

MIT Department of Architecture Graduate Student Orientation Fall 2024

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| Pre-orientation Resources | | | GSC Orientation Canvas Page: https://canvas.mit.edu/courses/5332 | | | |
| | | | GSC Central Orientation Timeline: https://oge.mit.edu/grad-orientation/timeline-recordings-resources/ | | | |
| | | | Campus Food Map: https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/4/viewer?ll=42.36380712747882%2C-71.11578211756785&z=14&mid=1i0YNzPQzO2Zou13n9Zahvil1L7feLFA5 | | | |
| | | | EET Exam Info: https://cmsw.mit.edu/english-language-studies/#:~:text=English%20Evaluation%20Test%20(EET) | | Incoming international | |
| Sunday | 8/25 | noon - 2pm | Grad Welcome Lunch with President | | all incoming | |
| Monday | 8/26 | 8am | Bag Drop | Architecture Head Office 7-337 | | |
| | | 9am | Check-in & Welcome Session | Long Lounge 7-429 | all incoming | Start getting to know your classmates! |
| | | 9:30-10am | Head of Department Welcome | Long Lounge 7-429 | all incoming | |
| | | 10-11am | Introduction to Arch Student Services Staff & Understanding Your Degree Audit | Long Lounge 7-429 | all incoming | Understanding how to navigate campus, what course numbers mean, how to understand your degree requirements and academic audit. |
| | | 11:15am | Emergency Preparedness Overview | Long Lounge 7-429 | all incoming | |
| | | 11:30am-noon | Graduate Student Union | Long Lounge 7-429 | all incoming | |
| | | 12:00-1:30pm | Lunch break | Long Lounge 7-429 | all incoming | https://studentlife.mit.edu/dining/dining-locations |
| | | 1:30-2pm | Finances Overview | Long Lounge 7-429 | all incoming | Doug and Alan will provide a basic overview of finances and aid options in the department |
| | | 2-3:30pm | SA+P Facilities and Shop Safety Overview | Long Lounge 7-429 | all incoming (required) | Jim, Jen, and Chris will provide information about general shop safety and hazard communication. Sign up sheets for shop training posted after this talk. |
| Tuesday | 8/27 | 8:30am-noon | EET Exam | exam/writing task, in person - Rm 26-100 | all international | Part 1 Exam: 8:30am-10am Part 2 Writing Task: 11am-noon |
| | | 9am-noon | Central Programming: Choose your own adventure sessions | various | all incoming | |
| | | 11-12:15 | In-Shop Training Session - option 1 | 3-410 | all intending to use shops | Sign up for one of the three in-shop training sessions. The sign-up sheet will be posted outside Room 3-410 after the August 26th shop safety session. This in-shop training is mandatory for all incoming Architecture students, including ACT students. An additional shop-specific training for the Mars Lab, E14-151, will be coordinated by the ACT staff at another time to be announced. This additional training is mandatory for ACT students and recommended for other Course 4 students. |
| | | 1:30-2:45pm | In-Shop Training Session - option 2 | 3-410 | all intending to use shops | Sign up for one of the three in-shop training sessions. The sign-up sheet will be posted outside Room 3-410 after the August 26th shop safety session. This in-shop training is mandatory for all incoming Architecture students, including ACT students. An additional shop-specific training for the Mars Lab, E14-151, will be coordinated by the ACT staff at another time to be announced. This additional training is mandatory for ACT students and recommended for other Course 4 students. |
| | | 1:30-5pm | Central Programming: Choose your own adventure sessions | various | all incoming | |
| | | 2-4pm | ACT Tour and Overview | Lobby E15 | incoming ACT students | |
| | | 3-4:45pm | In-Shop Training Session - option 3 | 3-410 | all intending to use shops | Sign up for one of the three in-shop training sessions. The sign-up sheet will be posted outside Room 3-410 after the August 26th shop safety session. This in-shop training is mandatory for all incoming Architecture students, including ACT students. An additional shop-specific training for the Mars Lab, E14-151, will be coordinated by the ACT staff at another time to be announced. This additional training is mandatory for ACT students and recommended for other Course 4 students. |
| | | ARR afternoon | EET Exam: short interviews | in person | Incoming international | students schedule 10 min interviews |
| Wednesday | 8/28 | ARR morning | EET Exam interviews cont. | in person | Incoming international | students schedule 10 min interviews |
| | | 9-10am | MArch Program Session | in person - location E15-341 | incoming MArch | overview of MArch program |
| | | 10:30 - 11:30am | SMArchS Program Session | in person - location E15-341 | incoming MArch | overview of SMArchS programs |
| | | Noon - 1:30pm | Meet the Heads Social Lunch | Sailing Pavilion? | all incoming | Picnic lunch on the Sailing Pavilion |

