INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS
• MIT supports one of the broadest intercollegiate athletic programs in the world. With 33 varsity sports, MIT provides the most
intercollegiate offerings among Division III institutions in America.
• MIT’s primary league affiliation lies with the New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) as a Division III
member of the NCAA, while the Engineers’ rowing programs compete at the Division I level.
• The NEWMAC is widely considered one of the top two Division III conferences in the New England region.
• Although crew is the only classified Division I program, cross country, fencing, rifle, sailing, squash, track and field, and water polo
regularly compete against Division I opponents.

ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE
• MIT finished 11th in the annual Learfield Director’s Cup standings in 2016-17. The Engineers have now finished in the top-11 in the
country eight straight years dating back to the 2009-2010 academic year.
• MIT athletes have authored 42 individual national championships and have won 22 team championships.
• Bouke Edskes ’20 was the national runner-up in the 100-yard butterfly and 200-yard butterfly at this year’s NCAA Division III
Swimming and Diving National Championship and the women’s Distance Medley Relay comprised of Marissa McPhillips ’20, Hannah
Chen ’18, Katie Bacher ’20 and Maryann Gong ’17 finished as the national runners-up at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field
Championship.
• Veronika Jedryka ’17 became the most decorated student-athlete in women’s swimming and diving history as she added seven All-
America honors to her total at this year’s NCAA Division III National Championship. Jedryka graduated with 25 All-America awards in
her four years at MIT, which put her ahead of Anna Kokensparger ’13, who totaled 24 from 2010-2013. Jedryka also led the women’s
swimming and diving team to fifth place at nationals in 2017, the best finish ever for the Engineers in program history.
• MIT student-athletes have earned at least 70 All-America honors every season since 2009 and totaled 88 accolades in 2016-17.
• The Engineers collected a league-best 10 NEWMAC Championships and leads the conference in overall titles won. MIT won the
NEWMAC Presidents Cup for both the men’s and women’s programs for the third time in the five year history of the award. The
Presidents Cup is an all-sports award given to the top overall men’s and women’s programs in the conference. MIT has won at least
one of the Cups each year that they have been present.
• In 2016-17, MIT was nationally-ranked in men’s basketball, men’s and women’s cross country, coed and women’s sailing, men’s
soccer, softball, squash, men’s and women’s swimming and diving, men’s and women’s tennis, men’s and women’s indoor track and
field, women’s outdoor track and field, men’s volleyball and water polo.
• A total of 14 teams represented MIT in NCAA championship events.
• Men’s tennis has reached the NCAA Regional Championships in 20 of the last 21 years and has won 19 consecutive NEWMAC titles.
• Men’s cross country and track and field have combined to win 44 of the last 46 league championships and are perennial contenders at
the NCAA Championships.
• 30 Graduates have participated in the Olympic Games, winning three Gold, three Silver, and four Bronze medals.
• MIT had two student-athletes drafted by Major League Baseball in 2017 as Austin Filiere ’17 was selected by the Chicago Cubs in the
eighth round and David Hesslink ’17 was picked by the Seattle Mariners in the 34th round. Filiere and Hesslink join Jason Szuminski
’00 (2000 – San Diego Padres; 27th round) and Alan Dopfel ’72 (1972 – California Angels) as the only Engineers to ever be drafted.
Szuminski was the first MIT graduate to play in one of America’s four major professional sports as a pitcher for the Padres in 2004.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
• MIT is the all-time Division III leader in producing Academic All-Americas (271). The Engineers rank second across all NCAA divisions
only behind the University of Nebraska (329).
• In 2016-17, MIT saw an Institute-record 21 individuals gain Academic All-America honors. Arinze Okeke ’17 (men’s track and field) and
Maryann Gong ’17 (women’s cross country/track and field) were named Academic All-America Athletes of the Year for their respective
programs. In addition, Gong was chosen as the overall Division III Academic All-America Athlete of the Year for the second straight
year becoming the first Division III student-athlete to ever repeat receiving the honor and just the second among all divisions.
• Margaret Guo ’16 (swimming and diving) became the first MIT student-athlete and fourth Division III student-athlete to be named the
NCAA Woman of the Year. The program honors the academic achievements, athletics excellence, community service and leadership of
graduating female college athletes from all three divisions. Guo was selected for this award from over 215,000 NCAA female
student-athletes, including a record 517 nominees for the 2016 award.
• The Engineers amassed 287 Academic All-Conference awards this past season. MIT produced the most award winners among all
members of the NEWMAC and the New England Football Conference.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
• Each physical education course at MIT teaches health and wellness concepts as well as specific skill instruction.
• Each quarter, MIT offers over 50 sections and more than 25 types of courses. Seasonal offerings include golf, sailing, and ice skating
while additional specialty courses are SCUBA and Outdoor Education (backpacking, kayaking, skiing, and snowboarding).
• As part of the General Institute Requirement, each student must earn eight points through physical education courses and complete
the swim requirement.
• The six-week schedule allows students to try two courses per term. Approximately 3,000 registrants participate each year.
• Being a member of a varsity team or the ROTC can count toward the fulfillment of the physical education requirement.
RECREATIONAL SPORTS

- DAPER records nearly 800,000 individual visits during the year and serves 14,000 annual members.
- Over 200 programs are offered throughout the year: aquatic and fitness training including group exercise classes, private and group instructional classes, American Red Cross safety training, and specialty events.
- MIT recreational sports collaborates with over 15 academic and administrative departments on campus to provide programming, leadership opportunities, and a learning laboratory environment for research.
- The recreational sports program is committed to improving the quality of life and building community on the MIT campus through the development of campus-wide collaborative programs such as Getfit@MIT, Wellness Week, Earth Day, Healthy Halloween, and other health and wellness events.

