 Mobile Autonomous Systems Laboratory: MASLAB
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
2-2-2 units
Can be repeated for credit.

Autonomous robotics contest emphasizing technical AI, vision, mapping and navigation from a robot-mounted camera. Few restrictions are placed on materials, sensors, and/or actuators enabling teams to build robots very creatively. Teams should have members with varying engineering, programming and mechanical backgrounds. Culminates with a robot competition at the end of IAP. Enrollment limited.

6.9610 The Battlecode Programming Competition
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
2-0-4 units
Can be repeated for credit.

Artificial Intelligence programming contest in Java. Student teams program virtual robots to play Battlecode, a real-time strategy game. Competition culminates in a live BattleCode tournament. Assumes basic knowledge of programming.

6.9620 Web Lab: A Web Programming Class and Competition
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
1-0-5 units
Can be repeated for credit.

Student teams learn to build a functional and user-friendly website. Topics include version control, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, ReactJS, and nodejs. All teams are eligible to enter a competition where sites are judged by industry experts. Beginners and experienced web programmers welcome, but some previous programming experience is recommended. Registration on subject website required.

6.9630 Pokerbots Competition
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
1-0-5 units
Can be repeated for credit.

Build autonomous poker players and acquire the knowledge of the game of poker. Showcase decision making skills, apply concepts in mathematics, computer science and economics. Provides instruction in programming, game theory, probability and statistics and machine learning. Concludes with a final competition and prizes. Enrollment limited.

6.9640 Introduction to C and C++
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
3-3-0 units
Can be repeated for credit.

Fast-paced introduction to the C and C++ programming languages. Intended for those with experience in other languages who have never used C or C++. Students complete daily assignments, a small-scale individual project, and a mandatory online diagnostic test. Enrollment limited.

6.9650 Mobile Autonomous Systems Laboratory: MASLAB
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
2-2-2 units
Can be repeated for credit.

Autonomous robotics contest emphasizing technical AI, vision, mapping and navigation from a robot-mounted camera. Few restrictions are placed on materials, sensors, and/or actuators enabling teams to build robots very creatively. Teams should have members with varying engineering, programming and mechanical backgrounds. Culminates with a robot competition at the end of IAP. Enrollment limited.

6.9660 The Battlecode Programming Competition
Prereq: None
U (IAP)
2-0-4 units
Can be repeated for credit.
Non-classroom & Career

6.9700 Studies in Artificial Intelligence and Decision Making
- Prereq: Permission of department
- G (Fall)
- Not offered regularly; consult department
- 0-0-48 units


A. Madry, P. Parrilo

6.9710 Internship in Artificial Intelligence and Decision Making
- Prereq: Permission of department
- G (Spring, Summer)
- Units arranged [P/D/F]

Provides an opportunity for students to synthesize their coursework and to apply the knowledge gained in the program towards a project with a host organization. All internship placements are subject to approval by program director. Each student must write a capstone project report. Restricted to students in the AI+D blended master’s program.

A. Madry, P. Parrilo

6.9720 Research in Artificial Intelligence and Decision Making
- Prereq: Permission of department
- G (Spring, Summer)
- 0-0-12 units

Individual research project arranged with appropriate faculty member or approved supervisor. A final paper summarizing research is required. Restricted to students in the AI+D blended master’s program.

A. Madry, P. Parrilo

6.9800 Independent Study in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
- Prereq: Permission of instructor
- U (Fall, IAP, Spring, Summer)
- Units arranged [P/D/F]

Can be repeated for credit.

Opportunity for independent study at the undergraduate level under regular supervision by a faculty member. Study plans require prior approval.

Consult Department Undergraduate Office

6.9820 Practical Internship Experience
- Prereq: None
- U (Fall, IAP, Spring, Summer)
- 0-1-0 units

Can be repeated for credit.

For Course 6 students participating in curriculum-related off-campus internship experiences in electrical engineering or computer science. Before enrolling, students must have an employment offer from a company or organization and must find an EECS supervisor. Upon completion of the internship the student must submit a letter from the employer evaluating the work accomplished, a substantive final report from the student, approved by the MIT supervisor. Subject to departmental approval. Consult Department Undergraduate Office for details on procedures and restrictions.