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| | | 1-2pm | IDHR Responsible Employee - TA Training | TBA - online | ALL TAs | Attend in-person only if you still have questions that you want to get answered. If you're new to TAing, you MUST complete the mandatory online portion . This module helps you understand the Institute Discrimination & Harassment Response Office (IDHR), your obligations as a Responsible Employee, and what to do if you are to become aware of any situations involving discrimination or harassment. |
| | | 2-3pm | DEB Session & Upcoming Initiatives | Long Lounge 7-429 | all incoming | Discussion about DEB resources, initiatives, brief overview of various support resources on campus |
| | | 3pm | Student Group Introductions | Long Lounge 7-429 | all incoming | ASC, NOMAS, ArchRefs; SAP China, Shift-W |
| Thursday | 8/29 | 9am-12:15pm | Central Orientation: Essential resources | see central GSC schedule | all incoming | |
| | | 12:30-1:30 | Networking Lunch | see central GSC schedule | all incoming | |
| | | 5-7pm | International students reception | see central GSC schedule | incoming international students | |
| Friday | 8/30 | 10am-11am | Rotch Library and Visual Collections | 7-238 | all incoming | Kai Alexis Smith will provide a overview of Rotch Library & services. No RSVP necessary, with DUSP students. |
| | | 11:30am-12:30pm | STOA Computing Orientation | zoom | all incoming | The Systems and Technology Organization of Architecture (STOA) staff will provide an introduction to computing at MIT in the Department of Architecture. Topics will include best practices for computing at MIT, central IT resources, access to departmental technology resources, basic security practices, and remote access and collaboration tools. |
| | | 1-2pm | Certificate & Dual Degree Q&A Session | zoom | | MCP, MSRED, EECS, MEng invited |
| | | 2:30-4:30pm | Association of Student Activities (ASA) Midway | see central GSC schedule | all (optional) | a wide variety of activities and interests including cultural and religious groups. ASA is a joint committee of the MIT |
| Monday | 9/2 | | LABOR DAY - HOLIDAY | | | |
| Tuesday | 9/3 | | Registration Day | | | |
| | | | Advising One-on-One Meetings: Registration | arranged with your faculty advisor | all incoming | |
| | | 12-2pm | Grad Resource Fair | see central GSC schedule | all (optional) | |
| | | 12-1pm | SA+P Welcome Lunch | 6th Floor Media Lab (E15) | all incoming | Welcome lunch for all grad students in SA+P. Please RSVP for the lunch! |
| | | 2-4pm | Studio Previews | Long Lounge | All invited | Get a sneak peak at what's happening in Core 1, Core 3, Option Studio, and workshops for the term. Studio lottery for option studios opens at the end for those out of Core. |
| Wednesday | 9/4 | | First Day of Classes | | | |
| Thursday | 9/5 | | First Day of Studio | | | |
| Friday | 9/6 | 5pm | Registration Deadline - don't forget the final step! | | | |
| Saturday | 9/7 | 10am-noon | Families event | see central GSC schedule | | |