Welcome to Edgerton House!

This guide was created to help you find your way around the basics of MIT life and living in the Boston/Cambridge area, as well as introducing you to all the facilities Edgerton offers in house. Included are a dining guide, a shopping guide, an overview of athletics to be found around MIT, and an introduction to entertainment in the area. Although I think this is the best guide you will receive (in my only slightly biased opinion), this is meant to augment - not replace - the other guides, so please see the information in the GSC welcome package, as well as any academic information you were given by your department for additional information.

Edgerton has several orientation events, including the campus-wide Luau on August 31st (always a big hit), a Salsa night, and an Italian dinner in Boston! Also, MIT has a terrific graduate orientation program, and I highly recommend that you take advantage of the numerous social and informational events during your first few weeks. In addition to campus-wide events put on by the GSC, many academic departments have their own orientation events (after all, you'll be spending a ton of time over the next few years with the people in your department).

The information in this guide represents a compilation of several years of experience of many different people. Although this guide has been revised multiple times, it doesn't mean there aren't errors (in fact, there are probably a few ☹️). If you have questions regarding anything, please feel free to contact me, the house manager or the graduate coordinator - contact info is on the next page. I really hope that this guide will help you find your way around MIT. All of us at Edgerton hope that living here will be a pleasant and rewarding experience for you.

Once again ... Welcome to Edgerton!

Cheers,

Vivek Inder Sharma
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I'm Here . . . Now What???
Brought to you by your friendly “we've been there before” Edgerton residents and friends.

Upon arrival:
1) Check-in at the Front Desk (143 Albany Street). Sign any required documents and get the key to your room. (Either you've already done this or you broke into your room and stole this guide.)

2) Secure a blanket, a pillow, and a lamp for your first night. Stores are usually open from 9am to 7pm. If you arrive later than stores are open and have nothing to sleep on, contact the first year representative.

3) Call your loved ones to let them know that you arrived safely. Get a good night’s sleep!

The next day(s):
1) Eat! Clean! Settle In
You will probably want to unpack and buy some food. You can request a vacuum cleaner from the front desk. The nearby StarMarket has everything to appease your hunger and thirst. To get to Star, make a left out of Edgerton's front door, then make your first left onto Cross St.. A quick right then left at the end of Cross will put you on Green St., where Star is half a block down on the left. Be sure to sign up for a free “Rewards” card for member discounts.

2) International Students – Sign up for Immigration Session
If you are an International student, proceed immediately to the International Students Office [ISO] in room 5-133 to sign up for an immigration session. You MUST do this to get clearance from the ISO. Without this clearance, you cannot get an ID card or register for courses.

3) Obtain an Athena (MIT Computing) Account
If you haven't received a letter with your initial password, go to the MIT Student Services Center in room 11-120 to get your initial password for your Athena account. Your Athena account allows you to use the computing facilities, get an e-mail address, and access your file-storage space. After you're given the password, proceed to any computer cluster, such as the one next to the Student Services Center or the one Edgerton's small lounge, and follow the instructions to register. Your MIT account will be activated within 24 hours.

4) Get a MIT ID Card
Your temporary MIT student ID card will be available at the MIT Card Office in the basement of the Stratton Student Center (W20-021). After you get your picture taken during Orientation Week, your permanent ID card will be made and sent out to you in a few weeks. If you lose your card, please notify the card office immediately. MIT ID cards are required for access to Edgerton and for checking out movies and other building equipment. Once you have an MIT ID you can add to it a semestery Meal Plan (http://web.mit.edu/dining/mealplans/index.html) or TechCash in desired increments at any time (http://web.mit.edu/mitcard/techcash.html). This is a very convenient way to make purchases at all MIT dining locations, and various stores in the MIT community, as well as to do laundry in Edgerton. You can suspend the card balance in case it is lost or stolen.

5) Open a bank account.
The most renowned banks here are Bank of America (formerly Fleet Bank), Citizens Bank, The Cambridge Trust Company and the MIT Federal Credit Union, but you can use any other bank that suits your needs. Many banks participate in the fairs happening throughout orientation week - see the "Banking" section for more information.

6) Get a Phone Plan or Card
Campus phone calls are free from your room, but you cannot make any outgoing calls. See the “Phone” section under “Edgerton Services” in this guide.
Important Phone Numbers

Quick Phone Dialing Reference: You can dial 5-digit extensions (listed below as x then the number) as is from any campus phone. All off-campus numbers below are area code 617, unless otherwise noted. See Page 5 for more information on how MIT’s phone system works.

Emergency
Emergency (from within Edgerton or any on-campus phone) 1 0 0
Emergency (from off-campus phone) 9 1 1
MIT Medical – 24-Hour Urgent Medical & Mental Health Care x 3 - 1 3 1 1
MIT Campus Police (response time usually 2 minutes) x 3 - 1 2 1 2
Dean on Call (5pm-9am, call police and ask for Dean on Call) x 3 - 1 2 1 2

Urgent Maintenance Problems
Trudy Morris (House Manager) x 3 - 0 5 5 3
MIT Housing Repair Facilities x 3 - 1 5 0 0
F-I-X-I-T (x3-4948)

Lockouts
If you are locked out of your room between 8AM and midnight, Mon-Fri., or between 9AM and midnight on Sat. or Sun., notify the front desk (x3-4933). The desk staff will provide you with a key to open your room. The key must be returned within one hour, otherwise you may be charged up to $50. Any other time, call facilities at x3-1500.

Important MIT Phone Numbers
MIT Medical
Mental Health Service (counseling, evaluation, treatment, crisis intervention and referral) x3-2916
Patient Billing (students) x3-4303
Dean's Office
Counseling and Support Services (primarily academics-related) x3-4861
Student Life Programs (support and living arrangements) x3-6777
Academic Resource Center (time management seminars, advice, and referral) x3-6771
Office of Minority Education (advice and referral) x3-5010
Student-to-Student
Nightline (peer listening hotline, staffed 7pm to 7am during school semesters) x3-8800
Mediation@mit (service to resolve disputes between students) x3-8720
Other
Evening Housing Manager (reached through facilities) x3-1500
Graduate coordinator (almost emergency) 1-617-429-2319
Student Support Services (S3), x3-4861

Important non-MIT Phone Numbers
AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts (HIV testing and prevention info) 1-617-437-6200
Alcoholics Anonymous 1-617-426-9444
Boston Area Rape Crisis Center 1-617-492-RAPE
Gay and Lesbian Helpline 1-617-267-9001
Samaritans Suicide Prevention 1-617-247-0220
Massachusetts Coalition of Battered Women Service Groups 1-617-557-1823
Massachusetts Eating Disorders Association 1-617-558-1881
(contunued on next page)
General Edgerton Information

Edgerton Address
Please do not include MIT in your address since it will delay the delivery of your mail. Don't forget to include "USA" at the end of the address for international parcels. Edgerton’s mailing address is:

143 Albany Street, Apt # (Your apt number)
Cambridge, MA 02139

House Manager
The House Manager for Edgerton House is Trudy Morris. If you have any questions about general house operations, you can call her at 253-4954 or drop by her office (behind the front desk) between 8am and 4:30pm, Monday - Friday. You can also contact her via email at rainbow@mit.edu.

Front Desk Hours and Services
The front desk of Edgerton House is staffed from 8am until 12am, every day of the week. During this time, either a staff member or a student monitors the entrance to the house and receive packages. With a valid ID, you can borrow vacuum cleaners, the iron and ironing board, moving dollies, pool/ping-pong/foosball equipment, movies, hammocks, pick up parcels, etc. Stephanie Kaplan (eha-desk-captain@mit.edu), the Edgerton House Desk Captain, is a student employed by the Residence Life Office to oversee front desk operations.

Reservation for either of the two lounges, the music room, and the barbecue pit can be made at the front desk between 8am and 4pm, Monday – Friday. Note these reservations can also be made or on your Edgerton webpage account (http://eh.mit.edu); for more information, read the Reservations Policy on page 9.

Repairs
For non-urgent repair requests, you can fill out a repair request form online at http://web.mit.edu/facilities/www/housing. Edgerton House has an outstanding maintenance team. Our maintenance mechanic, Don McCusker, will respond before the end of the next workday. Residents with urgent maintenance problems should contact the House Manager, or contact MIT Housing Repair Facilities on evenings and weekends (phone numbers listed on previous page).

Housemasters
The Housemasters David & Pamela Mindell are live-in faculty who reinforce the Institute's educational mission. The Housemaster serves as an advocate for graduate student concerns and works to improve communication between the house teams, SLP, and a variety of resource offices on campus. The Housemasters also provide direct support, cultural integration of international students and their families, and can provide counseling support (crisis management). They also run entertainment and
social events, and help out with the student government. You can contact via email at mindell@mit.edu.

Safety

Emergencies and Fire Safety
If you smell smoke or suspect a fire, contact Campus Police immediately (dial 100 or x3-1212). If evacuation is necessary, follow the evacuation procedures outlined on the back of your apartment door.

It is MIT policy and Massachusetts state law that all residents immediately evacuate the building upon the sounding of a fire alarm. Do not use elevators.

Safety is everyone’s responsibility. Learn to recognize the fire alarm signal and become familiar with the exit door closest to your room, as well as with an alternate exit. Leave the building as soon as you hear the alarm, and help the residents with hearing, mobility and visual impairments. Go to NW30, 224 Albany Street and wait for the Campus Police to authorize reentry into Edgerton House. Report any issues (e.g. medical, lack of alarms) to your House Manager or Graduate Coordinator.

Personal Safety
Since Edgerton House is on the outskirts of campus, security is vitally important. House Access is restricted to residents and their guests. If you have guests that routinely visit, put their names (up to five) either on your Edgerton webpage account (http://eh.mit.edu/) or at the front desk. You should escort all other visitors into the house. You can elect to sign up to have your phone number added to the phone system in the entryway so guests can call you when they arrive.

Though the area around MIT is reasonably safe, it is recommended that students not walk alone during the night and very early in the morning. A very viable option is to take the SafeRide or Tech Shuttle, for more information see page 21. You can also call the MIT Police, at x3-1212 or 100, and request to be escorted to your destination. If you find yourself walking alone at those hours, be aware of your environment. If you see anything suspicious or feel threatened, use one of the blue emergency phones with direct connection to MIT Police. There are blue emergency phones all along Albany Street. The Warehouse graduate dorm is also located on this street at 224 Albany St.

MIT police are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They are located at the corner of Mass. Ave. and Vassar St. in W31-215. The MIT Police want to help; they are friendly and experienced. PLEASE do not be afraid to contact them. Besides emergency help, they run pancake breakfasts, bike auctions, laptop registration, toys for tickets (pay your MIT parking tickets by donating holiday children’s gifts!), and IAP auto safety. For general information, call 1-617-253-2996.

Sexual assault can occur to both men and women. Report incidents 24 hours a day to the MIT police, x3-1212. You may ask for either a female or male officer. By law, your name must and will remain
Edgerton Services

Recycling
Recycling is a policy at MIT, and recycling of paper, glass and metal is mandatory for residential buildings in Cambridge. There are two trash rooms and one recycling room in Edgerton, all located in the main building. The two trash rooms are #230 and #330. The recycling room is located on the first floor, exactly below the trash chutes, room #132.

You should go to the trash rooms to dispose trash in the chute (only in tied plastic bags) and to recycle cardboard (device boxes, cereal and drink boxes, etc.). White and colored paper goes to room #230. For all other categories of recyclable items you should go to the recycling room. Please, never put trash in the recycling room.

Recyclables include: white and colored glass (remove paper labels, no mirrors or drinking glasses), plastics labeled 1-7 including plastic shopping bags, tin/steel (remove labels), aluminum (i.e. soda cans), paper bags, newspaper, directories, white and colored paper and cardboard. All containers, bottles, tins have to be rinsed before entering the recycling room. Any food residue results in unpleasant odors and pest problems. Please be considerate of your fellow residents living in the area, and spare them the misfortune of stinky hallways. Thank you for helping the environment!

Phone
Campus phone calls are free from your room, but you cannot make any outgoing calls. You have the option to upgrade the room phone to full phone service, which includes unlimited local calls and 800#, access to long distance services, as well
as voice mail. The price is $17 per month, with a $25 activation charge. Students who sign up for full phone service have the option of adding long-distance and international service. There is no additional charge to activate this service; subscribers will be charged per call. If you would like to set up your phone service, see http://web.mit.edu/ist/tel/students.html for further information.

A second option is to obtain a cell phone. MIT has chosen Sprint Nextel and Verizon Wireless as preferred cell phone vendors, (and therefore you can receive a discount on these services). See http://web.mit.edu/ist/tel/services/telecommunications/cellphones.html for further information.

Dialing an On-Campus Number:
• On campus, phone numbers start with 225, 258, 253 or 452. Dial the 5-digit extension of an On-Campus number (the last 5 digits of the number) to reach your desired phone.
• For an emergency, dial 100 to reach the MIT Campus Police.

TV
If you don’t have your own TV, you can share the giant widescreen TV with a satellite connection in the large lounge. If you do have your own TV, you’ll be happy to know that all apartments in Edgerton have cable jacks. Just plug into the jack in your room and you get the major networks (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, UPN, WB), two or three public broadcasting channels, a few international channels, and several other cable channels. The exact channel line up can vary as MIT Cable adds more channels occasionally. For more information on MIT Cable, including channel listings, see: http://web.mit.edu/mitcable/www/. If you would like to have TV in your bedroom, you may have to purchase a splitter & cable in order to run a line from your living room to your bedroom.
Laundry
Laundry facilities are conveniently available in Edgerton House. You can pay with quarters or charge it to your MIT Card (if you have a Meal Plan Account or TechCash). For more information on how to establish a TechCash account, see [http://web.mit.edu/mitcard/techcash.html](http://web.mit.edu/mitcard/techcash.html). For service, call (617) 868-3567 or contact the Resources Officer (eha-resources@mit.edu).

Dry Cleaning / Tailoring
The Front Desk also works in conjunction with Alpha Dry Cleaning Service (located in the basement of the Student Center) to provide you with free pickup and delivery of dry cleaned/tailored items. You can drop clothing off with the Alpha Dry Cleaning Service representative on Wednesday nights in the lobby. The dry cleaned/tailored items will be returned to Edgerton by the promised date. On that day (or after), bring your ID to the Front Desk, and they will open the clothing cabinet for you so you can retrieve your belongings. Be prepared to prepay for all dry cleaning/tailoring services.

Kitchens
The common kitchens have a stove, full-size refrigerator and freezer, and dishwasher. Keeping the common kitchens clean is the responsibility of everyone who uses them — the janitors are not in charge of cleaning the kitchens. So please be considerate and wipe up anything you spill on the counters, floor, stoves, etc, and don’t leave food in the sinks.

