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MIT School of Engineering and Stephen A. Schwarzman College of Computing

Advanced Degree Ceremony

May 29, 2025
2:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Killian Court

IIiT School of
Engineering

MIT Schwarzman
College of Computing

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic costume has evolved over centuries. The rules governing American academic regalia go back only to 1893, when an Intercollegiate Commission agreed upon standards for gowns and hoods. The history of regalia is much older, however, and the scholar's gown and hood dates back at least to the 15th century, if not earlier.

Hoods once served as head covers, shoulder capes, or bags for alms and one vestige of those earlier days survives in the form of a small sack at the bottom of the hood. The Doctoral degree robe, which may be worn opened or closed, has a velvet panel on each side of the front opening, extending around the neck and to the bottom of the hem in front. Three horizontal velvet bars are positioned on the upper part of each of the full, bell-shaped sleeves.

A distinct design for the MIT Doctoral degree robe was adopted in 1995. It is silver-gray with a cardinal red velvet panel outlined in silver-gray piping on each side of the front opening, extending around the neck to a V-point in the back and to the bottom of the hem in front. Cardinal red velvet bars outlined in silver-gray piping are positioned on the upper part of each of the sleeves. An eight-sided, silver-gray tam with a cardinal red tassel is worn with this robe. The all-black robe may be worn by those with MIT Doctoral degrees, as the MIT robe is optional. At MIT, only recipients of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and Doctor of Science (ScD) degrees are invested with hoods. The Doctoral degree hood has a rounded base and is four feet long. The velvet trim signifies by color the type of Doctoral degree—for MIT, blue for PhD degrees and yellow for ScD degrees.

The lining of the hood carries the school's colors—cardinal red and silver-gray for MIT. For the joint program in Oceanography/Applied Ocean Science and Engineering, which leads to a single degree awarded by MIT and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, the WHOI color of Old Glory blue is added to the MIT colors in the hood lining. As the hood lies against the wearer's back, it should be arranged so that the lining colors show.

Master's and Engineer's Degree Cord Description
The double cardinal and gray honor cord is given to Master's and engineering students receiving degrees from the School of Engineering or the Schwarzman College of Computing.

Marshals for Faculty:	**Olivier L. de Weck** SM '99, PhD '01, Apollo Program Professor
	Leslie Kaelbling Panasonic Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Marshals for Students:	**Kristala Prather** '94, Arthur Dehon Little Professor
	Joel Voldman SM '97, PhD '01, Clarence J. LeBel Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Opening Remarks:	**Anantha P. Chandrakasan**
Ceremony Speaker:	**Fariborz Maseeh** ScD '90, Founder and Managing Principal of Surlamer Investments
Closing Remarks:	**Daniel Huttenlocher** SM '84, PhD '88

CONFERRAL OF MASTER'S DEGREES

Course 1: Civil and Environmental Engineering

Course 2: Mechanical Engineering

Course 3: Materials Science and Engineering

Course 6: Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Course 10: Chemical Engineering

Course 16: Aeronautics and Astronautics

Course 20: Biological Engineering

Course 22: Nuclear Science and Engineering

Center for Computational Science and Engineering

Computational and Systems Biology

Program in Health Sciences and Technology, Institute for Medical Engineering and Science

Integrated Design and Management Program

Institute for Data, Systems, and Society

Operations Research Center

Supply Chain Management

System Design and Management Program

Joint program with the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

CONFERRAL OF DOCTORAL DEGREES AND HOODS

Course 1: Civil and Environmental Engineering

Heidi Nepf
Donald and Martha Harleman Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering

Course 2: Mechanical Engineering

John Hart, SM '02, PD '06, PhD '06
Department Head; Professor of Mechanical Engineering; Director, Laboratory for Manufacturing and Productivity; Director, Center for Advanced Production Technologies

Course 3: Materials Science and Engineering

Polina Anikeeva, *Phd '09*
Head, Department of Materials Science and Engineering; Matoula S. Salapatas Professor in Materials Science and Engineering; Professor of Brain and Cognitive Sciences; Associate Director, Research Laboratory of Electronics; Director, K. Lisa Yang Brain-Body Center

