

Sidney - Pacific

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2012  
Orientation  
Guide





# welcome

Welcome to Sidney-Pacific! You are very lucky to be the few MIT graduate students who managed to beat the algorithm and can actually have a life – right at home! SP is known for its proactivity in organizing events to enrich its residents. From weekly Coffee Hours that boast culinary diversity and monthly brunches that brighten your Sunday mornings, to Open Doors Night, inter-hall contests, movie nights and dance parties in the courtyard... Be spoiled for choice!

There is no better way to enjoy life in SP than to just show up for the events. Like you, everyone is tempted to find out who else lives under the same roof. In a building that houses 676 residents, you will very soon identify people who share your interests. In fact, we have more than 200 interest groups. You WILL make new friends as long as you show up.

In the most culturally diverse graduate community in MIT, you will find yourself at home, no matter where you come from. Feel free to grab a few neighbors and explore Cambridge and Boston together, volunteer at events, jam some music, exchange recipes over a cookout, or even share the stress that infests MIT students. SP is designed by and for students. Let's make it better, together!

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# house information

## mailing address

70 Pacific Street, Apt # (Your apt number)  
Cambridge, MA 02139  
USA

Do not include MIT in your address!  
It may slow down your mail.

## campus phone numbers:

Just dial the last five digits of the number (e.g., for MIT Medical just dial 3-1311).

## campus locations:

To find any campus location go to:  
**whereis.mit.edu**

## emergency phone numbers

Emergency (from within S-P or any on-campus phone)	100 or 3-1212
MIT Campus Police (from a non-campus phone)	617-253-1212
MIT Medical: 24-Hour Urgent Medical & Mental Health Care	617-253-1311

**HANDY HINT:** Program an in-case-of-emergency number into your cell phone

## front desk hours

- Front desk is staffed 24 hours.
- From 8 am to midnight, the desk worker can help you with borrowing checkout items, packages received, mail, etc.
- From midnight to 8 am, a security guard operates the desk. Items cannot be checked out between midnight and 8 am.

## maintenance problems

**NOTE:** For non-urgent repair requests, fill out request form online at:

**[s-p.mit.edu/resources/repair.php](http://s-p.mit.edu/resources/repair.php)**

F-I-X-I-T (24 hour service for urgent repair requests)	x3-4948
Jack Ahern (House Manager: <a href="mailto:sp-housemanager@mit.edu">sp-housemanager@mit.edu</a> ) [Weekdays (7:30 am–4 pm)]	x3-0553
MIT Housing Repair Facilities	x3-1500

**It is MIT policy and Massachusetts state law that all residents immediately evacuate the building upon the sounding of a fire alarm.**

***You will be fined and/or evicted if you fail to evacuate.***

# phone numbers

## other important MIT phone numbers

**NOTE:** All area codes are 617 unless otherwise noted.

### MIT medical

Mental Health Service .....	253-2916
<a href="http://medweb.mit.edu/directory/services/mental_health.html">http://medweb.mit.edu/directory/services/mental_health.html</a> (counseling, evaluation, treatment, crisis intervention and referral)	
Patient Billing (students) .....	253-4303

### dean's office

Student Support Services (primarily academics-related) .....	253-4861
Student Life Programs (support and living arrangements) .....	452-4280
Office of Minority Education (advice and referral) .....	253-5010

### student-to-student

Nightline (peer listening hotline, staffed 7pm to 7am during school semesters) ...	253-8800
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### other

mediation@mit (service to resolve disputes between students) .....	258-8423
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## important non-MIT phone numbers

AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts (HIV testing and prevention info) ...	437-6200
Alcoholics Anonymous .....	426-9444
Boston Area Rape Crisis Center .....	492-7273
Gay and Lesbian Helpline .....	267-9001
Samaritans Suicide Prevention .....	247-0220
Safelink 24hr Domestic Violence hotline .....	(877) 785-2020
Massachusetts Eating Disorders Association .....	558-1881
Massachusetts Poison Control Center .....	(800) 222-1222



# safety

## emergencies and fire safety

- If you smell smoke or suspect a fire, call MIT Police immediately (dial 100 or x3-1212).
- If evacuation is necessary, follow the evacuation procedures outlined on the back of your apartment door.
- Fire alarms are very sensitive—spraying aerosols (perfume, air freshener, etc.) near the fire alarm will trigger the system.
- **HANDY HINT:** When cooking, try to keep the room well ventilated. Use the fan above your stove.
- If your fire alarm detector goes off by mistake, be sure to call the S-P front desk and inform the desk worker/night-staff of the false alarm.

If you accidentally set off the fire alarms, **DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR TO THE HALLWAY**. This will set off the BUILDING-WIDE alarm unnecessarily, causing a building evacuation (and remember, you want to make friends, not enemies, especially at 3am on a freezing night!)

## personal safety

- 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.
- If you find yourself having to walk 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.
- MIT SafeRide shuttle operates at night and drops you off straight at the S-P doorstep. See [web.mit.edu/facilities/transportation/shuttles/safe\\_ride.html](http://web.mit.edu/facilities/transportation/shuttles/safe_ride.html). After SafeRide hours, you can request MIT Police escort to your on-campus destination. (x3-1212 or 100).
- If choosing between walking to Mass Ave. from S-P via Landsdowne St. or Albany St.—choose Albany. There are blue emergency phones all along Albany, the Warehouse and Edgerton graduate dorms are also located on this street, and Albany is generally less deserted than Landsdowne during late hours.
- Individuals of various interests sometimes manage to make their way into the MIT housing buildings. Rarely, they are interested in the students' private property. Make sure you lock your door when you leave your room to avoid theft. It's not common and we want to keep it that way.
- Carrying pepper spray in Boston or Cambridge without proper registration is not permitted. For more information on registration, inquire with the Cambridge Police Department (the Cambridge Police Department is located at 5 Western Avenue, at the intersection of Western Avenue, River Street and Green Street, one block southwest from Central Square).



# computing

## Dormitory Ethernet and wireless connections

- If you have a computer, you can get an Ethernet connection to the Internet from your room in Sidney-Pacific (there are two Ethernet jacks in each room).
- **HANDY HINT:** You can pick up a free cable from IS&T in building E17.
- **HANDY HINT:** Can't tell which jack is for the Internet? The Ethernet jack is the larger one.
- Sidney-Pacific also has a wireless network, within the building.

