



# 2011-12 Quick Facts

## INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

- MIT supports one of the broadest intercollegiate athletic programs in the world. With 33 varsity sports, MIT provides the most intercollegiate offerings among Division III institutions in America.
- MIT's primary league affiliation lies with the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) as a Division III member of the NCAA, while the Engineers' rowing programs compete at the Division I level.
- The NEWMAC is widely considered one of the top two Division III conferences in the region.
- Although crew is the only classified Division I program, cross country, fencing, rifle, sailing, squash, track and field, men's volleyball, and water polo all compete against Division I opponents.

## ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE

- MIT is rated No. 4 in the 2010 National Collegiate Scouting Association (NCSA) College Power Rankings, which ranks the best schools in America based on athletic performance, U.S. News and World Report rankings, and student-athlete graduation rate.
- MIT finished 11th in the annual Learfield Director's Cup standings for the second year in a row, matching the best ranking in Institute history.
- MIT is the all-time Division III leader in producing Academic All-Americans (175). The Engineers rank third across all NCAA Divisions behind the University of Nebraska and the University of Notre Dame.
- MIT has won 22 team national championships and authored 34 individual national champions in its history.
- In the past 10 years, the Engineers have received 398 All-America honors and sponsored individual national champions in pistol, gymnastics, track and field, swimming and diving, men's tennis, skiing, and women's fencing.
- MIT student-athletes have earned at least 20 All-America honors every season since 2001 and have combined for 162 national accolades in the last two years.
- The Engineers collected a league-record eight NEWMAC Championships for the second consecutive season and lead the conference in overall titles won.
- 23 Graduates have participated in the Olympic Games, winning two Gold and two Silver medals.
- MIT has had two players drafted by Major League Baseball, while Jason Szuminski '00 became the first MIT graduate to play in one of America's four major professional sports as a pitcher for the San Diego Padres in 2004.

## TOP INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAMS

- In 2010-11, MIT was nationally ranked in baseball, men's basketball, men's heavyweight crew, men's lightweight crew, women's lightweight crew, men's and women's cross country, co-ed sailing, men's and women's swimming and diving, men's and women's tennis, men's indoor track and field, women's indoor and outdoor track and field, men's volleyball, and water polo.
- A total of 13 teams represented MIT in NCAA championship events. In addition, 53 individuals qualified for postseason competition.
- The men's tennis team has reached the NCAA Regional Championships in 14 of the last 15 years and has won 13 consecutive NEWMAC titles.
- The men's cross country and track and field teams have combined to win 32 of the last 34 league championships and are perennial contenders at the NCAA Championships.
- This past season, the women's cross country and indoor track and field team placed third at the NCAA Championships while the outdoor squad finished fourth at the national meet. As a result, MIT was honored as the Deb Vercauteren Program of the Year by the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA). The award is given to an institution with the best combined team finishes in each of the NCAA's three championships during an academic year.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Each physical education course at MIT teaches health and wellness concepts as well as specific skill instruction.
- Each quarter, MIT offers over 50 sections and more than 25 types of courses. Seasonal offerings include golf, sailing, and ice skating while additional specialty courses are SCUBA and Outdoor Education (backpacking, kayaking, skiing, and snowboarding).
- As part of the General Institute Requirement, each student must earn eight points through physical education courses and complete the swim requirement.
- The six-week schedule allows students to try two courses per term. Approximately 3,000 registrants participate each year.
- Being a member of a varsity team or the ROTC can count toward the fulfillment of the physical education requirement.

## RECREATIONAL SPORTS

- DAPER records nearly 700,000 individual visits during the year and serves 14,000 annual members.
- Over 200 programs are offered throughout the year: aquatic and fitness training including group exercise classes, private and group instructional classes, American Red Cross safety training, and specialty events.
- MIT recreational sports collaborates with over 15 academic and administrative departments on campus to provide programming, leadership opportunities, and a learning laboratory environment for research.
- The recreational sports program is committed to improving the quality of life and building community on the MIT campus through the development of campus-wide collaborative programs such as Getfit@MIT, Wellness Week, Earth Day, Healthy Halloween, and other health and wellness events.