Course 6: Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Asu Ozdaglar ,SM '98, PhD '03
MathWorks Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Department Head & Deputy Dean of Academics, Schwarzman College of Computing

Course 10: Chemical Engineering

Kristala L. Jones Prather, '94
Department Head; Arthur Dehon Little Professor

Course 16: Aeronautics and Astronautics

Julie Shah, '04, SM '06, PhD '11
Department Head, H.N. Slater Professor in Aeronautics and Astronautics

Course 20: Biological Engineering

Angie Belcher
James Mason Crafts Professor of Biological Engineering, Materials Science and the Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research at MIT

Course 22: Nuclear Science and Engineering

Benoit Forget
Korea Electric Power Professor of Nuclear Engineering and Department Head

Program in Health Sciences and Technology, Institute for Medical Engineering and Science

Collin Stultz, HST MD '97
Nina T. and Robert H. Rubin Professor, Director, Harvard-MIT Health Sciences & Technology, Associate Director, Institute for Medical Engineering and Science

Computational and Systems Biology

Chris Burge
CSB Program Director; Uncas (1923) and Helen Whitaker Professor

Institute for Data, Systems, and Society

Fotini Christia
SES Program Chair, Ford International Professor, Social Sciences

Operations Research Center

Patrick Jaillet, SM '82 PhD '85 Co-Director, MIT Operations Research Center; Dugald C. Jackson Professor in Electrical Engineering, [AI+D]

Joint program with the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

Diane Foster
Vice President for Academic Programs and Dean for Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

FARIBORZ MASEEH SCD '90

Fariborz Maseeh is a scientist and engineer, turned entrepreneur. He is the founder and managing principal of Surlamer Investments, which manages investments in private companies, a diversified portfolio of commercial and residential real estate, and several proprietary traded hedge funds. He also is the founder and president of The Massiah Foundation, a charitable organization that invests in transformational situations for broad public benefit.

After receiving his doctoral degree from MIT, he joined a startup in Silicon Valley and after a year Maseeh founded IntelliSense in 1991 with the vision of reducing the time and expense of creating next-generation micro-electromechanical systems (MEMS) devices. Under his leadership, IntelliSense successfully created the first custom design, development, and manufacturing MEMS operation. Subsequently, he retrained himself in finance and became a managing partner in several publicly traded and privately held investment funds. Fariborz has scientific publications in business strategy, fabrication technologies, and design of software for MEMS, and has authored several patents and trademarks.

Maseeh is an MIT alumnus and currently serves as a life member of MIT Corporation, a member of its Executive Committee as well as a member of the Dean's Advisory Council of the School of Engineering.

He is a member of Caltech Board of Trustees, member of board of fellows of Harvard Medical School, member of the engineering advisory boards at Viterbi School of Engineering at USC, the Fariborz Maseeh Department of Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering at UT Austin, and Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science at Portland State University. He has received several honorary recognitions and has served on a number of charitable boards. In February of 2023, Maseeh was elected to the National Academy of Engineering.

DIGITAL DIPLOMA AND PAPER DIPLOMA INFORMATION

Digital Diplomas
All graduating students are eligible to receive a digital version of their diploma at no cost. Download the Blockcerts Wallet app on your mobile device and add MIT as an issuer to ensure that you will receive your digital diploma as soon as it is available.
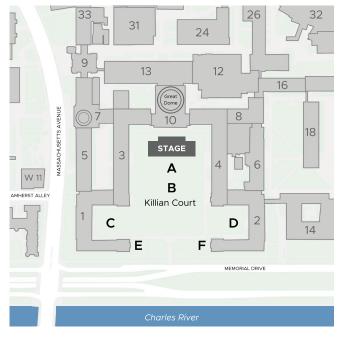Information can be found at **registrar.mit.edu/digital-diplomas**

Paper Diplomas
Information can be found at **registrar.mit.edu/paper-diplomas**

Commencement 2025 Name Book
The Commencement 2024 name book can be found online on the Commencement site at **commencement.mit.edu**

CEREMONY VENUE MAP

Killian Court

A. Graduate seating

B. Guest seating

C. & D. Restroom facilities, general and accessibilty information, and bottled water

E. Baby changing, lactation tent

F. First aid

Live captioning via Streamtext link