THE MINOR REQUIREMENT

Each student in the EECS doctoral program must complete a minor program, approved by the student’s Area Chair, consisting of two subjects, at least one of which is an advanced graduate subject. The intent of the minor is to provide a broadening experience, and therefore the minor program field must not be directly related to a student’s research. In fact, the subject matter may fall well outside of Electrical Engineering or Computer Science.

The subjects in the minor program should constitute a coherent study within a single discipline. One of the subjects may be introductory or undergraduate. At least one of the subjects must involve study at an advanced level (a graduate subject). Please note that the following subjects are normally not acceptable for a minor program, although special cases may be approved by departmental petition.

- subjects graded Pass/Fail,
- subjects transferred from another institution,
- subjects taken before entry into the EECS graduate program,
- subjects used to satisfy the TQE requirements, and
- language acquisition subjects (see below).

The committee will consider language acquisition as a minor on a case-by-case basis if the student has had a minimum of three terms of study in the language while a graduate student at MIT. Please note that a petition must be submitted to the Committee on Graduate Students for approval of language minors. Subjects taken at Harvard under cross-registration are acceptable.

The minor program will be completed when

- it has been approved by the student’s Area Chair (or the EECS Graduate Officer)
- the minor subjects appear on the MIT transcript with grades of A or B

To propose a minor, please use the following websites:

Area I (EE)
http://www.eecs.mit.edu/EEgradrequirements

Area II (CS)
http://area2.eecs.mit.edu