



MINOR REQUIREMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Each student in the EECS doctoral program must complete a minor program, approved by the Committee on Graduate Students, consisting of two subjects. The intent of the minor program 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 and Computer Science.

The two subjects in the minor program should constitute a coherent study within a single discipline and should be at least 18 units. 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).

Students must submit their minor proposal, including the two proposed subjects, through the PhD Status Portal and receive approval from the Committee on Graduate Students *before* enrolling in the minor subjects; subjects taken without prior approval may not be counted toward the minor requirement.

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 doctoral program
- Subjects used to satisfy the TQE requirements
- Language acquisition subjects (see note below)

Note: 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 requirement is fulfilled when:

- The subjects are approved by the Committee on Graduate Students
- The minor subjects appear on the MIT transcript with grades of A or B

To propose a minor plan, please use the PhD Status Portal:

https://eecs.mit.edu/phd_status.cgi