



Chemical Engineering

Suggested questions to ask current MIT students:

General

- What is your biggest surprise about MIT?
- Why did you originally choose to attend MIT? Are these reasons still true today?
- What is your biggest complaint about MIT?

Housing:

- What are the pros and cons of each residence hall?
- Do you recommend living on campus?
- What percent of graduate students live on campus? Does this change with age?
- Do residence halls sponsor and subsidize social events?

Life in Boston:

- How far will the MIT stipend get you in Boston city life?
- How useful is having a car? Is it hard to find parking in Cambridge if you do have a car?
- Does MIT provide discounts for social activities in Boston?
- Does MIT host social activities, such as concerts, etc.?
- Does the Institute provide subsidized public transportation to students?

Social Life within MIT:

- Does ChemE participate in IM sports?
- Are students generally competitive or cooperative?
- What types of student organizations does ChemE have?
- What are the most popular extracurricular activities at MIT?
- Where do students usually do work? (Lab offices, local coffee shops, dorm rooms, etc.)

Academics:

- Do the professors truly care about the classes they teach?
- Do you learn more from the profs teaching the classes or graduate students TAing?
- How stressful are midterm and final exams?
- Does MIT host frequent guest seminar speakers?
- What types of academic support resources does MIT have? (Writing center, etc)

Advisor Selection:

- How likely is it that I get my first-choice advisor?
- What does the advisor selection process at MIT look like?
- How stressful is advisor selection?

Health Resources:

- How extensive is the MIT medical plan?



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- Does MIT medical pay for mental health visits?
- How easy is it to schedule doctor or mental health appointments at MIT?

Diversity and Inclusion:

- What initiatives does the ChemE department have to promote diversity and inclusion?
- Were there any times where you felt unwelcome/unwanted in the ChemE department?

Job Search:

- Does MIT have a career services department? Are there career service resources specifically for ChemE?
- Do MIT ChemE students ever do summer internships?
- How easy is it for MIT students to find jobs after they graduate?
- What types of jobs do students tend to find themselves in after graduation?
- Is there a strong and active MIT ChemE alumni network?

Suggested questions to ask professors:

Group Culture:

- How social are the students in your group?
- Is the lab office usually quiet or are a lot of conversations going on?
- Do most students work in the lab office?

Advising style:

- Are you hands-on or hands-off?
- Do you give students freedom to set the direction of their projects?
- Do you have a set onboarding process?

Research:

- How do you see your current research projects evolving in the next five years?
- Do you know how many students you are going to take?

Opportunities:

- What do your students typically do after graduation?
- Do many of your students go to practice school?
- Do any of your students pursue summer internships?
- What percent of students pursue careers in academia versus industry after graduation?