Residents are **NOT** allowed to install routers, wireless access points, or other network hardware on the SP network! The hardware often interferes with other residents' connections.

- For devices such as Wiis or other hardware that cannot access the internet without configuration, contact the Residential Computing Consultants (RCCs) at [rcc.mit.edu](http://rcc.mit.edu).
- If you have problems with setting up your computer (or installing certain software), you can contact the MIT Computing Help Desk ([web.mit.edu/ist/helpdesk](http://web.mit.edu/ist/helpdesk)).

## Campus computing: IS&T and Athena

- IS&T is in charge of all IT services at MIT.
- Purchasing a computer? Check out the IST website for student online purchasing deals and computer-buying advice.
- An Athena cluster is any room where there are a bunch of workstations (and usually printers) set up for you to log onto Athena. **NOTE:** You will need an Athena account. If you already have an MIT email address, the same username and password is used.
- There is an Athena cluster right here in Sidney-Pacific (see below). There is also a large Athena cluster on the 5th floor of the Student Center (W20-575). Other Athena clusters around campus can be found at: <http://ist.mit.edu/athena/clusters>
- **HANDY HINT:** For online Athena help see: <http://ist.mit.edu/athena/olh>

## Sidney-Pacific Computing and Printing

- The Computing Resource Center, located on the first floor of S-P in room #158, just off the main lobby and across the hall from the large multipurpose room, is a computer cluster open to all residents.
- There are four black and white printers in the Computing Resource Center. These printers are networked to MIT's system. You have a yearly quota of 3000 pages to print for free. For printing instructions, please see <http://kb.mit.edu/confluence/x/C4G2>

# our housemasters

## Roger and Dottie Mark, Housemasters

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Sidney-Pacific, Apt. #568

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### a message from Roger and Dottie

**D**ottie and I extend a warm welcome to all the residents of Sidney and Pacific, especially to those of you who are joining us this year! We want very much to help build our graduate community into a safe, supportive, “family” where all feel at home. We are an unusually diverse and international group, and we have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to learn from each other during our time together! As housemasters we are eager to meet each of you, and to be available to you both professionally and personally. We will certainly try to be visible at coffee hours, social affairs, and will host a number of housemaster dinners in our apartment. It is our hope that each resident will attend at least one such dinner during the year. But you do not need to wait for an invitation, drop by any time you want! Let us give you a little background about ourselves.

### personal info

We are both native Bostonians. I grew up in Brookline, and Dottie is from Cambridge. We attended local public schools through high school. I then studied electrical engineering at MIT (1956-60), and Dottie majored in elementary education at Gordon College in Wen-ham, MA. I went on to graduate school at MIT in Electrical Engineering and to medical school at Harvard, with an obvious interest in combining the two fields somehow. Dottie worked as an elementary school teacher and as a caseworker for the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children in Lynn. We met at a church social when I was a medical intern at Boston City Hospital and were married a year later on July 1, 1966. We had a weekend honeymoon on Martha’s Vineyard between internship and residency, and then went back to work: she to teaching, and I to the hospital. Our country was at war in Vietnam at that time, and all MDs had compulsory military duty. I spent two years in the medical corps of the USAF, and was assigned to a research position in Albuquerque, NM where we lived from 1967-69. Our first two children, Betsy and Bryan, were born there. We have fond memories of the time we spent in the southwest, but we returned to Boston in 1969 when I was offered a faculty



position at MIT in electrical engineering with an arrangement to spend some of my time with the Harvard Medical Unit at Boston City Hospital. We were also happy to return to our extended families in this area! We settled in the suburb of Needham, and later moved to Dover, a suburb about 15 miles SSW of Cambridge.

Dottie and I had two more children soon after returning to Boston. The four are now adults, and are “out of the nest”. Betsy is a physician and is the mother of four. She lives and practices internal medicine in Phoenix, Arizona. Bryan is an assistant professor of geography at Ohio State University, and he studies tropical glaciers in the Andes of Peru. He lives in Columbus Ohio with his wife and two children. Our third, David, is a physician who is returning to Boston from a five-year term of service with the Indian Health Service on the Crow Reservation in Montana with his wife and three children. Our fourth, Robert, is a Presbyterian minister who splits his time between a small church in Waltham, and Harvard where he is an Assistant Chaplain.

## **professional info**

The foundations of the Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology were being laid at the time I started here on the faculty, and I was an enthusiastic participant in the effort. My research interests have been in the areas of biomedical instrumentation, signal processing, and computational modeling with an emphasis on the cardiovascular system. I have taught primarily quantitative physiology for engineering students and cardiovascular pathophysiology to HST students. I have derived great satisfaction and pleasure from teaching and advising students in the program. From 1985 to 1996 I served as the MIT Co-director of HST. Since I stepped down as director my administrative tasks are more limited, and I treasure the additional time available to me to work with graduate students in research!

I have always maintained an active but part-time clinical practice in primary care internal medicine with the Urban Medical Group, an innovative non-profit group practice that uses teams of physicians and nurse practitioners to care for medically fragile, chronically ill, and elderly patients in the city. We care for our hospitalized patients at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center where I also have substantial research connections. During the years when our children were young, Dottie was more than fully occupied at home and in the community of Dover where we lived. For the period during 1987 - 1993 she became significantly involved with the Women’s League at MIT, serving as its chair from 1989 - 1991. She developed a real interest in the community service of the MIT furniture exchange, and managed it from 1991 to 1993.

We had often considered the possibility of serving as Housemasters at MIT, but the time was never quite right. But when the opportunity was placed in front of us we went for it! And then in the summer of 2002 we left our home in Dover and moved into Sidney and Pacific! Our “family” instantly expanded from 4 to 700, and we are enjoying it immensely! We are having a wonderful time working with Roland and Annette as Housemasters, with a superb House Manager, Jack Ahern, and with a talented and dedicated group of student officers!

# our associate housemasters

## **Annette Kim and Roland Tang, Associate Housemasters**

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### **from the associate housemasters**

**W**elcome to your new home and to the S-P family! Sidney-Pacific is one of the most diverse and engaging residences at MIT. S-P is built on the tradition of students working together to provide a safe welcoming and involved environment. We are happy that you are able to join this remarkable community.

