

MIT Graduate Admissions Statement July, 2020

In response to the challenges of teaching, learning, and assessing academic performance during the global Covid-19 pandemic, MIT has adopted the following principle: MIT's admissions committees and offices for graduate and professional schools will take the significant disruptions of the Covid-19 outbreak in 2020 into account when reviewing students' transcripts and other admissions materials as part of their regular practice of performing individualized, holistic reviews of each applicant.

In particular, for the 2021 graduate admission process, given the potential difficulty in access to testing due to the Covid-19 outbreak, the Department of Mechanical Engineering will not require GRE tests for applications for graduate admission for 2021. We will thus not use GRE scores as a basis for evaluating candidates for admission in the 2021 application process.

As we review applications for graduate admissions, we will also respect decisions regarding the adoption of Pass/No Record (or Credit/No Credit or Pass/Fail) and other grading options during the unprecedented period of Covid-19 disruptions, whether those decisions were made by institutions or by individual students. We will also take into account the individual experiences of applicants as conveyed in their applications, considered within the entirety of a student's record.

Ultimately, even in these challenging times, our goal remains to form graduate student cohorts that are collectively excellent and composed of outstanding individuals who will actively benefit from and contribute to the MIT learning environment, and who will challenge and support one another.

Questions or concerns about this statement should be directed to the academic department or program to which the prospective student has applied.