

## Two Degrees vs. Double Majors: How Do They Compare?

There are many similarities between MIT's program for two Bachelor's degrees and the new double major.

- Both options require a 4.0 GPA or higher to apply. However, the Committee on Curricula will consider lower GPAs under extraordinary circumstances.
- Students may combine any programs, subject to approval by both departments.
- Students are audited for completion of General Institute Requirements only on the primary major.
- Students may pursue up to two minors, but the minors may not be in the area of either major. In addition, minors are not allowed in either field of composite degrees, which combine two different fields, such as the SB in Mathematics with Computer Science, the SB in Humanities and Science, and the SB in Humanities and Engineering.
- Students are assigned advisors in both programs.
- Students are expected to complete their program of study in four or five years.

However, there are also key differences between the two programs, as summarized in the chart below.

	Two Degrees	Double Major
Who is eligible...	Students who entered MIT during the 2007-08 academic or earlier.	Students who will graduate in June 2010 or later.
When eligibility begins...	After completion of two terms of work in a department with a declared major, typically after the sophomore year.	After three terms at MIT, including at least one term in a department with a declared major — typically half-way through a student's second year. Transfer students must complete at least two terms at MIT, including at least one term in a department with a declared major.
Required units...	Minimum of 270 units beyond the GIRs.	180-198 units beyond the GIRs, depending on the requirements of the primary major, plus whatever additional units may be required to complete the second major.
Deadline for applying...	The Add Date of the term prior to the term in which the student intends to receive the <i>first</i> degree.	The Add Date of the student's penultimate term.
Awarding of degree(s)...	Students may complete degrees at the same time or at different times. If awarded on different dates, students are expected to maintain continuous enrollment in pursuit of the second degree.	One degree is awarded upon completion of both majors.