Having moved to Cambridge from California and having studied abroad ourselves, we understand many of the difficulties associated with moving to a new university, a new city, and a new country. We greatly appreciate the diversity of the S-P community and hope that we can be of help to you in settling in and making the most of your time at MIT.

We welcome you to get to know us - stop by with questions or concerns or simply for a cup of tea and a chat. We look forward to spending time with each of you during your stay at Sidney-Pacific whether at coffee hour, one of the many events planned by the house government, or by invitation to our apartment at one of the SPICE or hall dinners. We hope that you take advantage of your time at Sidney-Pacific and participate in building our community - students often tell us that it was one of the greatest learning and personally enriching experiences of their MIT career.

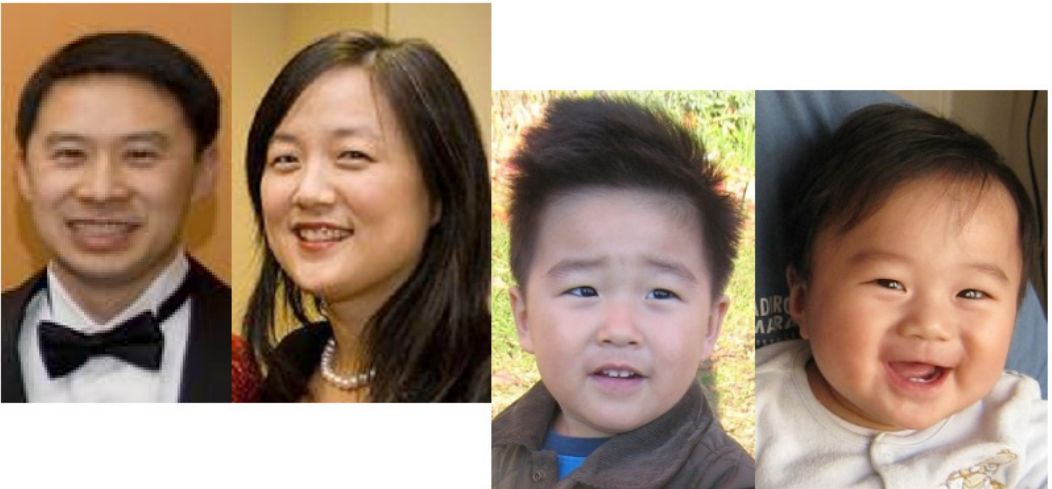
### **personal info**

Roland is Chinese-American, born in Vietnam and raised in San Francisco. He studied French Literature at U.C. Berkeley, before moving to San Diego where he completed his M.D. and his residency at Children's Hospital in Oakland. He has been practicing pediatrics in a primary care community health setting. Annette is Korean-American, born in New York and raised in southern California. She received a bachelor's degree from Wellesley College in Architecture and Studio Art. After working for three years in architecture and construction management, she received a masters in public policy from Harvard University and Ph.D. in Urban Planning and a masters in Visual Studies from U.C. Berkeley.

Right before starting their position at MIT, they were set up on a blind date and were married 8 months later. We moved into S-P three years ago and shortly gave birth to Joshua, S-P's baby housemaster. He's been a very active housemaster, cruising the halls and getting to know everyone - feel free to say hi. Now, Joshua is almost 4 years old and was promoted to Toddler Housemaster, ceding his position to his little brother Samuel who joined us last year.

### **professional info**

Annette joined the faculty of MIT's Department of Urban Studies and Planning in 2003. As part of the International Development Group, she teaches courses about public finance, project appraisal, housing and property rights in the developing and transition country context. Her research explores how people change and improve their economic livelihood, despite their circumstances and social constraints. Specifically, this means she studies the changes in the economic behavior and institutions involved in building cities in transition countries (particularly housing and infrastructure). She focuses on entrepreneurs, in both the conventional and maverick transition successes and integrating the cognitive sciences and the social sciences to explain the institutional changes.



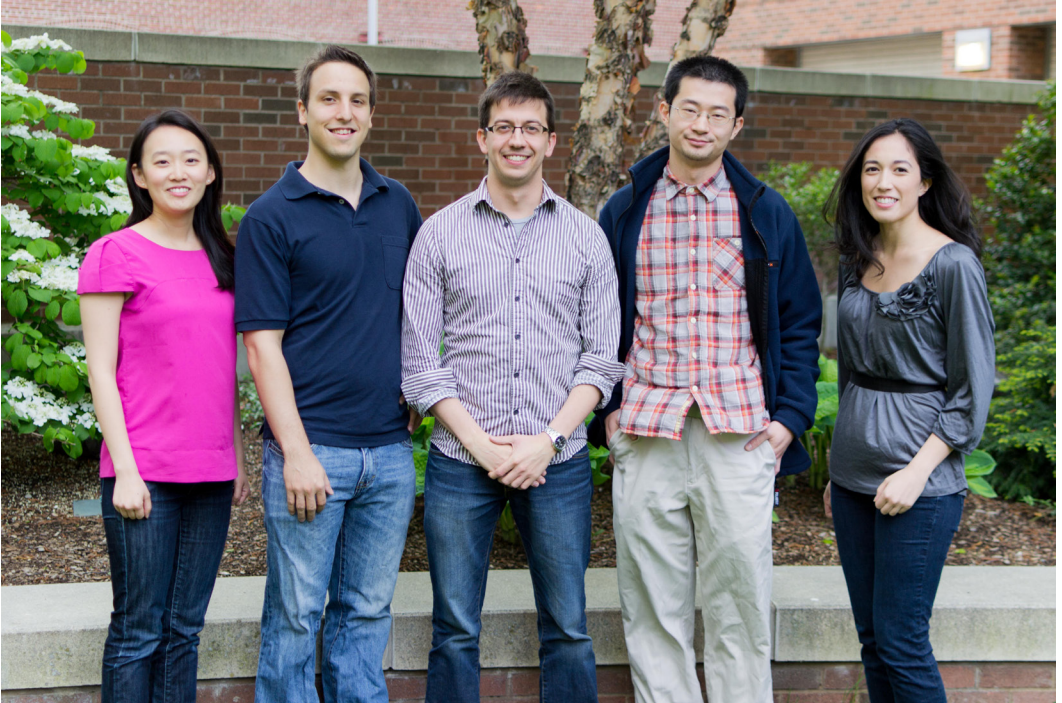
# s-p student government

## s-p executive council - SPEC

spec[at]mit[dot]edu

**O**n behalf of the Sidney-Pacific House Council, we would like to welcome you to your new home. Sidney-Pacific is a diverse and active community with state-of-the-art facilities. The Sidney-Pacific House Council is our community's governing body, tasked with the responsibility of providing programming for our residents and aiding in the upkeep of our building; our officers take care of everything from maintaining the plants to making sure there's plenty of free food at our various social events. The House Council totals over 50 people and is split into five offices; each office is responsible for a different aspect of governance. As the heads of the offices, we are known as the Sidney-Pacific Executive Council, or SPEC.