Front Desk Check Outs
Movies (DVD and VHS), board games, selected sports equipment, moving trollies, and cleaning equipment can be checked out at the front desk. A link to a list of Edgerton’s movie collection, including whether the movie is currently checked out or not, can be found on Edgerton’s web site: [http://eh.mit.edu](http://eh.mit.edu). A list of the sports equipment available to Edgerton residents can be found on pg. 17. Key to the soundproof music room, with a grand piano and a drum kit, on the 4th floor may also be checked out before 11pm.

Storage
Edgerton offers limited storage space to its residents. To located your assigned bin, consult the table below. Combination locks to the bins can be obtained from the front desk. Personal locks are not permitted and may be removed by MIT staff. All residents must remove items from their storage bins at the time they depart Edgerton.

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Edgerton House Webpage & Online Web Account

The Edgerton House website (http://eh.mit.edu/) is a work in progress, but arguably the best and most-updated Edgerton resource. From this website, you can see notices on upcoming events, check information about the house government & policies, find House Floor plans, read a list of videos & DVDs in our library, obtain contact information of another Edgerton resident, request repairs, and more!

Every Edgerton resident has (or will have shortly) an online web account at http://eh.mit.edu/. You can use this account to reserve the common areas or items, update your guest list, keep track of seniority points for the Edgerton Transfer Lottery (see “Housing” section in this guide), and whatever else our programmers decide.

Computing at MIT

Campus Computing - Athena

MIT is a very computer-happy school (never would have guessed, right?), so you will need an Athena account. Just go to any Athena cluster, sit at an empty terminal, and click on the “Register for an Account” button. (An Athena cluster is any room where there are a bunch of workstations set up for you to log onto Athena). There is an Athena station set up right here in Edgerton, on the 1st floor in the small lounge area. There is a large Athena cluster on the 5th floor of the Student Center (W20-575). Other Athena clusters around campus can be found at (<building>-<room>): 1-142, 2-032, 2-225, 4-035, 4-167, 7A-100/200, 10-500, 10-600, 12-182, 14S-0330, 33-202, 37-318, 37-332, 38-370, 56-129, 66-080, E51-075, W20-575. To see what types of stations are available at each of these locations, visit http://web.mit.edu/olh/Clusters/.

To register for an Athena account, you will need your MIT ID number and your Kerberos/Athena Account Coupon (a piece of paper containing personalized keywords, usually either handed out or mailed to you by your department). Once you have entered all this information, it’s straightforward from there. Your account will be activated in about a day, and then you are free to use the computing facilities, including e-mailing old friends and using the Web to check out the sites listed in this guide. For online Athena help see: http://web.mit.edu/olh/index.html.

Handy Hint: Once you create your Athena username, it cannot be changed. So if you were planning on using a “fun” name for a while (i.e. “slacker04”) and then changing it when you want to be serious and find a job, rethink the idea. You will be stuck with this username for several years, so decide on something you will want to keep. You can always get an alumni alias at http://alum.mit.edu.

Dormitory Ethernet and Wireless Connections

If you have a computer, you can get an Ethernet connection to the Internet from your room in Edgerton. The Ethernet jacks for the internet are larger than the phone jacks. Still can’t tell which jack is for the Internet? A good way to check is to plug your phone cable into both jacks; the one without the tone must be the Internet jack. A large part of the MIT campus, including most of Edgerton, also has wireless connections. For detailed instructions for getting on the network, visit Residential Networking (http://web.mit.edu/rescomp/www/dorm.shtml). Or if you need help, go to the MIT RCC (http://rcc.mit.edu) - an Athena account is needed to log in. The first one is for submitting installation or help requests.

Either you will need to have figured out how to do a basic set up of your computer or you will have visited an Athena station in order to have visited the above links. If you have problems even getting to that point, you can contact the MIT Computing Help Desk (http://web.mit.edu/helpdesk) at x3-1101 for Mac, x3-1102 for Windows or go see an actual live person in Building N42 on weekdays from 8am to 6pm.
Edgerton House Association

The Edgerton House Association is the student government in the building. Its purpose is to promote social interaction and to improve the quality of life in the building. The Edgerton House Association sponsors a variety of social activities. Our bi-weekly study break is usually on Wednesday at 8pm in the large lounge, but keep your eyes out for flyers with information on special weekly study breaks. It is a chance to relax, eat some free food, and meet other residents. In addition to the study break, the House Association Officers schedule parties, barbecues, and trips. Emails are sent and flyers are posted in the front lobby and around the house to announce these all-inclusive events. If you have suggestions for these bi-weekly events, please contact the Vice President (eha-vice-pres@mit.edu).

Please feel free to email any questions, concerns or comments you have to the officer responsible for your topic of concern (list of officers email addresses is on pg. 2). Any resident can apply to become an officer for the following academic year. Application forms will be available by e-mail, at http://eh.mit.edu/, and at the front desk during February 2007. Officers are elected to one-year terms in a general election held during the Spring Semester. Officers are granted a one-year extension of their lease in Edgerton House. Officers who serve for two years or more may be granted continuing student status (see “Housing” section in this guide).

Your input is especially valuable to the House Association. A box for suggestions is located at the front desk. Please feel free to leave any complaints or suggestions. If you prefer email, feel free to contact the First Year Representative, Grace Chen (eha-first-year@mit.edu).
Edgerton Policies

Smoking
All MIT buildings are smoke-free – this includes offices, halls, rooms, bathrooms, kitchens, lounges, hallways, staircases, emergency exit routes and entrance areas. Smoking inside the Edgerton courtyard is permitted if it does not disturb anyone. Edgerton holds a strict non-smoking policy:
- First offense: Warning
- Second offense: $100 fine billed to your bursar's account
- Third offense: Removal from building

Maintenance Access
Please do not block the heating/air-conditioning unit. Access to the unit is imperative for your safety.

Edgerton Residents' Checklist
Once you are at Edgerton, you and your suitemates will be required to fill out a residents' checklist and submit it by the end of September. This list contains items such as - who will clean the bathroom, how do we take care of the common areas, what are our apartment's guest policies, etc. This checklist is an agreement among the apartment occupants and its main purpose is to prevent problems and confrontations at a later date. The list will be provided to you and your suitemates.

Visitation Policy
Each resident is allowed to put the names of up to FIVE guests on their guestlist either through their Edgerton webpage account (http://eh.mit.edu/), or at the front desk. When one of these guests arrive, they will be allowed to enter only if they show proper identification, preferably with a photograph. All other visitors whose names are NOT on the guest list will have to call from the phone at the building entrance, and you will have to come and meet them. No other visitors will be allowed in the building. Guests are allowed in Edgerton a maximum of three days/night per week. Please remember to be respectful of your suitemate’s wishes regarding visitors

Policy for Lounge Use and Reservations
(The definitions and rules presented are MIT Policy – please don’t yell at us!)
Residents MUST reserve the lounges and BBQ pits for a party, defined as a gathering of more than 10 people at which food or drink will be served. If there is no reservation on file, the event can be closed down immediately.

WHO can make reservations for using the lounge?
• ONLY residents of Edgerton House
• Residents or groups are discouraged from reserving a lounge regularly or frequently (ie. for a weekly club meeting or similar)
• MIT activities, clubs, groups, etc. are expected to use other MIT facilities on campus and only to use Edgerton facilities if no other campus facilities are available
WHEN can facilities be reserved?
- 11 am – 10 pm if there are classes on the day after the event (Sun. – Thurs.)
- 11 am – 1 am if there are no classes on the day after the event (Fri., Sat.)
- Events during the summer and extended holidays (i.e. Spring Break) would fall into the second category
- During the final exam period, lounges may only be used for quiet study or House sponsored study breaks
- Please be considerate of other residents, especially late at night; all functions must end by 10 pm Sun. – Thurs., 1 am Fri. – Sat. (you have an extra hour to clean and leave the lounge)
- For reservations by multiple people on the same day, please allow a two-hour cushion between reservations
- Only one lounge may be reserved at a given time – the other lounge must remain open (this does not include the BBQ pit, which may be reserved at the same time as a lounge)

HOW to make reservations?
- Lounges and BBQ pits are reserved on a first come, first served basis
- Reservation packages are available at your Edgerton webpage account and the front desk; a front desk worker can accept the completed application 8 am – 4 pm, Mon. – Fri.
- Please plan your event far enough in advance to use the normal reservation procedure; however, provided the lounge is free and a desk worker on duty, last-minute reservations are possible
- With the reservation form, the resident must submit a $50 deposit check bearing his or her name (no other checks will be accepted); the deposit will be returned within 5 working days of the event if facility is left in good condition
- Any questions regarding reservations should be directed to Reservations Officer – Becky Rahmlow (eha-reservations@mit.edu)

WHAT about alcohol?
- Parties with alcohol (whether you or your guests provide it) have to be registered with additional campus bodies in addition to the front desk, so all paperwork must be completed and turned in to the front desk a minimum of 4 working days before your event
- A party with alcohol is a gathering of 6 or more people with more than a 6-pack
- The event must be registered with Residence and Campus Activities (W20-549, phone 3-6777), which takes 5-7 business days to process and must be signed by the House Manager; more information at: http://web.mit.edu/alcohol/www/events.html
- You are required to take specific precautions to prevent the possession and consumption of alcohol by those under 21
- ALCOHOL IS NOT ALLOWED UNLESS THE EVENT HAS BEEN REGISTERED WITH THE ABOVE BODY – FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN AN UNPLEASANT VISIT BY THE CAMPUS POLICE
BEFORE the event
• Signs announcing the reservation should be posted on the lounge doors by noon on the day before the event; signs are included in the reservation package
• If your guests are non-Edgerton residents, please leave a guest list at the desk to facilitate their entry into the building
• If you need a vacuum for clean up, please check it out before the desk closes
• Please ensure the facility is in good shape before your event starts and report any damage it to the appropriate officer, or it will become your responsibility
• For the BBQ pit, check the build-up of ash in the pit; if it exceeds 1 cm, then the ashes should be removed (but only if they are cold!)

DURING the event
• The event sponsor must remain at the event from beginning to end
• You are responsible for ALL the actions of your guests while at Edgerton; any damage, theft, etc. that may occur in the lounges or anywhere else in Edgerton as a result of your guests’ actions will be your responsibility
• Please do not abuse common room equipment; do not place other objects such as coats, food, or people on the equipment
• If the common room equipment is damaged during the function, the event’s sponsor is liable for the full cost of repair or replacement of the equipment, up to its original price (NOTE: Each piece of equipment costs over $1000)

AFTER the event
• Please ensure facilities are clean at the end of the event - failure to do so WILL result in a fine between $10 and $100 levied through the Bursar’s office
• Return furniture to original position, empty garbage cans and dispose of contents in the trash chutes, vacuum carpets, and take reservation signs down
• If a desk worker is on duty after the party, check out with the desk worker, who will check the lounge condition; the appropriate officer will also check the facility after the event to authorize the return of the deposit check
**Quiet Hours**
Quiet hours are from 12am-8am Mon-Thurs nights, 2am-8am Fri-Sat nights. Parties and loud noise are strongly discouraged throughout final exam period. Keep noise at other times to a reasonable level. Note that Edgerton walls are very thin, so something as simple as increasing the TV's volume could be keeping someone else awake.

**Noise Internal to Edgerton**
Please attempt to contact the resident first. If this fails, or you do not feel comfortable approaching the resident, you can make an anonymous call to the Front Desk (x3-4933) at any time. If the noise persists, during Quiet Hours you can make an anonymous call to MIT police (x3-1212). For persistent noise problems (i.e. a party every Friday), please contact the Graduate Coordinator at eha-grad-coordinator@mit.edu.

**Noise External to MIT**
For example: deliveries to adjacent businesses, loading dock noise, etc.). Please contact Rachel Jellinek, Assistant for Government and Community Relations, rsj@mit.edu or x3-1989.

**Pets**
In the graduate residences, no pets may be kept by residents or guests. The term “pets” includes mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians. Fish are not specifically prohibited. Students accompanied by a Guide Dog or Hearing Dog are exempted from the prohibition of pets on campus. Roommates will be informed of the presence of this type of pet and allowed to transfer if a problem arises.

**Alcohol Policy**
MIT’s alcohol policy (serving alcohol at events, etc.) can be found at [http://web.mit.edu/alcohol/www/index.html](http://web.mit.edu/alcohol/www/index.html).

**Large Event Registration**
For events in residence halls, the following types of events must be registered with MIT:
- Any event open to non-residents where the attendance will exceed 100 people
- Any event closed to non-residents where the attendance will exceed 250 people
- All events at which alcohol will be present.

Registration forms must be completed at least five (5) business days prior to the event date to ensure that Campus Police and licensing can be processed/arranged with enough lead-time. For more information on event registration see [http://web.mit.edu/slp/sao/events.html](http://web.mit.edu/slp/sao/events.html).
General MIT Information

**Short Notes on MIT Building Numbers**

MIT buildings are referred to by numbers (though most of them also have names). Edgerton is number NW10. On the main campus most of the even numbered buildings are to the east of the Building 10, and odd numbered buildings are to the west. If you are interested in finding out the names of the buildings or where they are located, visit the campus map and use the “buildings by name” option ([http://whereis.mit.edu/map-jpg](http://whereis.mit.edu/map-jpg)).

E, NE, N, NW, and W in front of a building name mean east, northeast, north, northwest and west, respectively. There is nothing to the south, except for the Charles River. Some buildings have a letter behind the building number. And yes, it is possible to move between most of these buildings without ever setting foot into the outside world (very convenient when the temperatures drop during winter). Be sure to get familiar with the basement tunnels which connect a major portion of the main MIT campus.

Departments are also referred to by numbers, except for BE, CMS, ESD, HST, MAS and STS. The departmental numbering is in the order in which the departments were founded.

**Shorter Notes on the Finances**

Once you’ve settled in and the semester has started you should start receiving emails about your monthly bursar’s bills. This is an online bill that indicates the state of your financial account with MIT. Your tuition, rent, health insurance (if not waived), student activities fees, and any other charges you have will be posted to this account. You can access the information about your bursar’s account (MITPAY) and much other information at [http://student.mit.edu](http://student.mit.edu).

If you have a Research or Teaching Assistantship, your stipend should be available on the last Friday of every month. If you have a fellowship, so check with your fellowship program. Payment checks usually can be picked up at the Student Services Center or at the Building 10 payroll window. You can avoid picking up checks all together by going to Student Services and filling out a form to have your stipend directly deposited into your bank account. This information may not apply to all forms of financial support. Living in Boston/Cambridge area can be expensive, so plan your finances accordingly.
**Housing**

For all you Newbies out there (and you are most likely a newbie if you’re reading this document), please note that there are three types of Housing status. You most likely have “Incoming Student Status”. This means you signed a lease to stay in Edgerton for one year only (until August). Then you’ll get kicked out, and you do not have the option of renewing your lease. Period. Another possibility is that you have an “18 Month Lease”, which means you can stay in Edgerton for 18 months. This Housing status is given to very few residents, so you’d know it if you had it. The third Housing status is the coveted “Continuing Student Status” (which I can almost guarantee you don’t have), which allows you to stay in Edgerton as long as you are a registered student.

