

**Guide to the Collection of Massachusetts  
Institute of Technology Course and  
Program Brochures, 1884-1931  
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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Institute Archives and Special Collections
<b>Title</b>	Collection of Massachusetts Institute of Technology Course and Program Brochures
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1884-1931
<b>Extent</b>	0.3 cubic feet (1 manuscript box)
<b>Language</b>	English

## Historical note

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The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) was granted a charter by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on April 10, 1861. Classes started four years later in February 1865 and the Institute graduated its first students in 1868. Beginning in 1865 and continuing to the present, the Institute has published a formal course catalog.

Students admitted to MIT in its earliest years entered into a four-year program. The first two years they were required to take a set curriculum, but beginning the third year, they were to select one of six courses of study: Mechanical Engineering, Civil and Topographical Engineering, Practical Chemistry, Geology and Mining, Building and Architecture, or General Science and Literature. At the end of the fourth year, upon successful completion of the chosen course of study, students were awarded a corresponding degree. The curriculum underwent many changes in the beginning years of the Institute and information about curriculum options and requirements was disseminated to students and faculty in the form of pamphlets and leaflets, in addition to the formal course catalog.

During World War I, MIT undergraduates who were enrolled in the Student Army Training Corps were required to take the War Issues Course, a course in history and English under the direction of MIT English professor Frank Aydelotte.

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## Scope and Contents of the Collection

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This is an assembled collection of general brochures and program material related to courses and research programs at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. It does not include materials of specific departments such as those issued by the Departments of Architecture, Chemistry, Physics, or Electrical Engineering, as those are in separate collections.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Institute Archives and Special Collections

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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

*Massachusetts Institute of Technology Course Catalog, 1865 to present*

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Architecture curricula (AC 475)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Physics curricula (AC 74)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Biology and Public Health curricula (AC 89)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Humanities curricula (AC 82)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Mining and Metallurgy curricula (AC 72)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Chemistry curricula (AC 51)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Chemical Engineering curricula (AC 122)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Mining Engineering curricula (AC 214)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Civil Engineering curricula (AC 215)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Urban Studies and Planning curricula (AC 377)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics curricula (AC 401)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Ocean Engineering (AC 402)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Mechanical Engineering curricula (AC 434)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Nutrition and Food Science curricula (AC 441)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Biology curricula (AC 457)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Geology (AC 477)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Economics curricula (AC 478)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Mathematics curricula (AC 480)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Military Science curricula (AC 481)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Metallurgy curricula (AC 534)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of General Studies curricula (AC 485)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science curricula (AC 484)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Linguistics and Philosophy curricula (AC 483)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Sloan School of Management curricula (AC 482)

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Subject(s)

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology--Curricula.

## Collection Inventory

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Condensed Information with Reference to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology 1884	1
Choice of Courses 1892	1
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Information sheet about grades 1893	1
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Educating Scientists and Engineers for Greater Public Service, an announcement by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology of a new five-year course (before June 1935)	1
Announcement of summer courses 1895	1
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Announcement of summer courses 1897	1
Alternative Studies 1896	1
Requirements for the Degree of Master of Science 1896	1
Opportunities for College Graduates 1896	1
Graduate School of Engineering Research Programme	1
Circular of the School for Health Officers, volume I, number 1, Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology September 1913	1
Catalogue of the School of Public Health, volume VII, number 1, Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology June 1921	1

War Issues Course: syllabus of introductory lectures 1918	1
General Engineering, Course IX-B 1924	1
Special Course on Textile Research for Textile Executives, Research Directors and Others 1929, 1931	1