We look forward to having a great year and seeing you at many of our events. Please come out and get to know your fellow residents and perhaps even lend a helping hand from time to time. We work hard to make sure Sidney-Pacific has a lot to offer, and we hope you'll take advantage of all those opportunities.



From left to right : Stephanie Nam (VP of Information), Stephen Morgan (VP of Residential Life), Pierre-Olivier Lepage (President), George Chen (VP of Resources), Jennifer Jarvis (Chair of the Halls)

# s-p services

## trash

- You can leave your trash in a bag outside of your apartment, it will be cleaned up by maintenance in the morning.
- There are also trash and recycling bins in every floor.
- All common kitchens have garbage cans. Please do not pile the garbage until the can overflows.

## recycling

- In SP, there are three groups of recyclables.
  1. Paper and Commingles (plastic, glass, metal)
  2. Compostables
  3. Technotrash
- Large bins for single-stream recycling are located in each hallway. For more information, see the S-P website: <http://s-p.mit.edu/resources/recycle.php>. Please make a conscious effort to recycle as much as possible (FYI, recycling of glass, metal, plastic and paper is mandatory in Massachusetts).
- You can get free compostible bags either from the front desk or your common kitchen, and leave it by your apartment door. It will be picked up by maintenance in the morning. There is also a green bin in every common kitchen for compostibles. Alternatively, compostables may be taken to the yellow compost bin behind the courtyard near the loading dock.
- Technotrash may be deposited in the Technocycle bins in the game room, while large items should be taken to the loading dock.

## laundry

- Open 24 hours a day!
- Washing and drying machines (24 of each) are located on the ground floor, in room #190, near the game room.
- Although you can pay with quarters, it's easier to charge it to your MIT Card (using Tech-Cash). Visit [web.mit.edu/mitcard/techcash.html](http://web.mit.edu/mitcard/techcash.html) for more info.
- To check for available washing or drying machines - go to SP website.

# s-p services

## kitchens

- There are common kitchens on floors 2 through 9.
- Each common kitchen has a stove, full-size refrigerator and freezer.
- Keeping the common kitchens clean is the responsibility of everyone who uses it—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 behind. Sinks are equipped with a garbage disposal.

There are locks on the freezers, since they are intended only for use by residents in single efficiencies (who do not have a full-size freezer in their own apartments). If you are a resident in a single efficiency, you will be given the combination to the freezer on your floor.



## s-p MORE

“Sidney-Pacific Moving Out Recycling Exchange” is a program involving collection of any usable items and distributing them to the incoming residents at the beginning of the school year for free. We collect ANY usable items, including food, furniture, cooking ware, dishes, silverware, and household cleaners. Items not claimed by new students will be donated to the Salvation Army on the behalf of the Sidney Pacific community.

S-P MORE items are housed in the 3rd and 5th floor study rooms (378 & 578) over the summer. These rooms will be open on Sundays from August 15th till September 5th from 10:30am-11:30am and from 5pm-10pm for new residents to drop by and pick up items.



## parking

- At Sidney-Pacific there are 139 parking spaces in the garage under the building, and 70 in the lot behind the building. A regular MIT parking sticker is needed (applications are at the front desk).
- Temporary passes will be available the first few days that residents move in.
- For more information about vehicle registration, parking stickers, campus parking lots, and other parking- or transportation-related stuff, contact the MIT Parking & Transportation Office (W20-022, x8-6510) or see their website at [web.mit.edu/facilities/transportation/parking/student/index.html](http://web.mit.edu/facilities/transportation/parking/student/index.html)

## exercise room

- Sidney-Pacific has an exercise room for its residents, located on the ground floor of the five-story wing of the building (room #189, across from game room and laundry).
- The exercise room features physical fitness equipment such as treadmills, recumbent bikes, elliptical trainers, Icarian and Paramount selectorized weight equipment and free weights.
- The courtyard can also serve as a venue for volleyball, wiffleball, or frisbee.



## tv

- S-P has televisions in the lounges on floors 2–5, and in the kitchen areas on floors 2–9 if you don't have your own TV. The remote controls are available at each TV area and need batteries to be operated.
- All bedrooms in Sidney-Pacific have cable jacks. Just plug into the jack in your room and you get the major networks (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, CW), public broadcasting channels, several foreign language channels, MIT channels, SPTV (the building's television channel), and other basic cable channels -- all for free.
- SP's cable hookup already supports HDTV, and broadcasts several local HD channels "in the clear" using the 256QAM standard.

### More TV Channels:

NASA TV	MIT Channels		
WGBH/PBS	Discovery		
Univision	Comedy Central		
MTV U/1/2	VH1		
Bloomberg	C-SPAN 1/2		
Fox News	CNN-HN		
Speed	Nat'l Geographic		
Lifetime	Nickelodeon		
E!	TLC	Syfy	USA
TNT	TBS	Cartoon Network	

# S-P services

## music room

- S-P has a sound-proof music room located on the ground floor (room 187). It contains a baby grand piano, a drum set and an upright bass. The key to the music room can be checked out from the front desk.
- Other musical instruments are also available.
  - Keyboards (4th floor TV lounge - electrical plugs required).
  - Steel string acoustic guitar with case
  - Grand piano (Multi-purpose Room - key required)
  - Small piano (Seminar Room - no key required).
  - Various music books and other equipment (front desk)
- All music items, including keys to respective rooms, can be checked out from the front desk for 2 hours. There is a \$1/hour late fee (\$10 maximum) for items not returned on time.
- **NOTE:** Please refrain from playing during S-P quiet hours which are 12am-8am.