If you find you like Edgerton and want to stay here, there are a couple of possibilities. The surest way to stay is to become a House Association Officer. Each year that you are an officer, you get to stay in Edgerton. The second way is to attain the coveted “Continuing Student Status”. You may be able to get this if you are an officer for two years (and do a good job), or if you win the Housing lottery (sponsored by the Housing Office) in May. Although it is easy to win this lottery for some dormitories, it is not so easy to do this for Edgerton.

If you find you don’t like your room, there are some options available to you. Submit a request for repairs form ([http://eh.mit.edu](http://eh.mit.edu)) for any mechanical problems. For noise issues, please see the Quiet Hours section. For suitemate issues, please use the Edgerton Resident’s Checklist whenever possible. If the situation becomes difficult, or you do not feel comfortable approaching your suitemate, please contact the Graduate Coordinator (eha-grad-coordinator@mit.edu) as soon as possible to prevent further escalation of the situation. Finally, both the “18 Month Lease” and the “Continuing Student Status” allow you to participate in the Edgerton Transfer Lottery in May. You will be supplied with a list of available rooms, and can opt to move to one of them (maybe because it’s nicer, or you want to live with a friend, or you want a different room type). Placings are determined by seniority points; for a full description, please see the policies listed on the Edgerton website.

If you find you don’t like Edgerton (but we know this won’t happen), there is a House Transfer Process sponsored by Housing ([http://web.mit.edu/housing/grad/index.html](http://web.mit.edu/housing/grad/index.html)) during the winter months. Since few people participate in this lottery, there is a very good chance you can transfer to another dormitory. If you can’t wait, please contact Student Support Services ([http://web.mit.edu/counsel/www](http://web.mit.edu/counsel/www)), and they may be able to help. Housing will not simply move you whenever you want. Note that if you gain “Continuing Student Status” in another dormitory, you may be able to switch back to Edgerton in the House Transfer Process (and therefore attain “Continuing Student Status” in Edgerton).

Another housing option you may want to investigate is becoming a Graduate Resident Tutor (live-in counselor at an undergrad dormitory or FSILG), which awards you free housing and a small stipend. Information will be available on the Housing website in the winter.

**Women’s Lounge**

There is a lounge designed specifically for women to relax and study. Bring your ID to 5-104 to obtain the password.
Sexual Health
As many MIT students come from different backgrounds, a short note on sexual health is pertinent. MIT Medical provides sexual health exams, STD and HIV testing, STD and HIV treatment, contraceptive consultations, pregnancy testing, and abortion referrals all free of charge. Oral contraceptive is available through MIT’s pharmacy, and will say “Medication and Supplies” on your bill. Emergency contraceptive is available at MIT Medical 24 hours a day. Contact MIT Medical within 120 hours (the sooner the better). But please realize that the morning-after pill is only for emergencies; it is not to be used as a regular method of birth control. One dose costs $15. Also, if you have had unprotected sex, you need to be tested for STDs as soon as possible. All MIT students are covered for the cost of STD testing even if they have waived their extended insurance plan. There is no charge for STD testing for MIT students, and your parents will never be given access to your medical records without your written consent.

For further questions, please contact Health Promotion at x3-1316, or contact MIT Medical’s Sexuality Educator (Laura Anne Stuart, x3-1317)."
MIT Orientation

Sunday, August 24
5PM-11PM Thirsty Ear BBQ [Thirsty Ear Pub/Ashdown NW35] *

Monday, August 25
9-10AM Continental Breakfast [10-250]
10AM-12PM Grad School 101 Session 1
"Introduction to Graduate School" [10-250]
"Welcome from the Dean and the ODGE" [10-250]
"Welcome from the GSC and the GCF" [10-250]
12-1PM Lunch [10-250]
1-2PM GS 101 Session 2 - "Resources to make your life easier" [10-250]
2-3PM GS 101 Session 3 - "Panel Q&A with current students" [10-250]
3-6PM Lab Open House
7-8PM Campus Police Safety Walking Tour [Departs from W20] *
8PM-12AM Thirsty Ear Trivia Night [Thirsty Ear Pub] *

Tuesday, August 26
9AM-12PM English Evaluation Test [10-250]
10AM-6PM Information Booth [Lobby 10]
10AM-12PM Coffee Hour for Spouses and Partners of Grad Students [W20-400] *+
11AM &12PM Campus Walking Tour [Departs from Lobby 10] *
1:30-2PM GS 102 - Afternoon Coffee & Snacks [34-101] *
2:20-8PM Grad School 102 Session 1 - "Intro to Health Insurance@ MIT" [34-101] *
2:50-3:00PM Grad School 102 Session 2 - "Intro to MIT COOP" [34-101] *
3:30-4PM GS 102 Session 2 - "Intro to Libraries @ MIT" [34-101] *
3:30-5PM GS 102 Session 3 - "Intro to Computing @ MIT" [34-101] *
3:45-6:30PM Lab Open House
5PM-7PM Welcome Reception Under the Dome [10-500] !*
7PM-9PM Prudential Skywalk & Ice Cream [Departs Sidney Pacific and 77 Massachusetts Avenue] !*+
8-10PM Muddy Charles - Free Wings Night [Muddy Charles Pub] *
8PM-12AM Thirsty Ear Games Night [Thirsty Ear Pub] *

Wednesday, August 27
10AM-5PM Information booth [Lobby 10]
2-3PM Female Students Welcome Session [TBD] *
3-5PM Coffee Hour for Spouses and Partners of Grad Students [W20-400] *+
3PM-4:30PM Athletics Gateway [Z-center]
5PM-7PM Welcome Reception Under the Dome [10-500] !
7PM-9:00PM Prudential Skywalk & Ice Cream [Departs Sidney Pacific and 77 Massachusetts Avenue] !*+
8:10PM Muddy Charles - Free Wings Night [Muddy Charles Pub] *
8PM-12AM Thirsty Ear Live Music [Thirsty Ear Pub] *

Thursday, August 28
12-1PM Graduate Welcome Address [Kresge Auditorium]
12-1PM Spouses/Partners/Families Welcome Area [Kresge Oval] *+
1-2:30PM Graduate Welcome Lunch [Kresge Oval] *+
12-2PM Meet the Chaplains [Kresge Oval] *+
2:30-4PM MIT Photo Safari [Departs from Kresge Oval] *+
6-9PM Welcome Banquet [Morrall Hall] *
9-11PM Muddy Charles - After Dinner Drinks [Muddy Charles Pub] *
8PM-12AM Thirsty Ear Karaoke [Thirsty Ear Pub] *

Friday, August 29
9:00AM-1PM School of Engineering TA Workshop [Bush Room 10-105]
9:30AM-2PM Apple-Picking Trip [Departs Sidney Pacific] *!+
1:30-4:30PM Health, Wellness and Community Fair [Kresge Oval] *+
4-6:30PM Activities Midway [Johnson Athletics Center]
9PM-12AM Thirsty Ear Fiesta [Thirsty Ear Pub] *
9PM-1AM"Return to Lythion" Dance Party [Sidney Pacific] *

Saturday, August 30
10AM-6PM Orientation Olympics [TBD] !*+
10PM-1AM Doc Edgerton Strobe Light Party [Edgerton] *+
Sunday, August 31
12-2p Sidney Pacific Brunch [Sidney Pacific] *+
2-4PM Orientation Music Party [Westgate]
6:30-10PM Boston Harbor Cruise [Long Wharf, Boston] !*

Monday, September 1 - Labor Day (Holiday)
1-4PM Freedom Trail Walking Tour [Departs Kendall T Station] !*
8-10PM Seven Seas Dessert [Ashdown] *
8PM-12AM Thirsty Ear Trivia Night [Thirsty Ear Pub] *
8PM-12AM Muddy Charles - Students’ Welcome Night [Muddy Charles Pub] *

Tuesday, September 2 - Registration Day
4-5PM Intro to Art Opportunities at MIT [32-155] *
6-8:00PM LGBT Welcome [50-005 (Rainbow Lounge)] *
8PM onward Cambridge Pub Crawl [Departs Muddy Charlie Pub] *
8PM-12AM Thirsty Ear Live Music [Thirsty Ear Pub] *

Wednesday, September 3 – Classes Begin
3-5PM Ice Cream Social for International Grad Student Spouses [Bush Room 10-105] *
4-6PM Student Art Association Open House [W20-429] *
5:30-7:30PM GSC General Council Meeting & Photo Safari Exhibition and Award Presentation (Award Ceremony/Announcement) [Morss Hall]
8-10PM Muddy Charles - Free Wings Night [Muddy Charles Pub] *
8PM-12AM Thirsty Ear Games Night [Thirsty Ear Pub] *

Thursday, September 4
1:15-2:30PM Free Conversational English Class [W11]
7PM Onward LGBT Orientation Dinner [Departs 50-005 (Rainbow Lounge)] *
9-10PM Ashdown Special Coffee Hour [Ashdown] *
8PM-12AM Thirsty Ear Karaoke [Thirsty Ear Pub] *

Friday, September 5
7-10PM International Festival [Morss Hall] *
8PM-12AM Thirsty Ear Fiesta [Thirsty Ear Pub] *

Saturday, September 6
9-1AM Dance Fusion 2008: Goblet of Fire [Ashdown] *
8AM-10PM Hiking trip to White Mountains [Departs Ashdown] !*

Sunday, September 7
12-3PM Eastgate Orientation BBQ [Eastgate BBQ lawn] !*

Pick up tickets at the Information Booth August 26-27th. Beginning August 28th, tickets can be picked up at the GSC office 50-220 * Spouses & Partners Welcome + Child Friendly Event

Monday, September 8
8PM-12AM Thirsty Ear Trivia Night [Thirsty Ear Pub] *
8PM-12AM Muddy Charles - South American Night [Muddy Charles Pub] *

Tuesday, September 9
5-7PM Reception for Student Loan Art Program Exhibition and Lottery [E15] *
8PM-12AM Thirsty Ear Live Music [Thirsty Ear Pub] *

Wednesday, September 10
8-10PM Muddy Charles - Free Wings Night [Muddy Charles Pub] *
8PM-12AM Thirsty Ear Games Night [Thirsty Ear Pub] *

Thursday, September 11
8PM-12AM Thirsty Ear Karaoke [Thirsty Ear Pub] *

Friday, September 12
6PM-8PM Culture Issue and American Law [TBD] *
8PM-12AM Thirsty Ear Fiesta [Thirsty Ear Pub] *

Saturday, September 13
8:30-9AM Graduate Student Volunteer Day Breakfast and Introduction [W20 lobby] *
3-5PM GSVD Appreciation BBQ [Kresge Pits] *

Sunday, September 14
12-3PM Eastgate Orientation BBQ [Eastgate BBQ lawn] !*

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<td>Brunch @ Asgard: discover a great local bar for brunch</td>
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<td>Welcome BBQ: warm weather. BBQ. 'Nuff said!</td>
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<td>Housemasters Reception: dinner and meet the housemasters</td>
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<td>Neighborhood dinners: come and share a meal with your new neighbors</td>
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<td>Movie night: discover the local movie theatre, Loews, in Boston and watch a great flick!</td>
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Helpful Websites

MIT Home Page: http://web.mit.edu
Edgerton homepage: http://eh.mit.edu
Acronyms and Abbreviations Used at MIT: http://web.mit.edu/acronym
SIPB (Student Information Processing Board): http://www.mit.edu/sipb-homepage.html
Homepages of MIT community members: http://www.mit.edu/home-pages.html
Bursar’s Office, E19-215, x3-4132: http://web.mit.edu/bursar
Registrar’s Office, E19-335, x3-4784: http://web.mit.edu/odsue/academic
Financial Aid Office, 5-119, x3-4971: http://web.mit.edu/finaid
International Student’s Office, 5-106, x3-3795: http://web.mit.edu/iso/www
Graduate Education Office: http://web.mit.edu/geo
Graduate Student Council (GSC), 50-220, x3-2195: http://gsc.mit.edu
Shuttletrack: http://shuttletrack.mit.edu
Map of MIT: http://whereis.mit.edu
Housing Office: http://web.mit.edu/housing/grad/index.html
Student Support Services (S3): http://web.mit.edu/counsel/www/
MIT Police: http://web.mit.edu/cp/www
Academic calendar, watch for add/drop dates: http://web.mit.edu/registrar/www/calendar.html

Your home page: http://web.mit.edu/<your Athena username>/www
The Insider's Guide to Boston

SHHHHH!!! ... Don't tell anyone!
The Basics

The truth, now. How many of you said “Boston University” to the cabbie at Logan and ended up at BC? You’re right. It wasn’t a misunderstanding. The cabbie knew you weren’t bon heah, so he took you for a ride. By now, you know that nobody in the Hub calls it Boston University. We don’t really call it the Hub, either, except in headlines. By the time you graduate, you’ll also be able to tell Southie from the South End, know how to pronounce Gloucester and who should have been at first base instead of Bill Buckner. You’ll know how to take the T to JP and what the blinking red light atop the old Hancock Building means in the summer. And if you’re smaht, you’ll know how not to get cahded at the packie. Herewith, a student’s survival guide to Baahstin:

How We Tawk

We don’t speak English. We speak whatever they brought over here from East Anglia in 1630. The Baahstin accent is basically the broad A and the dropped R, which we add to words ending in A - pahster, Cuber, soder. For the broad A, just open your mouth and say “Ah” like the docta says. So car is cah, park is pahk. If you want to talk like the mayah, repeat after me: “My ahnt takes her bahth at hahpast foah.”

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<td>flahwiz</td>
<td>roses, etc. (“flowers”)</td>
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<td>hahpahst</td>
<td>30 mins after the hour (“half past”)</td>
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<td>Hahwahya</td>
<td>How are you?</td>
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<td>khakis</td>
<td>what we staht the cah with (“keys”)</td>
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How We’ll Know You Weren’t Bon Heah


Getting Around

Boston is a mishmosh of 17th-century cow paths and 19th-century landfill penned in by water. You know, “One if by land, two if by sea.” Charlestown? Cahn’t get theyah from heah. And which Warren Street do you want? We have three plus three Warren Avenues, three Warren Squares, a Warren Park, and a Warren Place. Pay no attention to the street names. There’s no school on School Street, no court on Court Street, no dock on Dock Square, no water on Water Street. Back Bay streets are in alphabetical odda. Arlington, Berkeley, Clarendon, Dartmouth. So are South Boston streets: A, B, C, D. If the streets are named after trees (Walnut, Chestnut, Cedar), you’re on Beacon Hill. If they’re named after poets, you’re in Wellesley. Dot is Dorchester, Rozzie is Roslindale, JP is Jamaica Plain. Readville doesn’t exist.
The North-East - South-West Thing
Southie is South Boston. The South End is the South End. The North End is east of the West End. The West End is no more. A guy named Rappaport got rid of it one night. Eastie is East Boston. The East End is Boston Harbor.

