

MIT Department of Architecture Graduate Student Orientation Fall 2026						
Day	Date	Time	Title	Location	Students	Notes
Pre-orientation Resources	Orientation Canvas Page:	https://canvas.mit.edu/courses/5332				
	OGE Central Orientation Timeline:	https://oge.mit.edu/community-belonging/graduate-student-orientation/				
	OGE Grad Orientation Portal:	https://apply.mit.edu/portal/orientation-event-portal?tab=events				
	Required Trainings (complete prior to arrival):	https://oge.mit.edu/community-belonging/required-training/				
	Campus Food Map:	https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/4/viewer?ll=42.36380712747882%2C-71.11578211756785&z=14&mid=1i0YNzpQzO2Zou13n9ZahvjL1L7feLFA5				
	EET Exam Info:	https://cmsw.mit.edu/english-evaluation-test-eet/				
Monday	8/31	8am	Bag Drop			
		9am	Check-in & Welcome Session	Review Space: W41-2318	all incoming	Start getting to know your classmates!
		9:30-10am	Head of Department Welcome	Auditorium: W41-1216	all incoming	Welcome from the Dept Head
		10-11am	MArch Orientation	MArch Studio:	incoming MArch students	overview of MArch program and get to know each other
		10:00 - 11:30am	SMArchS Program Session	Classroom: W41-1101	incoming SMArchS	overview of SMArchS programs and get to know each other
		11/11:30-1pm	Lunch - TBD			
		1-2pm	Introduction to Arch Student Services Staff & Understanding Your Degree Audit	Review Space: W41-2318	all incoming	Understanding how to navigate campus, what course numbers mean, how to understand your degree requirements and academic audit.
		2-4pm	Emergency Preparedness Overview & SA+P Facilities and Shop Safety Overview	Auditorium: W41-1216	all incoming (required)	Jim Harrington, Director of Facilities will provide information about safety, security and emergency preparedness at the School of Architecture and Planning. Then, Jim, Jen, and Chris will provide information about general shop safety and hazard communication. Sign up sheets for shop training posted after this talk.
		4:30-5pm	Meet & Greet your Community Building and Student Engagement Team	Student Lounge: W41-5303	all incoming	discuss community resources, initiatives, brief overview of various support resources on campus
Tuesday	9/1	9am-noon	EET Exam	exam/writing task, in person - Rm 10-250	all international	Part 1 Exam Part 2 Writing Task *Bring the following to the test: a charged laptop with MIT-enabled wi-fi & web browser (Chrome works best), earbuds/earphones, and your MIT ID.
		10am -noon	In-Shop Training Session - option 1	W41-2418	all intending to use shops - best option for domestic students	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.
		noon - 2pm	ACT Welcome Lunch & Tour	Wiesner Classroom: E15-207	incoming ACT students	Meet ACT faculty & staff, see studio and office spaces; overview of facilities and program.
		1-2pm	IDHR Responsible Employee - TA Training	Zoom	ALL NEW TAs	just noting for scheduling purposes

		ARR afternoon	EET Exam: short interviews	in person	Incoming international	students schedule 10 min interviews
		12:-2:30pm	In-Shop Training Session - option 2	W41-2418	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 25th 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.
		3-5pm	In-Shop Training Session - option 3	W41-2418	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 25th 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.
Wednesday	9/2	ARR morning	EET Exam interviews cont.	in person	Incoming international	students schedule 10 min interviews
		ALL DAY	Central Programming: Choose your own adventure sessions	various	all incoming	Learn about the Institute's various resources and offices. A variety of offices are invited to participate and students will be able to register for various sessions based on their interests. Sessions will be held all throughout the day. Information will be posted to the Orientation portal (see link above).
Thursday	9/3	All Day	Required Orientation Sessions	see central GSC schedule	all incoming	
Friday	9/4	10 - 10:30am	Finances Overview	zoom	all incoming	Financial Aid Overview w/Doug & Jonasha
		10:30am- 11:30am	METIS Computing Orientation	zoom	all incoming	The MET Information Services (METIS) 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.
		12-1pm	Hobby Shop Tour	Hobby Shop - N51		Anyone interested in using the Hobby Shop (another FREE maker space on campus), please join one of the tours for a chance to get acquainted with the shop
		1-1:30pm	Dual Degree Q&A Session	zoom		All dual degrees
		1:30-2pm	UD Certificate & MCP Dual Degree Q&A Session - TBD	zoom		
		2-3pm	Hobby Shop Tour	Hobby Shop - N51		Anyone interested in using the Hobby Shop (another FREE maker space on campus), please join one of the tours for a chance to get acquainted with the shop
		4-5pm	Student Group Introductions	Student Lounge: W41-5303	all (optional)	ASC, NOMAS, ArchRefs, SAP China, Shift-W, Ben (GSU)
		5-7pm	Social Meet Up/Happy Hour	N51 Wood Shop	all (optional)	Hang out in the wood shop with the shop instructors & enjoy your first happy hour of the term!
Monday	9/7	LABOR DAY - HOLIDAY				
Tuesday	9/8	Registration Day				
			Advising One-on-One Meetings: Registration	arranged with your faculty advisor	all incoming	
				see central GSC		Learn about the many offices and programs available to support your MIT experience — and collect swag!

		1-3pm	Grad Resource Fair	schedule	all (optional)	
		2-4pm	Studio Previews		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	9/9	First Day of Classes				
Thursday	9/10	First Day of Studio				
Friday	9/11	5pm	Registration Deadline - don't forget the final step!			