Consult Department Undergraduate Office

6.9830 Professional Perspective Internship
- Prereq: None
- G (Fall, IAP, Spring, Summer)
- 0-1-0 units

Required for Course 6 MEng students to gain professional experience in electrical engineering or computer science through an internship (industry, government, or academic) of 4 or more weeks in IAP or summer. This can be completed as MEng students or as undergrads, through previous employment completed while deferring MEng entry or by attending a series of three colloquia, seminars, or technical talks related to their field. For internships/work experience, a letter from the employer confirming dates of employment is required. All students are required to write responses to short essay prompts about their professional experience. International students must consult ISO and the EECS Undergraduate Office on work authorization and allowable employment dates.

Consult Department Undergraduate Office
6.9840 Practical Experience in EECS
Prereq: None
G (Fall, IAP, Spring, Summer)
0-1-0 units
Can be repeated for credit.

For Course 6 students in the MEng program who seek practical off-campus research experiences or internships in electrical engineering or computer science. Before enrolling, students must have an offer of employment from a company or organization and secure a supervisor within EECS. Employers must document the work accomplished. Proposals subject to departmental approval. For students who begin the MEng program in the summer only, the experience or internship cannot exceed 20 hours per week and must begin no earlier than the first day of the Summer Session, but may end as late as the last business day before the Fall Term.

Consult Department Undergraduate Office

6.9850 6-A Internship
Prereq: None
U (Fall, Spring, Summer)
0-12-0 units
Provides academic credit for the first assignment of 6-A undergraduate students at companies affiliated with the department’s 6-A internship program. Limited to students participating in the 6-A internship program.
T. Palacios

6.9860 Advanced 6-A Internship
Prereq: 6.9850
U (Fall, Spring, Summer)
0-12-0 units
Provides academic credit for the second assignment of 6-A undergraduate students at companies affiliated with the department’s 6-A internship program. Limited to students participating in the 6-A internship program.
T. Palacios

6.9870 Graduate 6-A Internship
Prereq: 6.9850 or 6.9860
G (Fall, Spring, Summer)
0-12-0 units
Provides academic credit for a graduate assignment of graduate 6-A students at companies affiliated with the department’s 6-A internship program. Limited to graduate students participating in the 6-A internship program.
T. Palacios

6.9880 Graduate 6-A Internship
Prereq: 6.9870
G (Fall, Spring, Summer)
0-12-0 units
Provides academic credit for graduate students in the second half of their 6-A MEng industry internship. Limited to graduate students participating in the 6-A internship program.
T. Palacios

6.9900 Teaching Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
G (Fall, Spring)
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.

For Teaching Assistants in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, in cases where teaching assignment is approved for academic credit by the department.
E. Adalsteinsson, D. M. Freeman, L. P. Kaelbling, R. C. Miller

6.9910 Research in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
G (Fall, Spring, Summer)
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.

For EECS MEng students who are Research Assistants in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, in cases where the assigned research is approved for academic credit by the department. Hours arranged with research supervisor.
Consult Department Undergraduate Office

6.9920 Introductory Research in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
G (Fall, Spring, Summer)
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.

Enrollment restricted to first-year graduate students in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science who are doing introductory research leading to an SM, EE, ECS, PhD, or ScD thesis. Opportunity to become involved in graduate research, under guidance of a staff member, on a problem of mutual interest to student and supervisor. Individual programs subject to approval of professor in charge.
L. A. Kolodziejski
6.9930 Networking Seminars in EECS
Prereq: None
G (Fall)
Units arranged [P/D/F]

For first year Course 6 students in the SM/PhD track, who seek weekly engagement with departmental faculty and staff, to discuss topics related to the graduate student experience, and to promote a successful start to graduate school.
J. Fischer

6.9932 Introduction to Research in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
G (Fall, Spring, Summer)
3-0-0 units

Seminar on topics related to research leading to an SM, EE, ECS, PhD, or ScD thesis. Limited to first-year regular graduate students in EECS with a fellowship or teaching assistantship.
L. A. Kolodziejski

6.9940 Professional Perspective I
Prereq: None
G (Fall, IAP, Spring, Summer)
0-0-1 units
Can be repeated for credit.

Required for Course 6 students in the doctoral program to gain professional perspective in research experiences, academic experiences, and internships in electrical engineering and computer science. Professional perspective options include: internships (with industry, government or academia), industrial colloquia or seminars, research collaboration with industry or government, and professional development for entry into academia or entrepreneurial engagement. For an internship experience, an offer of employment from a company or organization is required prior to enrollment; employers must document work accomplished. A written report is required upon completion of a minimum of 4 weeks of off-campus experiences. Proposals subject to departmental approval.
Consult Department Graduate Office