About Our “Cuisine”:
Boston cream pie is a cake. Frappes have ice cream; milk shakes don’t. Chowdah does not come with tomatoes. Scrod is whatever they tell you it is, usually fish. If you paid more than $6 a pound, you got scrod. Brown bread comes in a can. You open both ends, push it out, heat it, and eat it with baked beans. They’re hot dogs. Franks were people who lived in France in the ninth century.

Things Not To Do:
• Don’t call it Beantown.
• Don’t pahk your cah in Hahvid Yahd. They’ll tow it to Medfid.
• Don’t swim in the Charles, no matter what Bill Weld may have said.
• Don’t sleep in the Common.
• Don’t wear orange in Southie on St. Patrick’s Day.
• Don’t call the mayah “Mumbles”. He hates that.

Things You Should Know:
• There are two State Houses, two City Halls, two courthouses, two Hancock buildings.
• There’s also a Boston Latin School and a Boston Latin Academy. How should we know which one you mean?
• Route 128 is also I-95. It is also I-93 (but not in the same spots).
• It’s the Sox, the Pats, the Seltz, the Broons.
• The Harvard Bridge goes to MIT. It’s measured in ‘smoots.’
• Johnson never should have hit for Willoughby.
• The subway doesn’t run all night. This isn’t Noo Yawk.
• Ray Flynn used to be mayah.
• It’s Comm Ave, Mass Ave, Mem Drive, and Dot Ave.
• Yaz wore 8, Ted wore 9.
• The drinking age is 21. If you use a fake ID, make sure it isn’t from Mississippi.
• To get back to Logan from MIT, take the Red Line to Pahk Street, then the Green Line to the Gove’ment Centah, then the Blue Line to the Ahpocht (Airport), then grab the bus. OR, take the red line to South Station, then take the Silver Line #1 bus to the airport.

Miscellaneous
• The Hub: A Bostonian once called this city the Hub of the Universe. It was in 1775.
• The Big Dig: The downtown highway project that’s taking longer and costing more than it should. The latest excuse for why traffic here is bzah.
• The old Hancock Building lights are actually a weather forecast:
  steady blue, clear view
  flashing blue, clouds due
  steady red, rain ahead
  flashing red, snow instead.
In the summer, flashing red means the Sox home game has been called off.
Transportation

The Basics
Welcome to Boston Metro! Massachusetts Avenue or “Mass Ave” as it is often called is the major road that Albany Street intersects. To get to Mass Ave., turn left out of the Edgerton front door onto Albany Street and walk to the first stoplight.

- **Central Square** is a business district that can be found by turning left onto Mass Ave. This is also a T-stop on the red line.
- **Kendall Square** is the business district at the other end of the MIT campus. To get to Kendall Square, you can walk on Albany Street past Mass Ave to Main Street, where you turn right. Kendall Square is also a T-stop on the red line.

**Walking** to Boston is as easy as turning right onto Mass Ave. and going straight. When you’ve crossed the bridge, you’re in Boston. This bridge is called the Harvard Bridge, despite the fact that it crosses the Charles River by MIT and not Harvard.

Public Transit (MBTA)

**Quick Facts:**

- The first thing to do is to get a Charlie Card, which is a reusable electronic ticket based on top-up credit. Bus and T fares are considerably cheaper with a Charlie Card than without. You can ask for a Charlie Card at most manned help booths inside the T stations.

- The buses cost $1.25 per ride with Charlie Card, and $1.50 without. Subway fares are $1.70 with Charlie Card and $2.00 without.
- Subway-to-subway transfers are free at the 4 transfer points downtown (including Bus Rapid Transit line called the Silver Line). Bus-to-bus transfers are also free with the Charlie Card.

- All of the rail lines use downtown as a reference point, where INBOUND is any direction going towards the four connection points (Park Street, Downtown Crossings, Government Center and State Stations) and OUTBOUND is the opposite direction, towards the end of the lines.

- The closest T-stations (by T-stations we mean subway stations) to MIT are the Kendall/MIT, on the east side of campus, and Central Square, on the north side. Both are on the Red Line. There’s also the Boston University Green Line stop across the river on the west side of campus.

  **Note:** Annoyingly, the T stops running a little after midnight (depending on the line), so plan ahead!

- The nearest, and most convenient, bus is the #1 route. It goes along Mass Ave. all the way from Harvard Square and across the bridge. For buses headed north, the bus stop is in front of Building 7. For buses headed south, the bus stop is across the street where the bus shelter is.

If you will be using the T quite frequently, you’ll be happy to know that the MIT Parking & Transportation Office offers subsidized MBTA monthly passes for students and employees. Registered students who
have a current bursar account (and do not have a full MIT parking permit) are eligible. Applications run from September to August each year. You must apply one month in advance of the first month you want wish to begin receiving passes.

Some price references for month passes:

- Local Bus (unlimited rides on any bus route): regularly $40.00, MIT subsidized $15.50
- LinkPass (unlimited rides on subway and local bus): regularly $59.00, MIT subsidized $29.50.

You can apply for a pass online at https://commuting.mit.edu

Someone ask for a map of the T?
EZRide
• The EZRide (big blue bus) runs between Cambridge and Boston’s North Station.
• It operates Mondays-Fridays from about 7am to 7pm (check http://www.masscommute.com/tmas/crtma/ezride.html for the exact schedule and a map).
• The EZRide Shuttle is free with your MIT ID (regular fare is $1), and has an inbound stop located near Edgerton, on the southeast corner of Sidney St. and Pacific St.

Handy Hint: You can take the EZRide to a number of locations, including Kendall Square and the CambridgeSide Galleria (Lechmere T-stop).

SafeRide
• SafeRide (white vans with MIT logo) is run by MIT and provides a free and safe means of transportation at night within and around MIT and in parts of Boston. Routes start at the MIT bus stop on Mass Ave, and run every half-hour between 6pm and 3am (4am on weekends).
• Check schedules and routes at: http://web.mit.edu/parking/saferide.html
• If you’re waiting in the city and want to know how soon the Saferide van will be at your location, call 617-253-2997.

Tech Shuttle
• The Tech Shuttle runs from Westgate and Tang Residence Hall to Kendall Square.
• The closest TechShuttle stop to Edgerton is that on Vassar St & Mass Ave in front of the Bank of America (Fleet) ATM Vestibule.
• For the Tech Shuttle and other schedules and maps please visit http://web.mit.edu/parking/shuttles.html. You can also track the motion of the Tech Shuttle and the SafeRide at http://shuttle-track.mit.edu.

Got Your Own Ride?
If you have a car, be reminded that parking in Boston can be a headache. And unless you’re adventurous, driving against Boston drivers isn’t much fun either (Well, at least some people tell me that. I think it’s a fun game.). However, having your own car is extremely convenient for things like grocery/furniture shopping, or for travel outside Boston (i.e. ski trips, camping/hiking trips, etc.)
• A regular MIT parking sticker is needed (applications are at the front desk).
  For student residents, an MIT parking sticker is $60 per month.
• Parking spaces are assigned by the MIT Parking & Transportation Office through a lottery.

For more information about vehicle registration, parking stickers, campus parking lots, and other parking- or transportation-related stuff, contact the MIT Parking & Transportation Office (E32-105, x8-6510) or see their website at http://web.mit.edu/parking/.

Taxicabs
Cambridge Yellow Cab  617-547-3000  Ambassador Brattle Cab  617-492-1100
Cambridge Cab  617-776-5000  Cambridge Taxi  617-492-7900
Star Taxi  617-876-3332

There is an unwritten rule (or it could be written ... really we don't know) that “when in Cambridge, take Cambridge-registered cabs.” Cambridge-registered does not mean just Cambridge Yellow Cab, but really any cab that is registered with the City of Cambridge. The same “rule” applies when in...
Boston. Funnily, this rule does not apply at all when at the airport.

**Handy Hint:** If you are being supported by MIT (RA or TA), you are eligible to rent cars for MIT business under the MIT Corporate Account with Budget. Check out the MIT Travel website (http://web.mit.edu/cao/www/travel.htm) or contact the Travel Office (NE49-4037, x3-3547) for more information. They can give you an account number so you can reserve a car with corporate rates and no surcharge. You may be required to prove your affiliation when you pick up the car, so bring a recent pay stub (RA/TA check receipt) with you.

**Handy Hint:** MIT has begun sponsoring Zipcar membership for all MIT staff and graduate students. Thus you can become a Zipcar member without having to pay the application fee or the security deposit (and you also get a discount off the annual membership fee).
Car Rentals
• If you only want a car for the weekend (or whatever), you can rent one. But if you are under 25, renting can be difficult, and if not difficult, then expensive. Many car agencies add a substantial surcharge ($20 per day) for under-25 drivers (according to Massachusetts state regulations).

ZipCar
• Zipcars are rental cars which can be found at parking locations throughout the city and are available for use by members for any length of time.
• For more information about Zipcars, check out www.zipcar.com. To apply for membership online, just follow the links to “apply” and then select “I’m affiliated with an existing organization.” Enter “MIT” and choose the MIT - Staff & Grads account. Zipcar will verify your employment at MIT and process your application electronically.

Bikes
During the warmer season, biking is certainly the best way to get around in Cambridge. Conveniently, there are a number of bike lock-up points throughout Edgerton.
• Where to get a used bike around MIT?
  - Check out the announcements from:
    • The Chinese Students Association (http://cssa.mit.edu/mail/mitcssa-ads) or
    • The MIT Euroclub (http://euroclub.mit.edu).
  - Edgerton has a bike sale usually in the fall, look for an announcement!
• MIT police collects all abandoned bikes on campus at the end of the summer term and sells them during the MIT bike auction in the fall (check announcements for exact date.) Some of these bikes are in ruins, because they have been exposed to the weather for a long time, but still you may find a decent deal on a bike.
• Where to get a new or used bike outside of MIT?
  - Cambridge Bicycle [259 Mass Ave, (right down Pacific Street). Tel: 617-867-6555]
    • They also do reparations and have an air station. However, this fancy store is not necessarily a place to get a simple and cheap bike.
  - Broadway Bicycle School [351 Broadway. Tel: 617-868-3392]
    • A nonprofit, collectively-owned bike store that sells both reconditioned and new bikes. Their bikes are rather safe, simple and good for getting around in the city. Besides repairing bikes, they also offer bike-repair classes where people can learn how to work on their own bikes.

Take care of your bike!
• In Cambridge, it’s better if you don’t press your luck. Bikes get stolen frequently.
• A strong lock is a must (such as a Kryptonite U-bolt).
• You should also consider getting a long cable that allows you to lock both wheels. Lock your bike and remove the seat to prevent it from being stolen. Do this also when your bike is locked in Edgerton or in the basement of your lab.
• Another safety measure is to register your bike with MIT police. They will note down the serial number of your bike and give you a sticker that says that your bike belongs to the MIT campus. There is not much hope that your bike will be retrieved once it is stolen, but thieves will have a much harder time reselling it. You can register online at http://web.mit.edu/cp/www/admin.shtml#bikes.

Important notice about biking in Cambridge
• It is forbidden by the City of Cambridge regulations to ride a bicycle on the sidewalks in Central Square.
• You can also be fined by the MIT or Cambridge Police if you are riding a bike too fast on any sidewalk.
Athletics

For the most comprehensive list of activities and facilities (including hours) around campus, see the following URLs:

http://www.mit.edu:8001/activities/sports.html

Campus Facilities

**Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center (Building W35)** - an Olympic-class 50-meter pool, seating for 450 spectators, six squash courts, a sports medicine area, a huge fitness center and much, much more. This center opened in Fall 2002. Check it out on [http://web.mit.edu/zcenter/](http://web.mit.edu/zcenter/)

**Dupont Athletic Center (Building W32)** – An older facility with lockers, rifle and pistol ranges, a weight room with Nautilus and Universal systems, trainers’ room, six squash courts and rooms for fencing, wrestling and general exercises.

**Johnson Athletic Center (Building W34)** - Ice rink, 200m. Synthetic track and multipurpose infield.

**Rockwell Cage (Building W33)** - Three basketball, six volleyball, or eight badminton courts.

**DuPont Gym (Building W31)** - Two basketball/volleyball courts and gymnastic apparatus.

**Briggs Field (west of Kresge and Zesiger)** - 23 acres for football, track, soccer, softball, Frisbee, etc. Outdoor tennis courts.

**Alumni Swimming Pool and Wang Fitness Center (Building 57 - Stata Center)** - 25 yd. competition pool, smaller teaching/warm-up pool and a number of work-out machines. Also eight squash courts, two of which may be converted for handball. (Just re-opened Summer of 2004.)

**MIT Sailing Pavilion (Building 51)** - Along the Charles River, opposite Walker Memorial. Learn to sail ... for free! Lessons taught on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings during the summer. Once trained, you are able to whenever the pavilion is open on your own. For more information, visit [http://web.mit.edu/mit-sailing/www/](http://web.mit.edu/mit-sailing/www/).

**Pierce Boathouse (crew) (Building W8)** - Along the Charles River, opposite Burton House.

-One of the most popular facilities around MIT is the *Esplanade* or the Dr. Paul Dudley White Bikeway; it’s about 18 miles long along both sides of the Charles River. The pavement is excellent for running, biking, and rollerblading. Living so close to the water makes rowing, sailing, or kayaking a great activity for any day.

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**Note:** Edgerton organizes trips to learn how to sail. Look out for flyers! Or contact the Edgerton board if you just can’t wait!

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Intramurals

MIT has approximately 24 intramural sports ([http://web.mit.edu/athletics/www/im_sports.html](http://web.mit.edu/athletics/www/im_sports.html)), each having various levels of competition. If you are interested in any intramural sport at any level, contact the Edgerton Athletics Officer, Kiel Martin, at eha-athletic@mit.edu.

Sports Equipment

Edgerton House has a collection of numerous pieces of sporting equipment including tennis racquets and balls, footballs, soccer balls, frisbees, baseball gloves and balls, a volleyball, badminton set, a basketball, and more. This equipment may be signed out through the front desk at anytime. Any suggestions for the House to purchase additional equipment may be made to the Athletics Chairperson, Kiel Martin, at eha-athletic@mit.edu and will be considered based on the available House budget.
Banking

Most people upon coming to the Boston area will have to get a sign up for a new bank account. Never fear, however...during the beginning of the school year there are usually a bunch of representatives from various banks and credit unions in the Student Center, that have oodles of brochures containing info about various types of bank accounts. In this section we have provided some basic info about the most common banking options. (Note: This is not a complete list. There are other banks you can choose from. These are just the most common choices of MIT Students.)

• Bank of America (formerly Fleet Bank) has a branch inside the Student Center, and there are ATMs in the lobby of Building 10 and on the corner of Mass Ave and Vassar St. and all over town. Some plans have monthly service charges. Bank of America has online banking and direct deposit for your RA/TA checks, as do many other banks. Bank of America also has many ATM locations throughout Boston.

