

AEROSPACE ENGINEERING (COURSE 16)

Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics (<https://catalog.mit.edu/schools/engineering/aeronautics-astronautics/#undergraduatetext>)

Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering

General Institute Requirements (GIRs)

The General Institute Requirements include a Communication Requirement that is integrated into both the HASS Requirement and the requirements of each major; see details below.

Summary of Subject Requirements	Subjects
Science Requirement	6
Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (HASS) Requirement; at least two of these subjects must be designated as communication-intensive (CI-H) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.	8
Restricted Electives in Science and Technology (REST) Requirement [can be satisfied from among 6.100A/16.C20[J] or 6.100B, 6.3700, 16.001, and 18.03 in the Departmental Program]	2
Laboratory Requirement (12 units) [can be satisfied by 16.405[J], 16.821, or 16.831[J] in the Departmental Program]	1
Total GIR Subjects Required for SB Degree	17

Physical Education Requirement

Swimming requirement, plus four physical education courses for eight points.

Departmental Program

Choose at least two subjects in the major that are designated as communication-intensive (CI-M) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.

Departmental Core	Units
6.100A Introduction to Computer Science Programming in Python	6
16.C20[J] Introduction to Computational Science and Engineering or 6.100B Introduction to Computational Thinking and Data Science	6
16.001 Unified Engineering: Materials and Structures	12
16.002 Unified Engineering: Signals and Systems	12
16.003 Unified Engineering: Fluid Dynamics	12

16.004 Unified Engineering: Thermodynamics and Propulsion	12
16.06 Principles of Automatic Control	12
16.07 Dynamics	12
16.09 Statistics and Probability or 6.3700 Introduction to Probability	12
18.03 Differential Equations ¹	12

Professional Area Subjects

Select four subjects from at least three professional areas. ² 48

Fluid Mechanics

16.100 Aerodynamics

Materials and Structures

16.20 Structural Mechanics

Propulsion

16.50 Aerospace Propulsion

Computational Tools

16.90 Computational Modeling and Data Analysis in Aerospace Engineering

Estimation and Control

16.30 Feedback Control Systems

Computer Systems

6.2050 Digital Systems Laboratory

16.35 Real-Time Systems and Software

Communications Systems

16.36 Communication Systems and Networks

Humans and Automation

16.400 Human Systems Engineering

16.410[J] Principles of Autonomy and Decision Making

Laboratory and Capstone Subjects

Select one of the following: 12

16.82 Flight Vehicle Engineering (CI-M)

16.83[J] Space Systems Engineering (CI-M)

Select one of the following: 12-18

16.405[J] Robotics: Science and Systems (CI-M)

Flight Vehicle Development:

16.821 Flight Vehicle Development (CI-M)

Space Systems Development:

16.831[J] Space Systems Development (CI-M)

Units in Major 180-186

Unrestricted Electives 48

Units in Major That Also Satisfy the GIRs (36)

Total Units Beyond the GIRs Required for SB Degree 192-198

The units for any subject that counts as one of the 17 GIR subjects cannot also be counted as units required beyond the GIRs.

- ¹ *Combination of 6.100A Introduction to Computer Science Programming in Python and 16.C20 Introduction to Computational Science and Engineering or 6.100B Introduction to Computational Thinking and Data Science counts as a REST.*
- ² *18.032 Differential Equations is also an acceptable option.*
- ³ *For students who wish to complete an option in aerospace information technology, 36 of the 48 units must come from subjects other than 16.100, 16.20, 16.50, or 16.90.*