6.9950 Professional Perspective II
Prereq: 6.9940
G (Fall, IAP, Spring, Summer)
0-0-1 units
Can be repeated for credit.

Required for Course 6 students in the doctoral program to gain professional perspective in research experiences, academic experiences, and internships in electrical engineering and computer science. Professional perspective options include: internships (with industry, government or academia), industrial colloquia or seminars, research collaboration with industry or government, and professional development for entry into academia or entrepreneurial engagement. For an internship experience, an offer of employment from a company or organization is required prior to enrollment; employers must document work accomplished. A written report is required upon completion of a minimum of 4 weeks of off-campus experiences. Proposals subject to departmental approval.
Consult Department Graduate Office

6.9960 Experience in Technical Communication (New)
Prereq: Permission of instructor
G (Fall, Spring)
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.

Provides training and practice in technical communication. Includes communication coaching, workshop facilitation, and other communication-related projects under supervision of Communication Lab staff. Students selected by interview. Enrollment limited by availability of suitable assignments. Enrollment could be limited if there isn't enough student participation.
D. Chien, D. Montgomery

6.9970 Academic Job Search
Prereq: Permission of instructor
G (Fall)
2-0-4 units

Interactive workshops and homework assignments provide guidance for the faculty application process, including CV; cover letter; research, teaching, and diversity statements; interview and job talk preparation; and post-offer negotiations. Includes perspectives of junior faculty, search committee members, and department leadership at MIT and other institutions. Academic Career Day provides opportunity for students to participate in one-on-one pre-interviews with external faculty. Preference to EECS senior PhD students and postdocs.
S. Amarasinghe, D. Montgomery
6.9990 Independent Study in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
G (Fall, IAP, Spring, Summer)
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Opportunity for independent study under regular supervision by a faculty member. Projects require prior approval.
L. A. Kolodziejski

6.THG Graduate Thesis
Prereq: Permission of instructor
G (Fall, IAP, Spring, Summer)
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Program of research leading to the writing of an SM, EE, ECS, PhD, or ScD thesis; to be arranged by the student and an appropriate MIT faculty member.
L. A. Kolodziejski

6.THM Master of Engineering Program Thesis
Prereq: None
G (Fall, IAP, Spring, Summer)
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Program of research leading to the writing of an MEng thesis; to be arranged by the student and an appropriate MIT faculty member.
Restricted to MEng graduate students.
Consult Department Undergraduate Office

6.UR Undergraduate Research in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
U (Fall, IAP, Spring, Summer)
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Individual research project arranged with appropriate faculty member or approved supervisor. Forms and instructions for the final report are available in the EECS Undergraduate Office.
Consult Department Undergraduate Office

Special Subjects

6.S040 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
U (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
3-0-9 units
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.S041 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
U (Fall, Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
3-0-9 units
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.S042 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
U (Fall, Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
3-0-9 units
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.S043 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
U (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
3-0-9 units
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department
6.5044 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
U (Fall, Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
3.0-9 units
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5045 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
U (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
3.0-9 units
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5046 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
U (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
3.0-9 units
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5047 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
U (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
3.0-9 units
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5050 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
U (Spring)
3.0-9 units
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5051 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
U (Spring)
3.0-9 units
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5052 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
U (Spring)
3.0-3 units
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5053 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
U (Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
3.0-9 units
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department
6.5054 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
U (Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
3-0-9 units
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5055 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
U (Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
3-0-9 units
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5056 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
U (Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
3-0-9 units
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5057 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
U (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5058 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
U (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5059 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
U (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5060 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
U (Fall)
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Basic undergraduate subjects not offered in the regular curriculum.
Consult Department

6.5061 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
U (Fall, Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Basic undergraduate subjects not offered in the regular curriculum.
Consult Department

6.5062 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
U (Fall)
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department
6.5063 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
U (Spring)
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5076 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (Spring)
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5077 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (Fall, Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5078 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5079 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5080 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5081 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5082 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department
6.5083 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.

6.5084 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.

6.5085 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (IAP)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.

6.5086 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (IAP)
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.

6.5087 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (IAP)
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.

D. M. Freeman

6.5088 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (IAP)
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.

6.5089 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (IAP)
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.

6.5090 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (Summer)
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.