• Citizens Bank is another bank near campus. They have branches in Star Market, Central Square and the Tech Square area. Citizens offers accounts with interest on savings and checking and you don’t get charged ATM fees for using ATMs other than ones at Citizen. Also, look into getting an e-checking account such as those offered by pcbanker.com, they offer excellent interest rates since they operate without excessive overheads.

• MIT Federal Credit Union (MIT FCU) is a membership-based bank. Getting membership is easy and their offices are located at 700 Tech Square (x3-2844) and Lincoln Laboratory in Building A (room 100). They offer checking account services at low prices. Withdrawing money from ATMs is free 8 times per month if you withdraw from an ATM in the SUM network (which are most non-Bank of America ATMs in the Boston area). Check out their website for more information: https://www.mitfcu.org/.

Handy Hint: MIT FCU offers small loans to buy a computer or a car. This may be particularly helpful if you happen to be an international student and are having a hard time getting a credit card. You may be in a difficult situation since essentially all banks (including Bank of America) require some “credit history” in the USA before they can give you credit. Not to worry, however. The Visa card office of the MIT FCU offers two possibilities to work around this problem: (1) you can ask your bank back home to give you a credit history or (2) you deposit a certain amount on your savings account at the MIT FCU. This amount is equal to your credit card coverage. It serves as your security and you cannot touch it for a few months (while it is earning some small interest though). Once you have paid your credit card bills regularly for a while, you can ask MIT FCU to give your money free again. Admittedly during the first month it is not really a “credit” that you get with your credit card, but after this you have built a “credit history” and better chances to get higher coverage or successfully apply for other credit cards.
Shopping

Shopping List
Below is a list of items you may want to get you started. This list may be too extensive or incomplete in relation to your personal preferences.

• For the bedroom and bathroom
  - Bed sheets (linens): American size twin extra long (“Twin extra long” is also known as “extra long single”. It is 3 feet 3 inches wide and 6ft 8in long (39in x 80in) or 100cm wide and 203cm long.)
  - Pillow: Twin bed sheet sets usually come with standard pillow cases (20in x 26in) that won’t fit a jumbo or king pillow.
  - Blanket or other bed cover
  - Desk lamp and/or floor lamp
  - Clothes hangers
  - Towels, hair dryer, other personal items (i.e. toothbrush, soap, shampoo…)
  - Laundry bag/basket, laundry detergent
  - Toilet paper, cleaning supplies

• For the kitchen
  - Plates, forks, spoons, knives, glasses
  - Pans, pots, bowls
  - Drying rack for dishes
  - Dishwashing sponge and detergent

The following is a categorized list of fairly local stores where you can buy the above items plus much more . . .

Appliances (& Electronics)

Best Buy
100 Cambridgeside Pl., Cambridgeside Galleria
Directions: Take shuttle from Kendall Square
• Best Buy is a good bet (best buy ... good bet ... get it?) for your electronics and appliance needs.

Economy Hardware
438 Mass Ave., Central Sq.
Directions: On Mass Ave. between MIT and Central Square
• Economy Hardware sells hardware, appliances, and furniture at decent prices. They also carry silverware, plates, and other “essential” kitchen items such as dish-drying racks and trashcans.

Filene’s Home Store
101 Cambridgeside Pl., Cambridgeside Galleria
Directions: Take shuttle from Kendall Square
• Filene’s has a good supply of home appliances.

MicroCenter
727 Mem Dr.
Directions: On Mem Dr. and Magazine St.
• MicroCenter is a nearby electronics (computer really) store with decent prices.
Radio Shack
493 Mass Ave., Central Sq.
Directions: On Mass Ave. between MIT and Central Square
• Radio Shack is a really nearby electronics store with decent prices.

Sears
100 Cambridgeside Pl., Cambridgeside Galleria
Directions: Take shuttle from Kendall Square
• Sears has a good supply of home appliances.

Books: General

Borders Books
100 Cambridgeside Pl., Cambridgeside Galleria
Directions: Take shuttle from Kendall Square
• Borders is another large bookstore. With a self-help coffee house and free culture events, it makes a cozy place to spend your weekend days.

MIT Coop
3 Cambridge Center, Kendall Sq.
Directions: Right by Kendall Square T stop
• The Coop has a limited supply of books.

MIT Press Bookstore
292 Main St., Kendall Sq.
Directions: Right by Kendall Square T stop
• The MIT Press Bookstore sells books from MIT Press and a good selection of art, architecture, and science-type books.

Wordsworth
30 Brattle St., Harvard Sq.
Directions: R-Harvard Square
• Wordsworth is a huge bookstore with slightly discounted prices and a special order department that is quite good.

Books: Libraries

Boston Public Library
700 Boylston St., Copley Sq.
Directions: Cross Mass Ave. Bridge and head left on Boylston St. or take Green Line to Copley
• Large collection of books for loan.

Cambridge Public Library
449 Broadway, Harvard Sq.
Directions: Red Line to Harvard Square then walk up Broadway
• Reasonably large collection of books for loan to Cambridge residents.
MIT Library
77 Mass Ave., MIT
Directions: MIT Campus
• Large collection of books for loan. Note: There are many libraries within the MIT library. See http://libraries.mit.edu for more information.

Books: Textbooks

MIT Coop
3 Cambridge Center, Kendall Sq.
Directions: Right by Kendall Square T stop
• The MIT Coop is the primary source of textbooks for MIT students.

Quantum Books
4 Cambridge Center, MIT Campus
Directions: Cambridge Center on east side of MIT campus
• Quantum Books sells a lot of EE type books at decent prices.

Books: Used

Avenue Victor Hugo Bookstore
353 Newbury St., Newbury St.
Directions: Cross Mass Ave. Bridge and head left on Boylston St. or take Green Line to Hynes
• Avenue Victor Hugo Bookstore stocks a wide assortment of new and used books with a good-sized science fiction section.

Harvard Bookstore
1256 Mass Ave., Harvard Sq.
Directions: R-Harvard Square
• Harvard Bookstore has a used book section in the basement with books at half cover price.

House of Sarah Books
1309 Cambridge St., Cambridge St.
Directions: Near intersection of Cambridge St. and Hampshire St.
• House of Sarah Books has comfy couches for in-store reading, a lovely cat to play with, and a variety of foreign language books.

McIntyre & Moore’s
255 Elm St., Davis Sq.
Directions: R-Davis Square
• McIntyre & Moore’s has a good, well-ordered selection of used books and seasonal good prices.

Rodney’s
698 Mass Ave., Central Sq.
Directions: On Mass Ave. in Central Square
• Rodney’s has a wide selection of used books.
Starr
10 Arrow St., Harvard Sq.
Directions: R-Harvard Square
• Starr is a nice, though disorganized, used bookstore.

Clothes

Cambridgeside Galleria
100 Cambridgeside Pl., Cambridgeside Galleria
Directions: Take shuttle from Kendall Square
• The Cambridgeside Galleria has all the usual mall clothing stores like Express, the Gap, Banana Republic, Old Navy, The Limited, J. Crew, as well larger department stores like Sears and Filene's. There is a shuttle between The Galleria and the Kendall T Stop.

Downtown Crossing
Washington St. and Winter St. and Summer St., Downtown Crossing
Directions: R-Park St. or Orange Line - Downtown Crossing
• Downtown Crossing is Boston's biggest shopping district. It includes the original Filene’s Basement where you can get clothes for cheap, as well as many other shops including a Gap outlet and and Eddie Bauer outlet.

Faneuil Hall / Quincy Market
1 Faneuil Hall Sq., Faneuil Hall / Quincy Market
Directions: G-Government Center
• The Faneuil Hall / Quincy Market area includes many trendy shops that are generally pretty expensive.

Newbury Street
Newbury St., Boston
Directions: Cross Mass. Ave. bridge and head left on Newbury St. or take Green Line
• The Newbury Street area includes many trendy shops that are generally pretty expensive (deja vu or just lazy author?).

Prudential Center / Copley Square
800 Boylston St., Prudential Building
Directions: Cross Mass. Ave. bridge and head left on Boylston St. or take Green Line to Prudential
• The Prudential Center / Copley Square is a more upscale mall.

Drug Stores

CVS
624 Mass Ave., Central Sq.
Directions: On Mass Ave. in Central Square
• CVS is a nearby pharmacy.
MIT Pharmacy  
*E23 Main floor, MIT Campus*
*Directions: Inside MIT Medical (E23)*
*• MIT Pharmacy fills prescriptions, which are $10 (with co-pay) if you have the MIT Blue Cross Blue Shield student insurance.*

Star Market  
*20 Sidney St., Central Sq.*
*Directions: On Sidney St. between Mass Ave. and Pacific St.*
*• Star Market is nearby and has a pharmacy.*

Walgreen’s  
*625 Mass Ave., Central Sq.*
*Directions: On Mass Ave. in Central Square*  
*• Walgreen’s is a nearby pharmacy.*

Furniture

**Bed, Bath & Beyond**  
*401 Park Dr., Boston*  
*Directions: Take 47 Bus or CT2 Bus to Fenway Stop*  
*• Bed, Bath, & Beyond is a good store for bedroom furniture and other supplies (pillows, bedsheets, towels, etc.).*

**Big Kmart**  
*400 Western Ave., Brighton*  
*Directions: Take 70 Bus from Central Square*  
*• Big Kmart has just about everything you can imagine and at decent prices.*

**Economy Hardware**  
*438 Mass Ave., Central Sq.*  
*Directions: On Mass Ave. between MIT and Central Square*  
*• Economy Hardware sells all kinds of furniture, though the larger items are somewhat pricey.*

**MIT Furniture Exchange**  
*Building WW15, MIT Campus*  
*Directions: West edge of MIT campus*  
*• The MIT Furniture Exchange is a used furniture exchange that is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 10-4 and the first Saturday of each month 10-1. There are often good buys on used furniture.*

**Mahoney’s Garden Center**  
*889 Mem Dr., Cambridge*  
*Directions: On Mem Dr. north of Western Ave.*  
*• Mahoney’s Garden Center has reasonably priced plants.*

**Target**  
*180 Somerville Ave., Somerville*  
*Directions: Find someone with a car and use mapquest. :-)*  
*• Target has just about everything you can imagine and at decent prices.*
**Groceries: General**

*Star Market*  
20 Sidney St., Central Sq.  
Directions: On Sidney St. between Mass Ave. and Pacific St.  
- The biggest supermarket in the area (and the closest), Star Market is a good place to go for the majority of your grocery shopping, take-out, and other basic needs (i.e. dorm / stationary supplies).

*LaVerde’s*  
MIT Student Center (W20), MIT Campus  
Directions: MIT Student Center (w20)  
- LaVerde’s is a small convenience/grocery store with a similar (although smaller and pricier) selection to Star Market.

**Groceries: International**

*Lotte (Korean)*  
297 Mass Ave., Central Sq.  
Directions: On Mass Ave. between MIT and Central Square  
- Lotte carries a nice selection of Korean food.

*Mei Tung (Chinese)*  
109 Lincoln St., Chinatown  
Directions: Orange Line-Chinatown  
- Mei Tung is a popular Chinese supermarket located on the east edge of Chinatown.

*Shalimar (Indian)*  
571 Mass Ave., Central Sq.  
Directions: On Mass Ave. between MIT and Central Square  
- Shalimar carries a nice selection of Indian food.

**Groceries: Online**

*Peapod*  
www.peapod.com

**Groceries: Organic/Natural**

*Trader Joe’s*  
727 Memorial Dr., Cambridge  
Directions: Follow Mem Dr. toward Harvard. Trader Joe's will be a mile down on the right.  
- Trader Joe’s has a limited selection of produce but a wide selection of wine and organic / gourmet foods.

*Whole Foods*  
115 Prospect St., Central Sq.  
Directions: Few blocks from Central T Stop  
- Whole Foods carries high quality organic produce, seafood, meat, cheese, and alcohol. It is a bit pricey.
Groceries: Produce

Cambridgeport Farmers Market ⚃
*Magazine St. and Mem Dr., Cambridge*  
*Summer Saturdays*
*Directions:* Follow Mem Dr. toward Harvard. It’s a few blocks past the BU Bridge.
• Nice farmers market open during the summer.

Central Square Farmers Market ⚃
*Norfolk and Bishop Allen Dr., Central Sq.*  
*Mondays 12-6pm*
*Directions:* One block down Norfolk St. from Mass Ave. in Central Square
• Nice farmers market open during the summer. (Yes, you did just read this above.)

Harvard Square Farmers Market 🌿
*Front of Charles Hotel, Harvard Sq.*  
*Sundays 10am-2:30pm*
*Directions:* Follow Brattle St. from Harvard Square.
• Nice farmers market open during the summer. (One more time for good luck.)

Haymarket 🌿
*Haymarket T Stop*
*Directions:* Green line: Haymarket Stop
• Haymarket is a very cheap open-air produce market every Friday and Saturday. The produce varies in quality and it is best to go early in the day.

Groceries: Wholesale

BJ’s
*1 Mercer Rd., Natick*
*Directions:* Look it up. :-)  
• BJ’s is a large wholesale club that requires a membership. It is a good place to go when you want to buy large quantities of food at cheap prices.

Costco
*520 Winter St., Waltham*
*Directions:* Off of I-95 (Precise I know ... again, look it up.)  
• Costco is a large wholesale club that requires a membership. It is a good place to go when you want to buy large quantities of food at cheap prices. (Someone likes cut and paste.)

Post Offices

Cambridge Post Office ⚃
*770 Mass Ave., Central Sq.*
*Directions:* On Mass Ave. in Central Square
• Main Cambridge post office branch.

Kendall Post Office ⚃
*250 Main St., Kendall Sq.*
*Directions:* At Cambridge St. and Hayworth St. on the west edge of the MIT campus
• Another post office branch.
Student Center Post Office
MIT Student Center (W20) Basement, MIT Campus
Directions: MIT Student Center (W20) Basement
• Closest post office.

Stationary Supplies

MIT Coop
3 Cambridge Center, Kendall Sq.
• At the Coop you can find lots of office supplies, many emblazoned with the MIT logo.

MIT Office Depot
Building 56 Basement (56-022), MIT Campus
Directions: Walk to Building 56 and go down to the basement
• The MIT Office Depot has the cheapest prices you will find on office supplies. Note that the office does not stock any merchandise. Rather you go in, order the items you want, and they are delivered for free to your home the next day.

Staples
57 JFK St., Harvard Sq.
Directions: R-Harvard Square
• Large office supply store in Harvard Square.

University Stationary
311 Mass Ave., Central Sq.
Directions: On Mass Ave. between MIT and Central Square
• University Stationary is a nearby stationary store that gives a discount with a student ID.
Entertainment

You've shopped, traveled and set a new sports record. Time to entertain your brain ... maybe a little culture? Maybe not. Either way, you'll find something here.