If you play an instrument, are looking for people to jam with, and/or are interested to perform in a concert, contact us at: [sp-music-chair@mit.edu](mailto:sp-music-chair@mit.edu). We'd be more than happy to help build your home of music in S-P!

## game room

- Located across from the S-P Gym, on the first floor (Room 184).
- The game room has a huge TV, video games and other A-V equipment, as well as pool, ping-pong, air hockey, and foosball tables. Equipment (balls, ping-pong paddles, PS2 and Wii controllers, etc.) can be checked out at the front desk.

Food and drink are not to be placed on game tables at any time. This is done to prevent the (very expensive) refelting of the tables that occurs as a result of stains and spills.

## zip-bikes

- S-P owns 10 bikes, which can be checked out at the front desk for a fee of \$1 per day.
- If you would like to check out a zip-bike, please e-mail the Bikes Chair ([sp-bikes-chair@mit.edu](mailto:sp-bikes-chair@mit.edu)) to activate your privileges.
- **HANDY HINT:** If you are new in town, if the winter is near, or if you are just short on time (or money), you may not want to buy a bike right now, S-P's zip-bike is the way to go.

We are looking for people who enjoy working on bikes and who want to help maintain the zip-bike program. If you are interested, please email [sp-bikes-chair@mit.edu](mailto:sp-bikes-chair@mit.edu).

## livre d'or

- The Official S-P Golden Book (Livre d'Or) was inaugurated the 9th June, 2003. This book, which dwells in the front desk, serves us as a golden book of memories.
- Graduates and students who are leaving, as well as visitors to the building are urged to write/draw/sketch/express whatever they feel toward our House after having spent some time here. Keep the tradition going!

## front desk check-out policies and late fees

- Before you can check out any items, you must accept to the Terms of Service agreement found on the S-P website, under MyAccount > Personal Info.
- You can use MyAccounts on the S-P website to check items currently out in your name, including check-out/in times, recent late fine charges and/or rental fees. It is your responsibility to monitor your account for any errors.
- **HANDY HINT:** For your convenience, you may elect to have an e-mail sent to you as a written record of any inventory check in/out activity. We ENCOURAGE you to use such features to avoid any mishandlings.
- You are accountable for all items checked-out under your name. DO NOT transfer responsibility of items to other residents, as YOU will be the one who is charged if the item(s) are returned late or missing.
- The front desk is staffed only between 8 am and midnight. Items CANNOT be checked out or returned between midnight and 8 am.
- For any questions regarding the above mentioned, please contact the Inventory chair at [sp-inventory-chair@mit.edu](mailto:sp-inventory-chair@mit.edu).

Be aware that if you do not accept the Terms of Service, you will not be allowed to check out any front desk items.

During off-hours, please do not slip any items through the desk or return them to the security guard on staff, as the items will not be entered as checked-in into the database system and a missing item charge may result if the item is not found. Leaving the items and a note for the morning's desk worker DOES NOT constitute a legitimate return.

During staffed hours, please do not leave item(s) at the front desk without the desk worker on duty being present. It is your responsibility to ensure that your items get checked back in.

# s-p services

## items at front desk & late fees

For details and up-to-date information, please check [s-p.mit.edu/resources/checkouts.php](https://s-p.mit.edu/resources/checkouts.php)

- **Movies**
  - Check out <https://s-p.mit.edu/myacct/movies.php> for the S-P online movie listing.  
Max length of checkout: 24 hours from checkout; Late fees: \$1/day or partial day
- **Music**
  - Acoustic Guitar, tuner; Electronic keyboard; Various music books, metronome
- **Bikes and Bike Equipment**
  - ZipBikes (membership required, contact [sp-bikes-chair@mit.edu](mailto:sp-bikes-chair@mit.edu))  
Max length of checkout: 48 hours from checkout; Late fees: \$2/day or partial day
  - Bike pumps; Bike headlight; Bike brake light; Bike helmet  
Max length of checkout: 48 hours from checkout; Late fees: \$2/day or partial day
- **Carts and Dollies**
  - Shopping carts; Foldable moving carts; Flatbed moving carts; Two-wheel dollies  
Max length of checkout: 3 hours
- **Cleaning Equipment**
  - Upright vacuum cleaners; Canister vacuum cleaners  
Max length of checkout: 3 hours; Late fees: \$1/hour or partial hour
- **Board Games**
  - Monopoly; Boggle; Pictionary; Trivial Pursuit; Yahtzee; Scrabble; and many others
- **Game Room Equipment**
  - Billiards; Table Tennis; Air Hockey  
Max length of checkout: 4 hours; Late fees: \$0.25/hour or partial hour
- **Sports Equipment**
  - Football, Soft/Baseball, Volleyball, and many other sports; also, jerseys!  
Max length of checkout: 24 hours from checkout
- **Keys**
  - Music room; Kitchen; Multipurpose room; Barbecue grills (**SEE** S-P Policies pg 30)  
Max length of checkout: Music room: 2 hours; Kitchen and Multipurpose room: 4 hours; Barbecue grill: 5 hours;  
Late fees: \$1/hour or partial hour
- **Tools**
  - Hammer; Rubber mallet; Pliers and wrenches; Sewing machine and sewing kit  
Max length of checkout: Tools: 4 hours; Sewing machine & kit: 1 hour  
Late fees: Tools: 1/hour or part. hour; Sewing machine & kit: \$2/day or part. day.
- **Miscellaneous**
  - TV headphones; Ball pumps; Music CDs; X-box controllers  
Max length of checkout: TV headphones, CDs: 24hours; PS2 and Wii controllers, remotes, Ball pumps: 4 hours;  
Late fee: \$1/day or partial day

# s-p policies

## smoking

- All MIT buildings are smoke-free—this includes offices, halls, rooms, bathrooms, kitchens, lounges, hallways, staircases, emergency exit routes and entrance areas.
- No smoking inside Sidney-Pacific or the courtyard.

## floor kitchens, tv lounges, and study lounges/rooms

- These spaces cannot be reserved.
- No events with more than 20 people present are permitted.
- Residents may post “event notices” notifying fellow residents of a planned event.

## multipurpose room

- On Friday and Saturday evenings, one segment of the multipurpose room will be available, by reservation, to S-P residents. Reservations are made through the House Manager and can be made up to one month in advance. There is a \$25 non-refundable rental fee at the time of booking.