D. M. Freeman

6.5091 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (IAP)
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
6.5092 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (IAP)
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5093 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (IAP)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
D. M. Freeman

6.5094 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (IAP)
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5095 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (IAP)
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5096 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (IAP)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5097 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (IAP)
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5098 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (IAP)
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5099 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (IAP)
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department
6.5183 Special Laboratory Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Laboratory subject that covers content not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5184 Special Laboratory Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (IAP)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Laboratory subject that covers content not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5185 Special Laboratory Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (IAP)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Laboratory subject that covers content not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
D. M. Freeman

6.5186 Special Laboratory Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (IAP)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Laboratory subject that covers content not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5187 Special Laboratory Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (IAP)
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Laboratory subject that covers content not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Staff

6.5188 Special Laboratory Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Laboratory subject that covers content not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
D. M. Freeman

6.5189 Special Laboratory Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (IAP)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Laboratory subject that covers content not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
D. M. Freeman

6.5190 Special Laboratory Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (IAP)
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Laboratory subject that covers content not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
D. M. Freeman
6.S191 Special Laboratory Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (IAP)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Laboratory subject that covers content not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term. 
Consult Department

6.S192 Special Laboratory Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (IAP)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Laboratory subject that covers content not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term. 
Consult Department

6.S193 Special Laboratory Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (IAP)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Laboratory subject that covers content not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term. 
Consult Department

6.S193-6.S198 Special Laboratory Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Laboratory subject that covers content not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term. 
Consult Department

6.S630 Special Subject in Engineering Leadership (New)
Prereq: None
G (Spring)
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult the Gordon Engineering Leadership Program or Riccio Graduate Engineering Leadership Program to learn of offerings for a particular term. 
Staff

6.S640 Special Subject in Engineering Leadership (New)
Prereq: None
G (Spring)
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult the Gordon Engineering Leadership Program or Riccio Graduate Engineering Leadership Program to learn of offerings for a particular term. 
Staff

6.S650 Special Subject in Engineering Leadership (New)
Prereq: None
G (Spring)
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult the Gordon Engineering Leadership Program or Riccio Graduate Engineering Leadership Program to learn of offerings for a particular term. 
Staff
6.5660 Special Subject in Engineering Leadership (New)
Prereq: None
G (Spring)
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult the Gordon Engineering Leadership Program or Riccio Graduate Engineering Leadership Program to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Staff

6.5890 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (New)
Prereq: None
G (Fall)
3-0-9 units
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5891 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (New)
Prereq: None
G (Fall)
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5892 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (New)
Prereq: None
G (Fall, Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5893 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (New)
Prereq: None
G (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5894 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (New)
Prereq: None
G (Fall, Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5895 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (New)
Prereq: None
G (Fall, Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5896 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (New)
Prereq: None
G (Fall)
3-0-9 units
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department
6.5897 Special Subject in Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
G (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5898 Special Subject in Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
G (Fall)
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5899 Special Subject in Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
G (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5911 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum.
Consult Department

6.5912 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (IAP)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum.
Consult Department

6.5913 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (Fall, IAP, Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum.
Consult Department

6.5914 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (Fall, IAP, Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum.
Consult Department

6.5915 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (Fall, IAP, Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum.
Consult Department

6.5916 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (Fall, IAP, Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum.
Consult Department

6.5917 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (Fall, IAP, Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum.
Consult Department
6.5918 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (Fall, IAP, Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult Department

6.5919 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
U (Fall, IAP, Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult Department

6.5950 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
G (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term. Consult Department

6.5951 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
G (Fall)
3-0-9 units
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term. Consult Department

6.5952 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
G (Spring)
3-0-9 units
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term. Consult Department

6.5953 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
G (Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
3-0-9 units
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term. Consult Department

6.5954 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
G (Fall)
3-0-9 units
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term. Consult Department

6.5955 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
G (Fall)
3-0-9 units
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term. Consult Department
6.5956 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
G (Spring)
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.

6.5960 Special Studies: Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (New)
Prereq: None
G (Fall, Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Opportunity for study of graduate-level topics related to electrical engineering and computer science but not included elsewhere in the curriculum. Registration under this subject normally used for situations involving small study groups. Normal registration is for 12 units. Registration subject to approval of professor in charge.

6.5961 Special Studies: Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (New)
Prereq: None
G (Fall, Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Opportunity for study of graduate-level topics related to electrical engineering and computer science but not included elsewhere in the curriculum. Registration under this subject normally used for situations involving small study groups. Normal registration is for 12 units. Registration subject to approval of professor in charge.

6.5962 Special Studies: Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (New)
Prereq: None
G (Fall, Spring)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Opportunity for study of graduate-level topics related to electrical engineering and computer science but not included elsewhere in the curriculum. Registration under this subject normally used for situations involving small study groups. Normal registration is for 12 units. Registration subject to approval of professor in charge.