**CDs**

**Newbury Comics**

36 JFK St, Harvard Sq

*Directions:* Take a walk (or T ride) up to Harvard Yard and ask anyone where JFK St is.

- An eclectic alternative music store that focuses on alternative, punk, rock - the general college scene - offered in both CD and vinyl. They generally offer good prices for college students too! (The Top 50 are always on sale.)

**Strawberries Music & Video**

750 Memorial Drive, Cambridge

*Directions:* Head on Mass Ave towards Boston and make a right on the road right before the bridge (Memorial Drive).

- One more chain music store. A bit of a walk, but if you have a car, there are plenty of other stores (Trader Joe's, MicroCenter) located right next to Strawberries which may condense many trips into one.

**Tower Records**

95 Mt. Auburn St, Harvard Sq

*Directions:* Stay left at the major split on Mass Ave right before Harvard - that’s Mt. Auburn St.

- Another music colossus that offers all things books (pop/music related), video and music - including their self-proclaimed largest collection of classical and jazz in the city. There is also a ticket-master here for when you need to camp out to get seats at your favorite band’s next show.

**Virgin Megastore**

360 Newbury St, Boston

*Directions:* Corner of Mass Ave and Newbury St.; Right above Hynes stop on Green Line

- The giant music chain offers much in the way of pop culture. They offer books (mostly alternative), videos, any type of music you would want - and more. The big sell is that you can listen to any CD in the store on one of their many listening booths. The store also stays open an extra half hour on Monday evenings so you can get first dibs on Tuesday’s releases.

**Movies**

**AMC Fenway Theatre**

201 Brookline Ave, Boston

*Directions:* The movie theatre is right in the shopping complex right next to the Fenway stop.

- A good theatre that tends to offer better prices (and student discounts) then other major theatres. Blockbuster releases are mostly always available.
Copley Place 11
100 Huntington Ave, Prudential
Directions: Either Walk on Mass Ave south to Boylston then into the Prudential Center OR take the T right to Huntington Ave (Prudential Stop).
• One more Loews theatre - because it wouldn’t be funny without another one. A smaller theatre that allows you to watch movies after a long day of shopping in the Prudential Center.

FreshPond 10
168 Alewife Brook Pkwy, Alewife
Directions: From the Alewife Stop, walk a block east to Alewife Brook Pkwy then 4 blocks south.
• Another Loews theatre that shows new releases. A good alternative if the other theatres are sold out or if you live north of campus.

Harvard Square 5
10 Church St, Harvard Sq
Directions: Walk on Mass Ave just past Harvard Yard.
• Yet another Loews theatre, but this one offers artsy and classic films in addition to some modern ones at a slightly reduced price. The theatre offers one big nice screen and a few small low-quality ones.

Kendall Square Cinema
(behind) 1 Kendall Square, Kendall Sq
Directions: At Kendall, find The Wave bus. It will take you to Cinema for FREE.
• A highly recommended theatre for new art films. Student discount available during the week.

Lecture Series Committee
Building 26 Room 100, MIT
Directions: First floor of 26 - look for the line.
• MIT’s student run series of movies which usually have left theatres but haven’t hit video yet. Not only do you get a great deal on a movie (it’s $3), soda, popcorn, and candy, but you get an experience no MIT student should miss.

Loews Boston Common
175 Tremont St, Boston
Directions: Get off the Park Street exit on the Red Line and walk 2 Blocks SW on Tremont St.
• A very modern theatre with a ton of movies and great sound. They always have the latest blockbuster releases and the massive crowds that go along with them. Student ticket prices are available Mon - Thurs during the day.
Museum

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
280 The Fenway, Boston
Directions: After getting off the T, cross Huntington Ave and walk down Louis Prang Street for 2 blocks.
• The museum is not only full from top to bottom with art works from various geographies and times, but it is also a contemplation space with its courtyard full of great flowers. The courtyard is surrounded by an inward-looking Venetian palace. Check out the schedule for concerts before you go at their website. Admission is $5 with student ID.

MIT Museum
MIT Bldg N52, Cambridge
Directions: Corner of Mass Ave and Village Street
• This highlights science and technology exhibits and programs related to MIT. Admission is free with your ID.

Museum of Fine Arts
465 Huntington Ave, Boston
Directions: Near the Museum T-stop (Green E-Line)
• MFA features an extensive sculpture and painting collection (including Renoir, Van Gogh, Rembrandt, Monet) as well as Egyptian and Asian art. You can get in for FREE at certain times or at a discounted student rate. (Normal admission, not including special exhibits/movies).

Museum of Science
Science Park, Boston
Directions: Catch EzRide to the CambridgeSide Galleria or take the T to Science Park (Green Line).
• Admission is normally $14. (Free admission with MIT ID card)

New England Aquarium
Central Wharf, Boston
Directions: Walk towards the harbor. Or even easier, go to the Aquarium stop on the Blue line.
• The aquarium has over 70 exhibits featuring aquatic animals and their habitats. There’s also an IMAX theatre featuring films about science, nature and conservation.

Music

Boston Modern Orchestra Project
9 Birch Street, Roslindale
Directions: http://www.bmop.org/
• BMOP is exactly what it says - a project to entertain and educate using contemporary music. See bmop.org for more details. Free tickets also available - see the Arts at MIT’s Freebies website.

Collage New Music
(Varies)
Locations vary.
• A new type of concert that allows exchange between composers, performers and audience members. See www.collagenewmusic.com for details. Free tickets again are available through the Arts at MIT.
Concerts at MIT

MIT

Directions: Tada ... you're here!
• There are many excellent free performances on campus including a capella concerts, MIT Symphony Orchestra, jazz ensembles and musicals. Just visit events.mit.edu and click on Concerts to see the upcoming schedule of musical events.

Symphony Hall

301 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston

Directions: Either walk down Mass Ave or get off at the Symphony stop on the Green Line.
• Home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Boston Pops. MIT students are allowed 20 free shows from a predetermined list of shows - see the Arts at MIT’s Freebies website for details.

Parks

Boston Harbor Islands

Directions: Take the ferry from the Long Wharf over to the George Island.
• These islands are protected for their historical heritage. Once you get to the George Island, you can take a free water taxi to the other islands. The experience is indeed less nature and more history, but you get out of the city and get a great vista on the Boston skyline and the harbor.

Emerald Necklace

Boston

Directions: http://www.emeraldnecklace.org
• A series of parks stretching from the Boston Common downtown to the Arnold Arboretum and Franklin Park in Roslindale and Roxbury.

Esplanade

Boston

Directions: The walkway right across the Charles from MIT
• There is more to see if you walk or bike upstream - you can find a number of green spots until you reach the Upper Charles Reservation, including the Hemlock George Reservation (http://www.channel1.com/users/hemlock).

Mount Auburn Cemetery

580 Mount Auburn St, Cambridge/Watertown

Directions: From Harvard Square, take bus #71 or 73 towards Watertown, it is located 1.5 miles past Harvard Square
• It makes a lot of people wince at first, but it is a great place for a beautiful walk. It has a large variety of colorful trees, especially during foliage, and there are many, many kinds of flora, scattered around ponds, and along walkways.
Sports

**Baseball: Red Sox 🎤**
Fenway Park, Fenway
**Directions:** Follow the crowd (Kenmore stop on the Green Line)
- Sit in the grandstands for $10 a ticket, where the crowd is as intense as the game.

**Basketball: Boston Celtics 🏀**
Banknorth Garden, Boston
**Directions:** Follow the crowd (North Station stop on the Green Line)
- New venue, better seats, same parquet floor.

**Football: New England Patriots**
Foxboro Stadium, Foxboro
**Directions:** Drive (and follow the crowd).
- Known for their rowdy fans. Also for being the winners of multiple Super Bowls.

**Hockey: Bruins 🏒**
Fleet Center, Boston
**Directions:** Follow the crowd (North Station stop on the Green Line)
- The Bruins have a full sized rink for the first time, but have lost the character of the old Garden.

**Soccer: New England Revolution**
Foxboro Stadium, Foxboro
**Directions:** Drive (what crowd?)
- Boston even has their very own soccer (or football, depending on where you're from) team - that's all I can say about that.

Videos

**Blockbuster Video 🏨**
541 Massachusetts Ave, Central Sq
**Directions:** Walk up Mass Ave to Central Sq.
- The massive movie chain sets down right in Central Sq to offer all the popular new releases.

**Hollywood Express 🏨**
765 Mass. Ave, Central Sq
**Directions:** Walk up Mass Ave to Central Sq.
- A local independent movie rental place which offers a great selection of foreign and independent films in addition to the usual new releases. Rent and return at any of their four locations.
Boston Area Dining Guide

Now your closet’s full ... your head’s full ... but is your stomach full? Ohhh ... it will be.

Afghani

Helmand
143 First St, CambridgeSide Galleria
Directions: Galleria shuttle from the Kendall T stop
• The Afghan cuisine served here hints at Indian, Nepali and Middle Eastern, but has a culture and appeal all its own. It is a bit on the expensive side but well worth it. Show up early, as the wait even during the week can be an hour. Fruit lovers must try the dessert Firenee. Also has a good deal of vegetarian dishes.

African

Addis Red Sea 🌍
544 Tremont Street, Boston
Directions: Green Line, Boylston Stop, then walk down Tremont St. across the I-90 turnpike
• Dinner at cool, subterranean Addis is not like dinner at any Boston restaurant of similarly high caliber: one sits on cushioned stools at low, wicker tables; sumptuously spongy bread replaces utensils. The quietly solicitous servers spread a cornucopia of richly spiced Ethiopian cuisine before you on communal platters. You won’t find white linen and silver here, but you will fine dining of a refreshingly exotic sort. Chicken stew and sauteed lamb are specialties.

American

Bartley’s Burger Cottage 🍔
1246 Mass Ave (near Bow St.), Harvard Square
Directions: Red Line or #1 bus to Harvard
• Very popular burger joint in Harvard Square. Lots of down-to-earth American food. Interesting decor, too. Best place to be if you crave a real burger with all the fixin’s. More grease in one place than you are likely to see anywhere else.

Redbone’s Barbecue 🍗
55 Chester St (near Elm St), Davis Square
Directions: Red Line, Davis Stop
• The best place for ribs in the Boston area. Beef, chicken, and pork stand proud on the meat-lovers’ menu, so don’t go here if you’re a vegetarian (unless you can live on beer and cornbread). It gets pretty busy on weekends so be prepared to wait for a while (reservations are not accepted). Highly recommended.

Rosebud Diner 🍳
381 Summer St, Davis Square
Directions: Red Line, Porter Stop
• An authentic bus-diner in Davis Sq. works best for brunch or breakfast, egg being the main ingredient on the menu. Everyone likes it. Be prepared to wait in line if you Saturday and Sunday mornings after 10:30.
Brazilian/Portuguese

Midwest Grill 🍽️
1124 Cambridge Street, Inman Sq
Directions: Corner of Carmbidge and Norflok Street
• All-you-can-eat buffet is what makes this place so special. Set in the Brazilian/Portuguese neighborhoood of Cambridge, they offer a great variety of Portuguese and Brazilian foods, salads, fruits and desserts on the buffet. Don’t go if you are not a meat lover.

Cafes and Bakeries

1369 ☕️
757 Mass Ave., Central Sq
Directions: Red Line, Central Stop. On Mass Ave.
• A Cambridge classic. Very nice atmosphere, and yummy desserts (but pricey!), as well as muffins, bagels, good coffee, and a variety of teas.

Cafe Pamplona 🍪
12 Bow St., Harvard Sq
Directions: Red Line, Harvard Stop. On Bay St. (just off of Mass Ave.)
• Perfect for hot chocolate and coffee and little fruit tarts. Works and acts like a European cafe. They don’t offer great variety to eat, but definitely a distinct atmosphere of Cambridge intellectuals reading, writing, and talking (often to themselves).

Carberry’s Bakery 🍪
74 Prospect St., Central Square
Directions: Red Line, Central Stop. On Prospect Street.
• Carberry’s has all sorts f croissants, baguettes and anything else the Francophile breakfast heart can hope for. The windows are large and give a bright good morning feeling, even though they only overlook the parking lot.

L.A. Burdick 🍪
52 Brattle St., Harvard Sq
• L.A. Burdick is the place to go when really need endorphins. This place has the richest chocolate in the area. It is a tiny cafe and the line is sometimes long, but once you’ve successfully hunted for a seat, their truffles and atmosphere will make you happy.

La Luna Cafe 🍪
403 Mass Ave., Central Sq
Directions: On Mass Ave. between MIT and Central Square
• A very good, reasonably-priced Italian cafe with great sandwiches, coffee, tea, desserts, and gelato made on the premises.

Mike’s Pastry 🍪
30 Hanover St., North End
Directions: Green Line, Haymarket Stop
• The very wide (and tempting!) selection of traditional Italian pastries (biscotti, cannoli, tiramisu, etc.) and other goodies (cakes, candy, cookies, pies, you name it) will demand the utmost dietary self-control.
Tealuxe
0 Brattle St., Harvard Sq
Directions: Red Line or #1 bus to Harvard
• This chain tea store offers in-house drinking as well. Variety is large, perfect for tea lovers.

Cambodian

Elephant Walk
900 Beacon St, Boston Univ.
Directions: Green Line, BU Central Stop, Walk St. Mary's street and turn in Beacon St.
• One of the most talked-about restaurants juxtaposes classic French cuisine with spicy Cambodian concoctions. The setting is a converted basement submerged in a subtropical jungle under the gaze of Buddhist statues. The Indochinese colonial lobby is one of most charming waiting rooms around. But dining is a total experience, and on this score, the Elephant Walk more than delights.

Club / Dance

Avalon
15 Lansdowne Street, Boston
Directions: Green Line to Kenmore, Walk Towards Fenway and you'll hit Lansdowne
• A techno-heavy club, Avalon has hosted both big DJs and bands alike. On Fridays, this club opens its doors to all the other clubs on Landsdowne to become "Avaland", voted best "SuperClub" in America. Call ahead to see who's playing and what they are charging to get in. Discounts on cover are usually available from their website: http://www.avalonboston.com.

ManRay Night Club
21 Brookline St, Central Sq
Directions: From MIT Campus, walk towards Harvard. Turn left on Brookline. ManRay will be on right.
• A club for the more adventurous. Wednesdays are goth, industrial, and “creative.” Thursdays are gay. Fridays are fetish night.

Pravda 116
116 Boylston St, Boston Common
Directions: From Park St T-Stop, walk down Tremont to Boylston, turn right. Pravda is on the left side about a block down.
• Dancing in the back, bar and small food items in the front. Pravda is an extremely popular (and trendy) night spot right near Boston Common.

