Welcome to MIT!
The route outlined on this map will help you explore our campus.

Before You Start:
Understanding Our Building Numbers

- While many campus buildings are named, we often refer to them by their assigned numbers.
- When you see a number on an office door, the number before the hyphen is the building, the first number after the hyphen is the floor, and the last numbers are the room. For example: 1-390 is Building 1, Floor 3, Room 90.
- To help you navigate, this map uses letters to indicate key locations of interest.

Did you know?

- The small dome in Lobby 7 is a replica of the 115 ft (35 m) Great Dome atop Building 10, which overlooks Killian Court.

Did you know?

- The Institute supports one of the broadest intercollegiate athletic programs in the world, with 33 varsity sports (16 men's, 15 women's, and 2 coed). Its intramural program offers competition in 18 sports, with 4,000 students, faculty, staff, alumni, spouses, and partners participating.

Did you know?

- Outside the Student Center, you’ll find Alchemist, created by Jaume Plensa. Commissioned for the Institute’s 150th anniversary in 2011, the sculpture was given to MIT in honor of all the alumni who have helped support the Institute over the years.

Did you know?

- MIT has 500+ clubs and organizations, reflecting our community’s rich diversity of talents, interests, and cultures.
A Brief Overview of MIT

MIT was founded in 1861 but, due to the American Civil War, did not admit its first students until 1865.

William Barton Rogers, a distinguished natural scientist, established MIT to address the challenges posed by the rapid advances in science and technology.

MIT has five schools, one college, 30+ departments, and 60+ labs, centers, and programs that engage in interdisciplinary work.

The Institute offers free access to class lecture notes, exams, and videos through OpenCourseWare—and complete courses are available through MITx on edX.com.

Tim the Beaver became the Institute's mascot in 1914. Why? Because beavers are nature's engineers!

MIT's motto is mens et manus—"mind and hand."

MIT by the Numbers

Students

2019–20 enrollment: 11,520

Undergraduates: 4,530

Graduate students: 6,990

Faculty

Professions: 1,067 (all ranks)

Student-faculty ratio: 3:1 (undergraduates only)

More MIT facts: web.mit.edu/facts

Hacks at MIT

Hacks at MIT are creative campus pranks meant to display the technical skill of the hacker(s) or to commemorate popular culture and historical topics. A few hacks are on display on the Stata Center, a stop on this walking tour. Read more about hacks at MIT at hacks.mit.edu.

Helpful Information

If you’re lost, have questions, or need information about accessibility of campus facilities, please call or visit the Information Center (point “A” on this map), 617.253.4795, 9 am–5 pm, Monday–Friday.


Other Tours at MIT

MIT Undergraduate Admissions conducts information sessions, followed by student-led campus tours, for prospective students and families most weekdays (excluding holidays). Reservations are highly recommended. Visit mitadmissions.org/visit for more information.

The List Visual Arts Center offers an online map of the public art collection at MIT, listart.mit.edu/public-art-map, as well as a mobile phone app available tour. listart.oncell.com. The map and mobile app focus on 51 works of art and architecture located throughout the campus. The app includes commentary by artists, architects, scholars, and curators.

Hitchcock Field (Enter between Buildings 66 and 68, off Ames Street.) Surrounded by the Stata Center (Building 32), the Koch Biology Building (Building 68), and the Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research (Building 76), Hitchcock Field is one of MIT’s larger courtyards. This four-acre (16,187 m²) quadrangle and its network of promenades and sunny lawn serves as a popular event space and picnic area. It is named for MIT’s 10th president, Susan Hockfield, the first woman and first life scientist to lead the Institute.

Did you know? That big red, steel structure in the courtyard isn’t a climbing apparatus. It’s Aesop’s Fables, II, by sculptor Mark Di Suvero. It was commissioned as part of MIT’s Percent-for-Art program, which commissions art for each new major renovation or building project.

Koch Institute (Building 76). The Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research includes 40+ laboratories and 500+ researchers dedicated to advancing the fight against cancer. Enter to view the Koch’s public gallery on the first floor, which illustrates some of the innovative cancer research at MIT.

Did you know? If you exit the Koch Institute on Main Street and proceed to the Stata Center, you’ll see a large granite sculpture. This is The Sean Collier Memorial, honoring the MIT police officer who was killed on April 18, 2013, during the events surrounding the Boston Marathon bombing. The memorial, designed by J. Meejin Yoon, is a space of reflection for the MIT community.

Stata Center (Building 32). Designed by architect Frank Gehry, the Stata Center is home to the Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, the Laboratory for Information and Decision Systems, and the Department of Linguistics and Philosophy. The first-floor corridor is known as the Charles Vest Student Street, named in honor of MIT’s 13th president.

Did you know? That the Student Street in the Stata Center, you’ll see displays of MIT hacker culture including a real MIT Campus Police cruiser, complete with flashing lights, that was placed atop the Green Dome in 1994.

The MIT Museum (Building N51) is about a 12-minute walk from the Stata Center. The MIT Museum’s galleries, exhibitions, demonstrations, workshops, performances, conversations, and debates invite visitors to participate in the ongoing adventure of research and innovation. The MIT Museum is open 10 am–5 pm, daily, excluding major holidays.

Did you know? The MIT Museum draws nearly 150,000 visitors each year to programs and exhibitions that explore the foundations and frontiers of science and technology. Highlights include the world’s finest collection of holograms, robots and robotic devices, and the beloved kinetic sculptures of Arthur Ganson.

After visiting the MIT Museum, stop by the MIT Press Bookstore (301 Mass Ave.). You’ll find many books and journals published by the MIT Press, as well as a curated selection of other publishers’ books in related fields, including art and architecture, cognition, computer science, linguistics, and neuroscience.