For reservers of the multipurpose room and Michael Owu House Common room, one hundred dollars will be charged to the host’s bursar account if:

- The room is not clean by 8 am the next morning
- The event ends after 1 am
- There is a violation of the MIT alcohol policy

## michael owu house common room

- Can be reserved free of charge (up to one month in advance) through Jack Ahern.
- No events with more than 20 people present are permitted.
- ALCOHOL IS NEVER PERMITTED IN THIS ROOM.

## game room

- This space cannot be reserved.
- Food and drink are not to be placed on game tables at any time. This is done to prevent the (very expensive) re-clothing of the tables that occurs as a result of stains and spills.



# s-p policies

## courtyard

- This space cannot be reserved.
- The GAS GRILLS can be reserved through Jack Ahern (jacka[at]mit[dot]edu) with a full-price MULTIPURPOSE ROOM rental (currently \$125).
- Residents wishing to use the grill during times it is not otherwise in use may, without reservation, check out the key from the front desk for 3 HOURS.
- **SEE** also “S-P Services: Other Front Desk Check Outs & Late Fees” on page 26.

## general policies

- All common spaces are subject to the MIT alcohol policy.
- Quiet hours are from 12 am – 8 am Monday-Thursday, 1 am – 8 am Friday-Saturday.
- Residents are responsible for the behavior of their guests.
- Lost keys result in a fee (currently \$50.00).
- “Event notices” do not constitute reservations; they are notices to help others plan, all residents are welcome at all times.



## MIT Alcohol and Event Policies

For more information on event registration see [web.mit.edu/slp/sao/events.html](http://web.mit.edu/slp/sao/events.html).

### Alcohol Policy

- MIT’s alcohol policy (serving alcohol at events, etc.) can be found at <http://web.mit.edu/alcohol/www/index.html>

### 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.

## campus facilities

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

[web.mit.edu/athletics/www/index.html](http://web.mit.edu/athletics/www/index.html)

[www.mit.edu:8001/activities/sports.html](http://www.mit.edu:8001/activities/sports.html)

**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.

**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)**—Hockey rink, 200 m. Synthetic track and multipurpose infield.

**Rockwell Cage (Building W33)**—Three basketball, or 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 (Building 57)**—25 yd. competition pool, smaller teaching/warm-up pool. Also eight squash courts, two of which may be converted for handball. Alumni Pool re-opened in June 2004 after an extended period of renovation.

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

**MIT Sailing Pavilion (Building 51)**—Along the Charles River, opposite Walker Memorial.

**Carr Tennis Bubble and outdoor tennis courts**—[mitathletics.cstv.com/facilities/dupont-tennis.html](http://mitathletics.cstv.com/facilities/dupont-tennis.html)

## around MIT

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.

## intramurals

MIT has approximately 18 intramural sports ([web.mit.edu/athletics/www/intramurals/](http://web.mit.edu/athletics/www/intramurals/)), each having various levels of competition. If you are interested in an intramural sport, contact the Intramural Office at x3-7947. Sign-up sheets for Sidney-Pacific intramural teams are posted at the front desk or you can contact the Sidney-Pacific athletics committee at [sp-athletics-chair\[at\]mit\[dot\]edu](mailto:sp-athletics-chair[at]mit[dot]edu). Additional info about intramurals is sent to the email mailing list [sp-athletics\[at\]mit\[dot\]edu](mailto:sp-athletics[at]mit[dot]edu).

# transportation

## EZRide

- The EZRide (big blue bus) is your gateway to get to the MIT Campus.
- It operates Mondays–Fridays from about 6 am to 8 pm (check [www.masscommute.com/tmas/crtma/ezride.html](http://www.masscommute.com/tmas/crtma/ezride.html) for the exact schedule and a map).
- The EZRide Shuttle is free with your MIT ID, and conveniently has an inbound stop located near S-P, on the southeast corner of Sidney St. and Pacific St.
- The EZRide stops near SP to take riders to campus every 10 minutes in the morning and evening hours, and every 20 minutes between 11AM and 3PM.
- Handy Hint: You can take the EZRide to a number of locations, including Kendall Square and the CambridgeSide Galleria (Lechmere T-stop). CambridgeSide Galleria also has its own shuttle running between Kendall Sq and the mall during limited hours.



## public transit (MBTA)

- Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority: [www.mbta.com](http://www.mbta.com)
- Historic fact: Boston is home of the first Public Transit System in the country. The public transportation system here is very convenient and it is commonly known as the “T” (refers to both the subway and buses). For detailed schedules and maps of the routes, check the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority’s (MBTA) website at [www.mbta.com](http://www.mbta.com).
- 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.

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 (and CT1) route. It goes along Mass Ave. all the way from Harvard Square and across the bridge. The bus stop of MIT is at the big steps in front of the Stratton Student Center.
- **Don't forget to get your Charlie Card and save some \$\$\$!** Charlie Cards are available from any T stop office.
- With Charlie Card, the buses cost \$1.50 per ride, whereas the subway ride is \$2.00.
- 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, just make sure you ask the driver for a transfer slip. Bus-to-subway, and vice-versa transfers are not commonly allowed except for certain routes (check the MBTA website for exact transfer pairs).

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.
- Please check the Parking & Transportation website for up-to-date prices.
- You can get an application from the MIT Parking Office (W20-022, x8-6510).

## 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 6 pm and 2-3 am.
  - **HANDY HINT:** It's useful to take it to cross the bridge to Boston during winter evenings.
- Check schedules/routes at [web.mit.edu/facilities/transportation/shuttles/safe\\_ride.html](http://web.mit.edu/facilities/transportation/shuttles/safe_ride.html)
- The MIT Transportation Office runs several other routes. TechShuttle is also run by MIT, but does not stop near S-P. The Shuttle runs from Westgate and Tang Residence Hall to Kendall Square. For the Tech Shuttle and other schedules and maps please visit: [web.mit.edu/facilities/transportation/shuttles/](http://web.mit.edu/facilities/transportation/shuttles/). You can also track the motion of the Tech Shuttle and the SafeRide at [shuttletrack.mit.edu](http://shuttletrack.mit.edu).