## CLUB SPORTS

- MIT features one of the nation's most expansive club programs with over 800 participants and 30 teams, a third of which are martial arts clubs.
- All club teams are led and organized by MIT students and are governed by the student-led Club Sports Council.
- There are two categories of clubs: instructional and competitive. Instructional clubs offer formal training under the supervision of professional instructors.
- Competitive clubs compete in regional and national-level tournaments with many ranking in the nation's top 10. This past year, the competitive clubs of sport taekwondo and cycling both captured national championships. American Jiu-Jitsu has been one of the strongest and most successful instructional club sports.

## INTRAMURALS

- MIT's intramural program offers competition in 18 sports with participation of 4,000 students (undergraduate and graduate), faculty, staff, alumni, and spouses.
- Teams and leagues at MIT are student led, while nearly 75% of all undergraduates and graduates compete in intramurals.

## FACILITIES

- The MIT athletic complex of 10 buildings and 26 acres of playing fields is one of the most expansive in New England.
- The Al '51 and Barrie Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center features a three-story natatorium, complete with an Olympic size swimming pool, a separate six-lane, 25-yard instructional pool, a myriad of fitness rooms, six international squash courts, a multipurpose activity court, and the DAPER administrative offices.
- The 20 acres of outdoor fields include nine baseball and softball diamonds, 16 tennis courts and a track complex that was judged one of the nation's finest track and field facilities upon opening in 2000.
- Henry G. Steinbrenner '27 Stadium was dedicated in 1978 by former New York Yankees' owner George Steinbrenner and his two sisters and was rededicated in 2009 after the addition of a new entryway. The gift was made in honor of their father, who won a national championship in track as an MIT undergraduate. Dedicated in October 2008, Bob and Eveline Roberts P'10 Field is located within Steinbrenner Stadium and features a Field Turf artificial playing surface and lights. Roberts Field serves as the home for MIT's football, lacrosse, and soccer teams.
- The David Flett duPont Athletic Center is equipped with a pistol and rifle range; fencing room; wrestling room; squash courts, the Paul Rudovsky '66 Indoor Golf Range; and additional instructional rooms for dance and martial arts. The basketball and volleyball teams practice and compete in Rockwell Cage.
- Alumni Pool and Wang Fitness Center, housed in the Stata Center on the East side of campus, features a 25-yard pool as well as a shallow water instructional pool, group exercise studio, and fitness center.
- MIT's athletic facilities extend to the water where the Engineers helped make the Charles River the birthplace of intercollegiate sailing and a historic site for intercollegiate crew.
- In 2010, patrons voted the Zesiger Center "Boston's Best Gym" through City Voter's A-List.

## MIT ATHLETIC BRAND

- MIT's athletic teams are known as the Engineers. Developing its roots as a Technology-based university, the term Engineers has been affectionately used to describe MIT's athletic teams since the turn of the 20th century. The term "Tech" is even older and dates back to the 1880s when the Institute was simply known as Technology.
- Cardinal Red and Silver Gray were adopted as the official colors for MIT in 1876. Cardinal Red stood for 1000 years on land and sea in England's emblem; it comprises half of the stripes on America's flag; it has always stirred the heart and mind of man; and it stands for 'red blood' and all that 'red blood' stands for in life. Silver Gray was chosen to evoke the quiet virtues of modesty, persistency and gentleness.
- MIT's official mascot is the beaver. Simply put, the beaver is nature's engineer and was chosen as the official mascot for the Institute in 1914 because of its remarkable mechanical skills and habits of industry.
- Branded merchandise can be purchased at the main desk of the Zesiger Center and online at [www.mitathletics.com](http://www.mitathletics.com).

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