Teaching and learning styles

A wide range of teaching and learning methods

MIT offers a variety of ways to learn. Units are taught using a range of methods including: lectures, seminars, tutorials, studio and laboratory sessions, group discussions and projects, individual research projects, class presentations, case methods and industry based projects.

As a rule, you will learn the core information in larger lectures. These are followed by smaller group practicals that allow you to further explore what you've been taught. Great importance is placed on understanding and applying theories and concepts. You will also be encouraged to critically examine different viewpoints of those theories.

You are an independent individual

All MIT students are encouraged to ask questions and express personal viewpoints. You will be expected to spend a minimum of five to six hours per week on independent study for each unit of study.

As with all universities, you will be expected to take responsibility for your own learning, and develop your own mature self-directed learning habits.

Help when you need it

To help you, there are Study Skills workshops and Mentor assistance offered throughout the trimester for students needing help with particular units of study. or wanting to further develop their learning and personal management skills.

Get industry insights

Industry guest speakers and lecturers from other Universities are invited to conduct seminars at MIT throughout the year. These seminars give you important insights into industry and help you expand your overall knowledge.

The benefits of smaller classes

Unlike most universities, MIT has classes of around 20 or 30, not 200 or 300.

This allows greater access to lecturers. It gives students the chance to get more oneon-one teaching and promotes more active participation in class discussions.

Assessment methods

Assessment is continuous throughout the trimester. Depending on the unit of study. this may include practical assignments. individual and group projects, class presentations, tutorial and laboratory work, essay and report writing, class participations, class tests and a final examination.

Advanced standing & credit transfers

If you have completed relevant studies elsewhere, you may be eligible for credit exemptions towards your course at MIT. Applications for advanced standing will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Any applications must be accompanied by a complete transcript of results and full syllabus of the units completed.

The trimester advantage

The MIT trimester system offers a number of benefits over the conventional semester systems at other universities. These benefits include fast track option, flexible commencement, and learning at your own pace. See page 7 for details.

Course (or program)

A course (or program) is a sequence of study leading to an award such as Diploma, Bachelor Degree, Graduate Diploma or Master Degree. A course (or program) is made up of a number of units.

Unit of study (unit)

A unit is an individual subject or component of study within a course, and normally has duration of one trimester.

Compulsory/Core units

Compulsory units must be studied to complete the requirements of the course.

Elective units

Electives are units that students may choose from. Some courses may require a number of electives to be studied as part of the course requirement.

Prerequisites

Prerequisites are units or other requirements, which must be completed before a student is able to enrol in a particular unit.

Saiful Islam, Bangladesh

"A very noticeable quality at MIT is that the teachers and staff are very friendly and willing to help with your every need. This is very important, especially for learned is that if you do your part in MIT will do its part to support you."

Some common terms

Undergraduate study

An undergraduate course is a postsecondary course available at a higher education institution. Courses include Diplomas and Bachelor degrees.

Postgraduate study

Postgraduate course refers to courses beyond Bachelor Degrees. These include Graduate Diplomas and Master Degrees.

