A course is a course, of course, except when it is a subject. At MIT course numbers and abbreviations refer to courses of study leading to specific academic degrees and, by extension, to the departments or programs offering those degrees. For example, Course 6 refers to specific academic degrees and, by extension, to the departments or programs that offer subjects at MIT.

These descriptions are current but are subject to change. For schedules, consult the Online Subject Listing and Schedule (http://student.mit.edu/catalog). Below is a list of the departments and programs that offer subjects at MIT.

- Aeronautics and Astronautics (Course 16) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/16)
- Aerospace Studies (AS) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/as)
- Anthropology (Course 21A) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/21a)
- Architecture (Course 4) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/4)
- Biological Engineering (Course 20) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/20)
- Biology (Course 7) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/7)
- Brain and Cognitive Sciences (Course 9) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/9)
- Chemical Engineering (Course 10) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/10)
- Chemistry (Course 5) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/5)
- Civil and Environmental Engineering (Course 1) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/1)
- Comparative Media Studies / Writing (CMS) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/cms)
- Comparative Media Studies / Writing (Course 21W) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/21w)
- Computational and Systems Biology (CSB) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/csb)
- Computational Science and Engineering (CSE) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/cse)
- Concourse (CC) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/cc)
- Data, Systems, and Society (IDS) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/ids)
- Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences (Course 12) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/12)
- Economics (Course 14) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/14)
- Edgerton Center (EC) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/ec)
- Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (Course 6) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/6)
- Engineering Management (EM) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/em)
- Experimental Study Group (ES) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/es)
- Global Languages (Course 21G) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/21g)
- Health Sciences and Technology (HST) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/hst)
- History (Course 21H) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/21h)
- Humanities (Course 21) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/21)
- Linguistics and Philosophy (Course 24) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/24)
- Literature (Course 21L) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/21l)
- Management (Course 15) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/15)
- Materials Science and Engineering (Course 3) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/3)
- Mathematics (Course 18) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/18)
- Mechanical Engineering (Course 2) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/2)
- Media Arts and Sciences (MAS) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/mas)
- Military Science (MS) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/ms)
- Music and Theater Arts (Course 21M) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/21m)
- Naval Science (NS) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/ns)
- Nuclear Science and Engineering (Course 22) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/22)
- Physics (Course 8) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/8)
- Political Science (Course 17) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/17)
- Science, Technology, and Society (STS) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/sts)
- Special Programs (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/sp)
- Supply Chain Management (SCM) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/scm)
- Urban Studies and Planning (Course 11) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/11)
- Women's and Gender Studies (WGS) (http://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/wgs)