## taxicabs

Ambassador Brattle	492-1100	Cambridge Cab	776-5000
Cambridge Checker	497-1500	Cambridge Taxi	492-7900
Cambridge Yellow	492-0500	Green Cab	625-5000

**NOTE:** All area codes are 617 unless otherwise noted.

# transportation

## private

If you have a car, be reminded that parking in Boston can be a headache. Unless you're adventurous, driving against Boston drivers isn't much fun either. Having your own car, however, is extremely convenient for things like grocery/furniture shopping, or for travel outside Boston (e.g., ski trips, camping/hiking trips)

Temporary passes will be available the first few days that residents move in.

- A regular MIT parking sticker is needed (applications are at the front desk).
- 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 (W20-022, x8-6510) or see their website at: [web.mit.edu/parking/](http://web.mit.edu/parking/).

## 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 for under-25 drivers (according to Massachusetts state regulations).

- **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 ([controllers.mit.edu/travel](http://controllers.mit.edu/travel)) or contact the Travel Office (NE49-4037, x8-5949) 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).



## zipcar

- Zipcars can be found at parking locations throughout the city and are available for use by members for any length of time.
  - **HANDY HINT:** Zipcar is a good alternative to renting a car.
- To become a member, a one-time application fee and a security deposit are required.
  - **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).
- For more information about Zipcars, check out [www.zipcar.com](http://www.zipcar.com). To apply for membership online, just follow the links 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.

There are two Zipcar in the S-P parking lot behind the building that is available for use by S-P residents.



# transportation

## bikes

During the warmer season, biking is certainly the best way to get around in Cambridge. Conveniently, there are two bike storage rooms in S-P located on the ground floor in the southeast end of the building.

### Where to get a used bike around MIT?

- If you are looking for a used bike, check out the announcements from:
  - The Chinese Students Association ([cssa.mit.edu/mail/mitcssa-ads](http://cssa.mit.edu/mail/mitcssa-ads))
  - The MIT Euroclub ([euroclub.mit.edu](http://euroclub.mit.edu)).
  - Craigslist ([boston.craigslist.org](http://boston.craigslist.org)).
- 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.)

### Where to get a new or used bike outside of MIT?

- Cambridge Bicycle [259 Mass Ave, (right down Pacific Street). Tel: 617-876-6555]
- They also do repairs 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.
- ATA bikes [1773 Mass Ave. (in Porter Square). Tel: 617-354-0907]
  - You may want to check out this store if you are more interested in mountain biking.
- Harvard Square Bicycles [36 JFK St. (in Harvard Square). Tel: 617-441-3700]



### 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.
- 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 in one of the S-P bike storage rooms 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 [web.mit.edu/cp/www/bike\\_registration.htm](http://web.mit.edu/cp/www/bike_registration.htm)

You can be fined for speeding down Amherst Alley (street going from Old Ashdown to Tang Hall) as the speed limit is only 15 MPH.

### Important notice about biking in Cambridge and Boston

- It is forbidden by the City of Cambridge regulations to ride a bicycle on the sidewalks in Central Square and Harvard Square. It is also illegal to ride on the sidewalk anywhere in Boston.
- **HANDY HINT:** Although many students in the area find it safe to ride slowly on the wider sidewalks near Boston University, be aware that you are taking your chances and may be ticketed and/or fined.
- You can also be fined by the MIT or Cambridge Police if you are riding a bike too fast on any sidewalk.



# on-campus dining

## food trucks *(some of them lunch time only)*

### *Carleton Street behind MIT Medical and right next to Kendall T*

- **Jerusalem Café:** Middle Eastern
- **Momogoose:** Pan-Asian
- **Clover Food Lab:** Fast food

### *Mass Ave and Main Street*

- **Chinese Food Trucks**

## convenience stores

- **MacGregor** (W61 MacGregor House, Ground Floor): Variety
- **LaVerde's Market** (W20-105 (Stratton Student Center, First Floor): Variety

## full meals

- **Baker House Dining** (Building W7 (Baker House), Ground Floor): Traditional dinner entrees and sandwiches, cooked-to-order stir-fry. Halal meals and Kosher food available.
- **Lobdell Food Court** (Building W20 (Stratton Student Center), Second Floor): Sepal (Middle Eastern). Shikansen (Japanese and Chinese), Cafe Spice (Indian), Subway (made-to-order sandwich).
- **McCormick House Dining** (Building W4 (McCormick Hall), Ground Floor): Hot entrées and vegetarian options.
- **Next House** (Building W71 (Next House), First Floor): Antipastos, grill, and sandwich menu. Vegetarian Options (dedicated equipment for preparing vegetarian items only).
- **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.
- **Simmons Dining** (Vassar Street): Cooked-to-order foods, a full delicatessen, and self-service options.
- **Steam Café** (Building 7 (Rogers Building), Fourth Floor): simple and substantial meals from around the world .
- **Forbes Family Café at Stata Center** (Building 32): 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 snacks and to-go meals. Also serves "The Balanced Way" meals with less calories and fat, and higher fiber.

For more information on campus dining see [web.mit.edu/dining](http://web.mit.edu/dining)

ads. Open extended items such as coffee, go meals. Also serves "Way" meals with less

## coffee/fast food








- **Anna's Taqueria** (W20 (Student Center), First Floor): Tacos, burritos, quesadillas.
- **BioCafe** (Building 68 (Biology Building), First Floor): Bagels and made-to-order sandwiches, soup, chili, coffee, pastries.
- **Bosworth Coffee Shop** (Building 7, Lobby): Cappuccino, espresso, latte, tea, pastries and desserts.
- **Café 4** (Building 4, 1st Floor): Coffee, bagels, muffins, soup, sandwiches, salads.
- **Dunkin' Donuts and Cambridge Grill** (W20 (Student Center), First Floor): Donuts, coffee, hot grilled-to-order sandwiches, pizzas and salads.


## almost off-east campus

- **Cosi** (Main st. next to Kendall T, besides MIT Press): Made-to-order hot sandwiches, salads, pizzas and desserts.
- **Chipotle** (Main st. across from Cosi): Mexican Grill- Burritos and Tacos
- **Kendall Food Court** (Main st. next to Kendall T, and behind The Coop): Au bon pain (sandwiches, salads) Note: There is another Au bon pain in Main st., Salad Bar (salads and hot entrées pay-by-the-pound buffet), Sbarro (pizza and pasta), Teriyaki Cafe (Chinese), Beijing Tokyo (sushi and Chinese).
- **Rebecca's Café** (Main st. next to Kendall T, besides Cosi): Quiches, made-to-order hot sandwiches, entrées, salads and desserts.











