MIT Architecture

Checklist for Thesis Submittal

- Thesis is due on the Institute due date as noted in the MIT Academic Calendar unless otherwise noted.
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- Submitting hard copies to the Department is REQUIRED; CRON will upload your final thesis in PDF form to DSpace. This ensures that the printed thesis and the online thesis are identical.

- Two copies thesis text [one copy only for BSA]
- Cardboard covers with typed labels, each text with a fastener clip
- One additional copy of abstract on 8 1/2" x 11" archival paper (for Department use)
- Paper stock meets Institute specifications
- Thesis title on cover, title pages, + abstract corresponds to official recorded title listed on the online Degree
- Online Degree Application, https://gradapply.mit.edu/architecture/apply/login/
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- Abstract (format verified)
- Point size (minimum per Institute Specifications is 11 pt. with 10 pt. for table text)
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