6.5963-6.5967 Special Studies: EECS
Prereq: None
G (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Opportunity for study of graduate-level topics related to electrical engineering and computer science but not included elsewhere in the curriculum. Registration under this subject normally used for situations involving small study groups. Normal registration is for 12 units. Registration subject to approval of professor in charge. Consult the department for details.

6.5974 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
G (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.

6.5975 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
G (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged [P/D/F]
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
6.5976 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
G (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5977 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
G (Spring)
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5978 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
G (Spring)
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5979 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
G (Fall)
Units arranged
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5980 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
G (Fall)
3-0-9 units
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5981 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
G (Fall)
3-0-9 units
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5982 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: Permission of instructor
G (Fall)
Not offered regularly; consult department
3-0-9 units
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department

6.5983 Special Subject in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Prereq: None
G (Spring)
3-0-9 units
Can be repeated for credit.
Covers subject matter not offered in the regular curriculum. Consult department to learn of offerings for a particular term.
Consult Department
### Common Ground for Computing Education

#### 6.C01 Modeling with Machine Learning: from Algorithms to Applications
Subject meets with 6.C51
Prereq: Calculus II (GIR) and 6.100A; Coreq: 1.C01, 2.C01, 3.C01[J], or 22.C01
U (Spring)
3-0-9 units
Focuses on modeling with machine learning methods with an eye towards applications in engineering and sciences. Introduction to modern machine learning methods, from supervised to unsupervised models, with an emphasis on newer neural approaches. Emphasis on the understanding of how and why the methods work from the point of view of modeling, and when they are applicable. Using concrete examples, covers formulation of machine learning tasks, adapting and extending methods to given problems, and how the methods can and should be evaluated. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments. Students cannot receive credit without simultaneous completion of a 6-unit disciplinary module. Enrollment may be limited.
R. Barzilay, T. Jaakkola

#### 6.C06[J] Linear Algebra and Optimization (New)
Same subject as 18.C06[J]
Prereq: Calculus II (GIR)
U (Fall)
5-0-7 units
Credit cannot also be received for 18.06, 18.700
See description under subject 18.C06[J].
A. Moitra, P. Parrilo

Prereq: 6.100A, 18.03, and 18.06
U (Fall)
3-0-9 units
See description under subject 18.C25[J].

Same subject as 2.C27[J], 3.C27[J]
Prereq: 18.C06[J] and (1.00, 1.000, 2.086, 3.019, or 6.100A)
U (Fall)
3-0-9 units
See description under subject 2.C27[J].
G. Barbastathis, J. LeBeau, R. Ram, S. You
6.C35[J] Interactive Data Visualization and Society
Same subject as 11.C35[J]
Subject meets with 6.C85[J], 11.C85[J]
Prereq: None
U (Spring)
3-1-8 units
Credit cannot also be received for 6.8530, 11.154, 11.454
Covers the design, ethical, and technical skills for creating effective visualizations. Short assignments build familiarity with the data analysis and visualization design process. Weekly lab sessions present coding and technical skills. A final project provides experience working with real-world big data, provided by external partners, in order to expose and communicate insights about societal issues. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments. Enrollment limited. Enrollment limited.
C. D'Ignazio, A. Satyanarayan, S. Williams

6.C51 Modeling with Machine Learning: from Algorithms to Applications
Subject meets with 6.C01
Prereq: Calculus II (GIR) and 6.100A; Coreq: 1.C51, 2.C51, 3.C51[J], 22.C51, or SCM.C51
G (Spring)
3-0-3 units
Focuses on modeling with machine learning methods with an eye towards applications in engineering and sciences. Introduction to modern machine learning methods, from supervised to unsupervised models, with an emphasis on newer neural approaches. Emphasis on the understanding of how and why the methods work from the point of view of modeling, and when they are applicable. Using concrete examples, covers formulation of machine learning tasks, adapting and extending methods to given problems, and how the methods can and should be evaluated. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments. Students cannot receive credit without simultaneous completion of a 6-unit disciplinary module. Enrollment may be limited.
R. Barzilay, T. Jaakkola

Same subject as 2.C67[J], 3.C67[J]
Prereq: 18.C06[J] and (1.00, 1.000, 2.086, 3.019, or 6.100A)
G (Fall)
3-0-9 units
See description under subject 2.C67[J].
G. Barbastathis, J. LeBeau, R. Ram, S. You