Roxy
279 Tremont St, Boston Common
Directions: From Park St T-Stop, walk down Tremont past Boylston St. Roxy is on the left.
• A club to get all your dancing out. One of the few clubs that is 18+ (may vary by night). Also offers a Chippendale show for you ladies. Check their website for more information and discounts on cover: http://www.roxyboston.com
Vertigo  
126 State St, Financial District  
Directions: Green Line, Gov’t Center Stop, left on Court St. and right onto State. Two blocks down.  
• Highly regarded dance club and lounge. Hip-hop, trance, techno, and many other genres are played on a given night. Contact the club to learn what’s playing.

Dessert and Ice Cream

Ben & Jerry’s 🍦  
36 JFK St., Harvard Sq  
Directions: Red Line or #1 bus to Harvard  
• Reliable high-quality ice cream.

Christina’s 🍦  
1255 Cambridge St., Innman Sq  
Directions: Near intersection of Cambridge St. and Hampshire St.  
• Very good ice cream, many flavors, a neighborhood place. Perfect for after dinner at Inman Square.

Herrell’s 🍦  
15 Dunster St., Harvard Sq  
Directions: Red Line or #1 bus to Harvard  
• Steve’s last name. (I don’t know what that means either.)

J.P. Licks 🍦  
352 Newbury St., Boston  
Directions: Green Line, Hynes Stop. Or cross Mass Ave. Bridge and head left on Newbury St.  
• Big servings of excellent ice cream and frozen yogurt.

Steve’s 🍦  
120 Faneuil Hall Market Pl., Faneuil Hall / Quincy Market  
Directions: Green Line, Government Center Stop.  
• Quincy Market’s best.

Toscanini’s 🍦  
899 Main St., Central Square  
Directions: Red Line, Central Stop. Intersection of Mass Ave. and Main St. (Not far from MIT)  
• Many exotic flavors and the favorite MIT haven of sweets and coffee.

East Asian

Cafe Mami, Spporo Ramen, Kotobukiya, Tanpopo, Bluefin 🍦  
1815 Mass. Ave., Porter Square  
Directions: Red Line, Porter Stop.  
• Authentic Japanese cafes in the Porter Exchange Building. Reasonably priced and excellent lunches.
Cafe Sushi
1105 Mass. Ave., Harvard Square
Directions: Red Line or #1 Bus to Harvard.
• The best moderately priced sushi place around.

China Pearl
9 Tyler St., Chinatown
Directions: Red Line, South Station Stop.
• Probably the best Cantonese dim sum place around. Every weekend brunch is a boisterous food fest.

East Ocean City
25 Beach St., Chinatown
Directions: Red Line, South Station Stop.
• This is a place to get adventurous, especially with the seafood dishes, which are their specialty. Excellent house-special soup, Dungeness crab, fresh scallops, crispy spicy shrimp, clams in black bean sauce, and chow foon.

Grand Chau Chow
41-45 Beach St., Chinatown
Directions: Red Line, South Station Stop.
• More hip version of its ancestor with essentially the same seafood-based menu. The ingredients are fresh and the surroundings pleasing.

Hsin Hsin Noodle
25 Mass. Ave., Boston
Directions: Walk down Mass Ave
• Convenient and cheap place to grab a bowl of noodles or try some scallion pancakes. Food is good for the price.

Peking Cuisine
10 Tyler St., Chinatown
Directions: Red Line, South Station Stop.
• You know it's good when most Chinese grad students flock there. Mostly mandarin-style food with good Northern-style appetizers.

Royal East
782 Main St., Central Sq
Directions: Walk / Red Line Central Stop.
• Perpetual favorite of MIT students, if only for proximity. Food is generally above average, but dishes tend to taste the same rather quickly. Good for moderate banquets.

Shilla
95 Winthrop St., Harvard Sq
Directions: Red Line or #1 bus to Harvard.
• Harvard Square spot offering Korean and Japanese dishes. Quality is above average and the interior is spacious.
Eclectic

**Cambridge 1 🏛️**

**Church St., Harvard Sq**

**Directions:** Red Line or #1 bus to Harvard

- It's actually a sports bar that is never crowded as a sports bar is, maybe because of its slick interior design. They serve tasty vegetable pizzas. You are welcome to sit, even if you are not eating.

**Central Kitchen 🍽️**

567 Mass. Ave., Central Square

**Directions:** Walk / Red Line, Central Stop.

- Although pricey, the small menu offers stylish and quite tasty dishes inspired mostly by Mediterranean cuisine. They serve great appetizers such as the octopus, and great desserts such as the maple crème brûlée or the blueberry bread pudding. It

**East Coast Grill 🏛️**

1271 Cambridge St., Inman Square

**Directions:** Walk ... how? Easiest way is to look it up on MapQuest.

- An upscale barbecue joint in the area, East Coast Grill serves colorful American cuisine. You can also mix your own Bloody Marys at the bar.

**Grill 23 & Bar 🍽️**

161 Berkley St, Boston

**Directions:** Green Line, Arlington Stop.

- Upscale dining with extensive wine list and well-portioned American style food.

**Jumbalaya 🍽️**

795 Main St., Central Sq

**Directions:** Walk / Red Line, Central Stop.

- Half Cajun, half Mexican, half burgers, this new joint has a lot of unique options, from catfish and crawfish to quesadillas and blackened anything. Their jambalaya is just average, but the place can be a nice alternative to the standard eateries.

Fast Food

**Burger King 🍔**

502 Mass. Ave., Central Sq

**Directions:** Walk / Red Line, Central Stop.

**Dunkin’ Donuts 🍩**

616 Mass. Ave., Central Sq

**Directions:** Walk / Red Line, Central Stop.

**Kentucky Fried Chicken 🍗**

168 Hampshire St., Central Sq

**Directions:** Walk up Mass. Ave. and turn right on Prospect St. / Red Line, Central Stop.

**McDonald’s 🍔**

463 Mass. Ave., Central Sq

**Directions:** Walk / Red Line, Central Stop.
Taco Bell 🍜
168 Hampshire St., Central Square
Directions: Walk up Mass. Ave. and turn right on Prospect St. / Red Line, Central Stop.

Wendy’s 🍔
598 Mass. Ave., Central Square
Directions: Walk / Red Line, Central Stop.

French

1 Arrow Street Crepes 🍕
1 Arrow St., Harvard Square
Directions: Red Line or #1 bus to Harvard
- Basically, they just sell crepes. Somewhat expensive for what you get, but very tasty, and they have some interesting recipes. Small place off Mass Ave.

Cafe Celador 🍪
5 Craigie Circle, Harvard Sq
Directions: Red Line or #1 bus to Harvard
- Charming, hard-to-find basement bistro in a quiet Cambridge neighborhood. French and Italian bistro fare are presented with loving care.

Salts 🍴
798 Main St, Central Sq
Directions: Walk / Red Line, Central Stop.
- Trendy and cozy restaurant perfect for special occasions. A bit on the pricey side for a graduate student budget, but delicious food and excellent service. Make reservations.

Troquet 🍴
140 Boylston St., Theatre District
Directions: Red Line, Park Stop, walk down Tremont to Boylston, turn right, Troquet is on your left.
- If you are looking to impress with very fine American/French cuisine, then this place is one of the best. Terrific atmosphere, great service, and a nice selection of wines which they will help you select to complement your meal. Pricey.

German

Jacob Wirth 🍴
31-37 Stuart St., Theatre District
Directions: Red Line, Park Stop.
- If you're close to the theater district, you're close to Jacob Wirth's Tavern, a Boston institution. They have cheap, yet flavorful, German-style food and a great selection of beer including a couple of their own brews, like Jake's Dark.
Indian

Ajanta
145 First St., Cambridge
Directions: Walk
• It has authentic South Indian Sunday brunch buffet, with idlis, dosas, sambar and rasam. You can meet the whole South Indian community of Cambridge there and even enjoy a cup of madras kaapi coffee.

Bombay Club
57 JFK St., Harvard Sq
Directions: Red Line or #1 bus to Harvard
• Upscale Indian dining tuned to the American taste. Elegant atmosphere and attentive service. Dinners can be expensive but the lunch buffets are great deals.

Border India
781 Main St., Central Sq
Directions: Walk / Red Line, Central Stop.
• They are just around the corner from MIT and have vegetarian lunch boxes ($5) and deals on the dinner for students.

Cafe of India
52a Brattle St., Harvard Sq
Directions: Red Line or #1 bus to Harvard
• Traditional Indian dishes with high quality, moderate prices, and great decor. The naan (an Indian bread) is the best in the city.

Kebab N' Kurry
30 Mass. Ave., Boston
Directions: Walk
• Small North Indian place just across river with lots of good chicken dishes and great spices. Moderately priced.

Maharajah
2088 Mass Ave, Porter Square
Directions: Red Line, Porter Stop
• A favorite vegetarian Indian restaurant with recommended tandoori and curries. Specialty is spicy food.

Punjabi Dhaba
225 Hampshire St, Inman Square
Directions: Walk
• This is a take away place with a great variety of curries vegetarian and non-vegetarian. It is also possible to eat right there, probably less fancy than in a normal restaurant, but you will always feel at home. You find very competitive prices for great food.
Rangoli  
129 Brighton Ave., Brighton  
Directions: Green Line, B Train, Brighton Ave Stop.  
• A dependable alternative to traditional Indian restaurants, Rangoli's knowledgeable chefs create innovative and inexpensive South Indian dishes. The Allston site's attentive service and authentic courses have attracted a loyal following. 

**Italian**

Artu  
89 Charles Street, Beacon Hill  
Directions: Red Line, Charles Stop.  
• An Italian-style bistro with a relaxed atmosphere, Artu lies along Charles Street at the foot of Beacon Hill. An eclectic assortment of grilled meats and panini supplements the traditional Italian menu.

Bertucci’s  
799 Main St. / 21 Brattle St., Harvard Square  
Directions: Red Line, Harvard Stop; Also walk to the Main St. location.  
• The Old Reliable may not have the best brick-oven pizza outside of Bologna but its presence near the warehouses behind MIT is reassuring. Excellent dinner rolls. Walk to the Main St. location.

Café Paradiso  
255 Hanover St, North End  
Directions: Green Line, Haymarket Stop  
• Elegant and night-owlish café with an abundance of mirrors. Great gelati, sorbetti and many designer desserts not to be found elsewhere.

California Pizza Kitchen  
800 Boylston St., Cabmridgeside Galleria Shopping Mall  
Directions: Green Line, Boylston Stop OR EZRide from Kendall T-stop  
• An abundance of California-style and ethnically inspired pizzas. This is pizza a-la-mode if there is such a thing.

Daily Catch  
323 Hanover St., North End  
Directions: Green Line, Haymarket Stop  
• A small and crowded place whose big theme is calamari. The Sicilian seafood dishes are all superb. Prepare to wait (but it’s worth it).

Galleria Umberto  
289 Hanover St. (near Richmond), North End  
Directions: Green Line, Haymarket Stop  
• Excellent North End pizzas, calzones and other finger foods. Lunch only.

La Famiglia Giorgio’s  
112 Salem, North End  
Directions: Green Line, Haymarket Stop.  
• To finish a dish here, you need to either weigh over 200 pounds or not eat for two days. Noted more for economy than quality.
La Groceria
853 Main St., Central Sq
Directions: Red Line, Central Stop / Walk
• Best of the Italian restaurants within walking distance. Favorite for Cambridge office parties. Good pastas, wines and decent decor. They have delicious sorbet too.

La Piccola Venezia
263 Hanover St., North End
Directions: Green Line, Haymarket Stop.
• North End favorite with hearty family cooking. Lots of traditional fare with great sauces. Portions are large and the prices are reasonable.

L’Osteria
104 Salem St., North End
Directions: Green Line, Haymarket Stop.
• Classic menu with many chicken and veal dishes as well as excellent pastas. More moderately priced than competitors.

Pinnochio’s
Harvard Square
Directions: Red Line or Bus #1 to Harvard

Trio’s
222 Hanover St., North End
Directions: Green Line, Haymarket Stop.
• Pasta heaven, all freshly made at this southern Italian spot with Sicilian emphasis.

Vinny Testa’s
867 Boylston St., Boylston
Directions: #1 bus to corner of Newbury and Mass Ave., then walk down Boylston about 2 to 3 blocks.
• Enormous portions of Italian food turn the Vinny’s dining experience into a gluttonous free-for-all. A tableside lottery game played after the meal even affords patrons the chance to walk out with a free meal in addition to a full belly.

Mediterranean

Algiers Café
40 Brattle St, Harvard Sq
Directions: Red Line or #1 bus to Harvard.
• Trendy, meditative cafe right next to the Brattle Theater. Emphasis on Middle-Eastern food with an assortment of teas and coffees. A little bit pricey. Quality is average and service somewhat unpredictable, but these things make it an easy-going, casual cafe. Smoking and non-smoking floors.
Baraka Café
801/2 Pearl Street, Central Square
Directions: Red Line, Central Stop. Pearl St, couple of blocks from Central Sq
• This is one of the nicest restaurants you’ll find in Cambridge due to its friendly ownership, service, and cozy dining space. They serve selections out of North African cuisine. You’ll find a great variety of delicious vegetable dishes and a talkative chef.

Casablanca
40 Brattle St., Harvard Sq
Directions: Red Line or #1 bus to Harvard
• Bogart’s place in the Square, with a nostalgic bar and cheery dining rooms. Food is eclectic and a bit overpriced. But then there aren’t that many hip North African places in the Square.

Phoenicia
240 Cambridge St, Beacon Hill
Directions: Red Line, Charles Stop, walk up Cambridge St. several blocks
• Excellent Middle Eastern and Lebanese food for around $8-9 per person. Reliable tabbouleh, hummus, spinach pie and a few twists like pumpkin kibbeh.

Steve’s
316 Newbury St. (near Hereford), Newbury Street
Directions: Green Line, Hynes ICA Stop OR #1 bus to Hynes to Mass Ave. and Newbury
• Can a good, cheap, and popular restaurant exist on Newbury Street? Steve’s is a living testament. This always-packed Greek/Middle Eastern joint turns very good Greek salads, gyros and kebabs. Its Sunday breakfast is one of the most sought-after in the city. The other place where you can eat on Newbury for less than $10.

Mexican
Boca Grande
1728 Mass. Ave, Porter Square
Directions: Red Line, Porter Stop and then walk to corner of Mass Ave and Garfield St
• Close, Cheap and good Tex-Mex cafeteria foods featuring all the usual tacos, burritos and tamales. It has become popular as a take-out place.

Border Cafe
32 Church St, Harvard Square
Directions: Red Line or #1 bus to Harvard
• Many go to this over-hyped, yuppie Mexican place for atmosphere alone. The food is generally good, although hardly superior. Prices are moderate. Expect to wait over an hour for dinner. Best to go early. Surprisingly fast lunch service. Good margaritas

Casa Mexico
75 Winthrop St., Harvard Square
Directions: Red Line or #1 bus to Harvard
• Lots of so-named restaurants fail to deliver good Mexican food but this one is up to the task. Generous portions of classic Mexican dishes are well-prepared, approaching Rio Grande standards.
Jose’s  
131 Sherman, Alewife  
Directions: Drive (yeah thanks ... Go to MapQuest once again)  
• Great mexican food. If true Mexicans enjoy their posole and enchiladas, that says a lot about the place. The price is excellent, and their margaritas are well done. The best thing about Jose’s: they deliver!