CLUB SPORTS

- MIT features one of the nation’s most expansive club programs with over 800 participants and more than 30 teams, a third of which are martial arts clubs. Club sports provide a great opportunity for students to try a new activity and connect with a group on campus.
- All club teams are led and organized by MIT students and are governed by the student-led Club Sports Council.
- There are two categories of clubs: instructional and competitive. Instructional clubs offer formal training under the supervision of professional instructors.
- Competitive clubs participate in regional and national-level tournaments with many ranking in the nation’s top 10.

INTRAMURALS

- MIT’s intramural sports program offers 20 sports each year, with divisions in each to accommodate various skill levels.
- Teams and leagues at MIT are student-led, and the most popular intramural sports are soccer, ice hockey, and basketball.
- Approximately 3,000 students, faculty, staff, alumni, and spouses participate in intramurals each year. About 30% of all undergraduate students participate in at least one intramural sport each year.

FACILITIES

- MIT’s athletic complex of 10 buildings and 26 acres of playing fields is one of the most expansive in New England.
- The Al ‘51 and Barrie Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center features a three-story natatorium, complete with an Olympic-size swimming pool, a separate six-lane, 25-yard instructional pool, a myriad of fitness rooms, six international squash courts, a multipurpose activity court, and the DAPER administrative offices.
- The 20 acres of outdoor fields include nine baseball and softball diamonds, 16 tennis courts and a track complex that was judged one of the nation’s finest track and field facilities upon opening in 2000.
- Henry G. Steinbrenner ‘27 Stadium was dedicated in 1978 by former New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner and his two sisters and was rededicated in 2009 after the addition of a new entryway. The gift was made in honor of their father, who won a national championship in track as an MIT undergraduate. Dedicated in October 2008, Bob and Eveline Roberts P ’10 Field is located within Steinbrenner Stadium and features a Field Turf artificial playing surface and lights.
- In 2016, newly constructed grandstands, which seat 1,100 spectators at Steinbrenner ‘27 Stadium were dedicated “In Appreciation of the Generosity from the Families and Alumni of Men’s and Women’s Soccer.” In addition a new pressbox was installed, the sound system was replaced and state of the art bathrooms were installed just inside the gates of Steinbrenner ‘27 Stadium.
- In 2017, DAPER renovated its track and field complex and was named the Sherie and Don (1961) Morrison Track. A member of MIT’s track and field team from 1958-61, Don ranks among the program’s all-time leaders in the long jump. The home of MIT’s track and field program, Morrison Track features a Beynon BSS 2000 surface and a Hobart finish as the Olympic caliber system features a force reduction layer of butyl rubber and full-depth color Polyurethane that is finished with a customized surface texture engineered to meet the intense demands of competition. All of the field competition areas were also fully resurfaced, along with upgrades of the wiring for the timing systems.
- Jack Barry Field, completely renovated in the summer of 2011, is one of the finest facilities of its kind in New England and is the home of the MIT field hockey and women’s lacrosse teams.
- The David Flett duPont Athletic Center is equipped with a pistol and rifle range, fencing room, wrestling room, squash courts, the Paul Rudovsky ’66 Indoor Golf Range, and additional instructional rooms for dance and martial arts. The basketball and volleyball teams practice and compete in Rockwell Cage.
- Alumni Pool and Wang Fitness Center, housed in the Stata Center on the East side of campus, features a 25-yard pool as well as a shallow water instructional pool, group exercise studio, and a fitness center.
- MIT’s athletic facilities extend to the water where the Engineers helped make the Charles River the birthplace of intercollegiate sailing and a historic site for intercollegiate crew. The banks of the Charles are home to the Walter C. Wood Sailing Pavilion, the oldest university sailing pavilion in the world, and the Harold W. Pierce Boathouse.
- In 2010, patrons voted the Zesiger Center “Boston’s Best Gym” through City Voter’s A-List.

MIT ATHLETIC BRAND

- MIT’s athletic teams are known as the Engineers. Developing its roots as a technology-based university, the term Engineers has been affectionately used to describe MIT’s athletic teams since the turn of the 20th century. The term “Tech” is even older and dates back to the 1880s when the Institute was simply known as Technology.
- Cardinal Red and Silver Gray were adopted as the official colors for MIT in 1876. Cardinal Red stood for 1000 years on land and sea in England’s emblem; it comprises half of the stripes on America’s flag; it has always stirred the heart and mind of man; and it stands for ‘red blood’ and all that ‘red blood’ stands for in life. Silver Gray was chosen to evoke the quiet virtues of modesty, persistency and gentleness.
- MIT’s official mascot is the beaver. Simply put, the beaver is nature’s engineer and was chosen as the official mascot for the Institute in 1914 because of its remarkable mechanical skills and habits of industry.
- Branded merchandise can be purchased at the main desk of the Zesiger Center and online at www.mitathletics.com.