Picante Mexican Grill  
735 Mass Ave., Harvard Square  
Directions: Red Line or #1 bus to Harvard  
• California-style Mexican food served with some zesty sauces. The service is fast and the prices reasonable. You can sit out in good weather.

Pubs

Asgard Irish Pub and Restaurant  
350 Mass Ave, University Park  
Directions: Red Line, Central Stop. Corner of Mass Ave. and Sidney Street (Real Close to MIT)  
• American cuisine with an Irish flair. Good food, and great selection of beers. Wonderful atmosphere, too (interior decor is nice, and they also offer live Irish music several nights a week). For a menu, band schedule, and info about similar Irish pubs in the Boston Area, check out www.classicirish.com

B-side  
92 Hampshire St, Inman Square  
Directions: From Central T Stop, take Prospect towards Inman Sq. Turn left in Hampshire  
• B-side is a bit packed almost every night, but has talented bar tenders, and chef. Try the appetizers, if you haven’t had enough of the hardboiled eggs at the bar. A little bit pricey for student budget.

Boston Beer Works  
61 Brookline Ave, Fenway  
Directions: Green Line, Kenmore Stop. Right next to Fenway Park  
• Standard pub fare, sour cream and chive fries are recommended. You can’t get a table unless you get food. About 12 beers on tap at any given time, all made in-house. Don’t go on Red Sox game days.

Bukowski’s  
50 Dalton St, Boston  
Directions: Green Line, Hynes ICA Stop. Corner of Boylston and Mass Ave.  
• Can you try over 100 different types of beer in one year? Bukowski offers many, many kinds of beer. If you try all the kinds they have in the bar, you’ll win an original Beer glass, that of your most favorite kind. They also serve good burgers and fries.

Cambridge Brewing Company  
1 Kendall Ter, Newton  
Directions: Closest T is Red Line, Kendall Stop  
• The nicest thing the CBC offers is not beer but that they have a large outdoor sitting area, which is very enjoyable once the sun starts coming out.
Charlie’s Kitchen
10 Eliot St, Harvard Square
Directions: Red Line or #1 bus to Harvard
• Quite a place, if you want to stay up late in a bar (2 am is their last call). A good selection of beer on tap (not the usual stuff) and a rich diner menu. Their double cheeseburger is a classic.

Club Cafe
209 Columbus Ave., South End
Directions: Green Line, Arlington Stop
• Part restaurant, part bar, Club Cafe is one of Boston’s most popular gay afterwork venues. Home to Where the Grad Students are, an event held the first friday of each month for gay graduate students in the Boston area to come and socialize.

Enormous Room
567 Mass. Ave., Central Square
Directions: Red Line, Central Stop.
• Bar and lounge. Comfy seating on cushioned couches. A bit crowded, but good for both dates and groups of friends.

Flat Top Johnny’s
1 Kendall Sq, Kendall Square
Directions: Red Line, Kendall Stop
• Casual bar, pool hall, and restaurant all in one. It has 12 pool table and a large beer list. Food consists on mainly finger food.

Jake Ivory’s
1 Lansdowne St, Fenway Park
Directions: Green Line, Kenmore Stop.
• A bar where local pianists belt out good tunes while patrons sit back and enjoy a beer or two or three... by 1, most of the bar is attempting to sing along. A great venue for large groups to go for a good time.

John Harvard’s Brew House
33 Dunster St., Harvard Square
Directions: Red Line or #1 bus to Harvard
• A perpetually popular hangout at Harvard Square. The attractions are the good home brews and innovative menu. The interior is a surprisingly elegant rendition of the English pub, plus a few stained glass windows and murals. Great for weekend brunch. Try the chicken potpie.

Miracle of Science
321 Mass. Ave., University Park
Directions: Walk up Mass Ave!!! Closest T is Red Line, Central Stop.
• Casual bar and restaurant. Standard American fare. A standard hangout of MIT graduate students.

North East Brewing Company
1314 Commonwealth Ave., Boston
Directions: Green Line, Griggs Stop
• It’s a bit of a trek on the Green Line, but is a nice place with excellent beer and tasty pizza. Full menu restaurant, and about 8 in-house beers on tap.
Pour House 🍔
909 Boylston St, Prudential Center Area
Directions: Green Line, Hynes ICA Stop. Close to the Prudential Center
• One of the cheapest places to get good burgers anywhere in the city. Fun atmosphere and great hangout place. Burgers are half price on Saturdays. Chicken sandwiches and Mexican dishes are on discount on other days. Probably the best chocolate frappes you’ll get in Boston.

Seafood

Barking Crab 🦀
80 Sleeper St. (by the Federal Courthouse)
Directions: Red Line, South Station Stop and walk across the Fort Point Channel.
• A casual fishermen atmosphere, great seafood. Perfect if you are tired of fried seafood. You eat right by the waterfront, and can actually breathe the ocean smell in on their patio.

Durgin Park 🍽
340 Faneuil Hall Market Place, Government Center
Directions: Green Line, Government Center Stop.
• People who know it know it well. The food has always been good but not great, the service has always been hostile, yet the lines to get in still circle Quincy Market. The second floor warehouse is one of the city’s oldest eateries, and Prime Rib, hot dogs and beans still make the trip worthwhile.

Legal Seafoods 🦀Ⓐ☋➊
5 Cambridge Center, Kendall Sq
Directions: Red Line, Kendall Stop.
• For every raving fan heaping praise on this Boston tradition, there is another who rants on the overpriced mediocre seafood. The key is to pick a lucky date when the restaurant is on. Mostly American traditional preparation, except for a few departures here and there (Shandong style from Chinese “invented by Confucius”). Of course, it’s all likely to taste good if someone else is paying. A good place to get your parents or advisor to take you to. Not cheap. Key lime pie is good. Seven locations around Boston.

No Name Restaurant 🦀
15 Boston Fish Pier (near Northern Ave), Federal Court House
Directions: Red Line, South Station, then either walk or take the shuttle to the World Trade Center
• It’s the fish, not the ambiance, that has drawn hoards of regulars to this Fish Pier favorite for years. And it’s reasonable prices, fast service, and fresh catches that keep’em coming back to long wooden tables and “family-style” seating.

The Fishery 🦀
718-730 Mass. Ave, Central Square
Directions: Red Line or #1 bus to Central
• Reasonably priced alternative to the big seafood restaurants. Good crab cakes, calamari, mussels and scallops. Praised as the best seafood value in Boston.

Union Oyster House 🦀
41 Union St. (near Congress), Government Center
Directions: Green Line, Government Center Stop.
• America’s oldest restaurant? Faneuil Hall Landmark boasting Boston’s seafood tradition in colonial surroundings. The only drawback are the tourists.
Spanish

Cafe Pamplona 🍴
12 Bow St, Harvard Square
Directions: Red Line, Harvard Stop. Bow St is right off Mass Ave
• A traditional Spanish café which serves fairly-inexpensive traditional food and strong coffee. Remember to bring cash, because they don’t take credit cards.

Iruña 🍴
56 JFK St, Harvard Square
Directions: Red Line or #1 bus to Harvard
• One of the few Spanish restaurants in the area, Iruña serves traditional Spanish home-style cooking. Interesting and moderately priced dishes always draw a large crowd to this Harvard Square spot.

Thai

9 Tastes 🍴ähl
50 JFK Street, Harvard Sq
Directions: Red Line or #1 bus to Harvard
• Great Thai food at a decent price, 9 Tastes has become a popular dining place for many Harvard students.

Thai Basil Restaurant 🍴
132 Newbury St, Boston
Directions: Green Line, Copley Stop. Either Walk south on Mass Ave until you hit Newbury OR walk a block north from T.
• A reasonably priced thai restaurant on an overpriced street.

ThaiLand Cafe 🍴ähl
302 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge
Directions: A few blocks north of MIT on Mass Ave.
• Thailand Cafe is an easy solution to your Thai cravings. Lunch and dinner specials available.

Tibetan

Rangzen 🍴ält
24 Pearl Street, Central Square
Directions: Red Line, Central Stop. Walk up Mass Ave to Pearl St.
• This restaurant has a different kind of lunch buffet in a silent atmosphere that is in welcoming contrast to the hectic life in Central Square. They let vegetarians and non-vegetarians have an interesting, refreshing and healthy lunch and a cup of tea. It is also reccommended by many for dinner.

Vegan

Blue Shirt Café 🍴ält
424 Highland Ave, Davis Square
Directions: Red Line, Davis Stop.
• (Bakery, Tofu, Organic, Fair trade) Wonderful international wraps and salads with organic ingredi-
ents, great fruit smoothies; vegetarian heaven but they also have chicken and other meats.

**Buddha’s Delight**
5 Beach Street, Chinatown
Directions: Red Line, South Station Stop.
* Vegan except for dairy in some desserts. Consistent rave reviews. Specializes in temple cuisine, a very impressive traditional Chinese vegetarian cuisine.

**Christopher’s Natural Foods**
1920 Mass Ave, Porter Square
Directions: Red Line, Porter Stop.
* Many vegetarian and vegan options. Grain burgers, soups, Mexican food, and pasta dishes. No preservatives or artificial ingredients.

**Country Life**
200 High Street, Boston
Directions: R-South Station
* Outstanding “all you care or dare to eat” buffet and rich salad and fruit bar. Family operated, owned by a nonprofit board. Dinner only 4 nights per week — call ahead for hours. Closed Sat.

**Grasshopper**
1 North Beacon Street, Allston-Brighton
Directions: Green Line, Harvard Ave Stop
* Vegan restaurant (very descriptive ... I agree).

**Masao’s Kitchen**
1815 Mass Ave, Porter Exchange
Directions: Red Line, Porter Stop.

**Middle East Restaurant**
472 Mass Ave, Central Square
Directions: Red Line, Central Stop
* They have a variety of bean dishes, and great salads, all freshly made. It is definitely a nice place to hang out with friends, sometimes in the company of live music. Great fun! [http://www.mideastclub.com](http://www.mideastclub.com).

**Trident Bookstore Café**
338 Newbury Street, Boston
Directions: Green Line, Hynes Stop.
* You get to flip through books and magazines, or daily newspapers as you sit down in a bay window that overlooks Newbury St while eating healthy sandwiches, salads, drinking smoothies, chai etc. The prices are Newbury St. prices.

**Veggie Planet**
47 Palmer Street, Harvard Square
Directions: Red Line or #1 bus to Harvard
* A pizzeria. Take-out is welcome. Even their pizza dough is organic. They have salads and other dishes as well—their coconut rice is excellent.
Vietnamese

Ba Dat 🍜
28 Harrison Ave., Chinatown
Directions: Red Line, South Station Stop.
• Great place for pho in Chinatown. Many noodle and rice dishes from the Vietnamese repertoire.

Pho Pasteur 🍜
30 Dunster St., Harvard Sq.
Directions: Red Line or #1 bus to Harvard
• With locations in Brookline, Harvard Square, and Chinatown, Pho Pasteur is Boston’s ubiquitous Vietnamese restaurant. While their signature dishes are the enormous bowls of excellent, inexpensive soup, a full range of Vietnamese fare is available.
On-Campus Dining Guide

So you're hungry ... but you don't want to make "the trek" into Boston. Here are some MIT-based solutions.

Coffee/Juice/Fast Food

**Building 4 Coffee Shop**
*Building 4, 1st Floor*
- Coffee, bagels, muffins, soup, sandwiches, ready-to-eat entrees

**Juice Bar**
*Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center*
- Made-to-order fresh fruit smoothies, bottled juices and waters and a variety of healthy snacks

**Peet's Coffee Shop**
*Building 7, Lobby*
- Cappuccino, espresso, latte, treats, and coffee

**Simmons Hall Coffee Shop**
*Vassar Street*
- Sandwiches, salads, cappuccino, espresso, latte, treats, and coffee

**Walker/Pritchett**
*Building 50 (Walker Memorial) Second Floor*
- Burgers, chicken sandwiches and other grilled and fried foods

Convenience

**Baker Convenience**
*Building W7 (Baker House), Ground Floor*

**LaVerde's Market**
*W20-105 (Stratton Student Center), First Floor*

**MacGregor**
*W61 (MacGregor House), Ground Floor*

**Walker/Pritchett**
*Building 50 (Walker Memorial) Second Floor*
Food Trucks (MIT Students' Usual Source of Food)
(All are located at the Corner of Ames and Main Street between 11:30AM and 3PM)

Goosebeary's
• Pan-Asian Food

Jerusalem Café
• Middle Eastern Food

Jose’s Mexican Food
• Mexican Food

Yona’s Pizza
• Pizza (duh) and other Italian Food

Full Meals

Baker Dining
Building W7 (Baker House), Ground Floor
• Traditional dinner entrees, salad bar and sandwiches, cooked-to-order stir-fry.

Kosher Kitchen
Building W11, Religious Activities Center
• Kosher meals available 5 days/week or for Shabbat/holidays (cooperates with MIT Hillel)

Lobdell Food Court
Building W20 (Stratton Student Center)
• Japanese, Middle Eastern, and Indian cuisine.

Next House
Building W71 (Next House), First Floor
• Pizza, grill, and sandwich menu. Vegetarian Options (dedicated equipment for preparing vegetarian items only).

Simmons Hall Coffee Shop
Vassar Street
• Cooked-to-order foods, a full delicatessen, and self-service options.

Stata Center
Vassar Street
• Continental breakfast and extensive lunch menu. Hot entrees and made-to-order specials, as well as grab-n-go sandwiches and salads. Open extended hours for café items such as coffee, snacks and to-go meals.

Walker/Pritchett
Building 50 (Walker Memorial), First Floor
• Comfort foods ranging from roasted whole chicken to deli sandwiches, pizza, pasta, vegetarian fare and Chinese noodle or rice bowls. Soups, full salad bar.
Specialty Foods

Alpine Bagel Café
W20 (Student Center), First Floor
• Bagels, grill, pizza

Arrow St Crepes
W20 (Student Center), First Floor
• Crepes; branch of Harvard Square restaurant

Bio Bagels
Building 68 (Biology Building), First Floor
• Bagels and bagel sandwiches, soup, chili, coffee, pastries.

Dome Café
Building 7 (Rogers Building), Fourth Floor
• Espresso, hot grilled-to-order panini sandwiches, grab and go sandwiches, soups and salads.

East Side Café
Building E19 (H. S. Ford Building), Third Floor
• For breakfast, they serve coffee, pastries and morning breakfast sandwiches. For lunch, they serve hot entrees, sandwiches, soup, subs or chili.

Refresher Course
Building E52 (Sloan Building), First Floor
• Made-to-order sandwiches and wraps, daily hot entrée special, cappuccino, and assorted fresh-baked goods. Open for breakfast and lunch.