# nearby restaurants

<p><i>Deli</i></p> <p><b>Pacific St. Cafe</b></p> <p>70 Pacific St (617) 494-1414 www.pacificstreetcafe.com</p> <p>Located within S-P.</p>	<p>☆☆☆</p> <p>Ⓣ </p>	<p>Pacific St. Cafe is so conveniently located that you only need to roll out of bed. A variety of panini and regular sandwiches are freshly made to your order, or you can choose among a variety of salads and desserts. Accepts MIT Tech-Cash.</p>
<p><i>Dessert and Ice Cream</i></p> <p><b>Toscanini's</b></p> <p>899 Main St, Central Square (617) 491-5877 www.tosci.com</p> <p>T Red Line-Central. Intersection of Mass Ave and Main St.</p>	<p>☆☆☆☆</p> <p>Ⓣ  </p>	<p>Many exotic flavors and the favorite MIT haven of sweets and coffee.</p>
<p><i>Italian</i></p> <p><b>Bertucci's</b></p> <p>799 Main St Central Square (617) 661-8356 www.campusfood.com</p> <p>T Red Line-Central.</p>	<p>☆☆☆☆</p> <p>Ⓣ  </p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><i>Thai &amp; Chinese</i></p> <p><b>Thailand Cafe</b></p> <p>302 Massachusetts Ave. (617) 492-2494 www.campusfood.com</p> <p>T Red Line-Central.</p>	<p>☆☆</p> <p>Ⓣ  </p>	<p>Tasty, inexpensive Thai dishes just steps from S-P.</p>

**Key:** Ⓣ denotes accessibility by T;  denotes within walking distance;

 denotes available for takeout or delivery





<i>Pubs</i>		<p>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 <a href="http://www.classicirish.com">www.classicirish.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Asgard Irish Pub</b></p> <p>350 Mass Ave, University Park (617) 577-9100 <a href="http://www.classicirish.com">www.classicirish.com</a></p> <p>Closest pub to S-P.</p>		<p>For every raving fan heaping praise on this Boston tradition, there is another who rants on the overpriced mediocre seafood. Of course, it's all likely to taste good when 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.</p>
<i>Seafood</i>		<p>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!</p>
<p><b>Legal Seafoods</b></p> <p>5 Cambridge Center, Kendall Square (617) 864-3400 <a href="http://www.legalseafoods.com">www.legalseafoods.com</a></p> <p>T Red Line-Kendall.</p>		<p>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</p>
<i>Vegan</i>		<p>T Red Line-Central.</p>
<p><b>Middle East Restaurant</b></p> <p>472 Mass Ave, Central Square (617) 492-1886 <a href="http://www.mideastclub.com">www.mideastclub.com</a></p> <p>T Red Line-Central.</p>		<p>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</p>
<i>Mexican</i>		<p>T Red Line-Harvard or #1 bus to Harvard.</p>
<p><b>Border Cafe</b></p> <p>32 Church St, Harvard Square (617) 864-6100 <a href="http://www.bordercafe.com">www.bordercafe.com</a></p> <p>T Red Line-Harvard or #1 bus to Harvard.</p>		<p>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</p>

# nearby restaurants

<p><i>Eclectic</i></p>	<p>★★★★</p>	<p>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. The Enormous Room is a hip nightspot upstairs from the restaurant.</p>
<p><b>Central Kitchen</b></p> <p>567 Mass Ave Central Square (617) 491-5599</p> <p>T Red Line-Central</p>	<p>Ⓣ 🚶</p>	
<p><i>Italian</i></p>	<p>★★★★</p>	<p>Best of the Italian restaurants within walking distance. Favorite for Cambridge office parties. Good pastas, wines and decent decor. They have delicious sorbet, too.</p>
<p><b>La Groceria</b></p> <p>853 Main St, Central Square (617) 876-4162 <a href="http://www.lagroceriarestaurant.com">www.lagroceriarestaurant.com</a></p> <p>T Red Line-Central.</p>	<p>Ⓣ 🚶</p>	
<p><i>Indian</i></p>	<p>★★★★</p>	<p>They are just around the corner from MIT and have vegetarian lunch boxes (\$5) and deals on dinner for students.</p>
<p><b>Border India</b></p> <p>781 Main St, Central Square (617) 354-0405 <a href="http://www.melarestaurant.com">www.melarestaurant.com</a></p> <p>T Red Line-Central.</p>	<p>Ⓣ 🚶</p>	
<p><i>Italian</i></p>	<p>★★★★</p>	<p>Great food, excellent cooks. Something like international tapas close to home.</p>
<p><b>Cuchi Cuchi</b></p> <p>795 Main St Central Square (617) 864-2929 <a href="http://www.cuchicuchi.cc">www.cuchicuchi.cc</a></p> <p>T Red Line-Central.</p>	<p>Ⓣ</p>	

# boston-area dining guide



<p><i>Cafes and Bakeries</i></p>	<p>★★★★★</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>LA Burdick</b></p> <p>52-D Brattle St, Harvard Square (617) 491-4340 www.burdickchocolate.com T Red Line-Harvard.</p>	<p>T</p>	
<p><i>Cafes and Bakeries</i></p>	<p>★★★★★</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Mike's Pastry</b></p> <p>30 Hanover St, North End (617) 742-3050 www.mikespastry.com T Green Line-Haymarket.</p>	<p>T</p>	
<p><i>American</i></p>	<p>★★★★★</p>	<p>The best place for ribs in the Boston area. Beef, chicken, and pork stand proud on the 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.</p>
<p><b>Redbone's Barbecue</b></p> <p>55 Chester St, (near Elm St) Davis Square (617) 628-2200 www.redbones.com T Red Line-Davis</p>	<p>T</p>	
<p><i>Dessert and Ice Cream</i></p>	<p>★★★★★</p>	<p>Big servings of excellent ice cream and frozen yogurt.</p>
<p><b>J P Licks</b></p> <p>352 Newbury St, Boston (617) 236-1666 www.jplicks.com T Green Line-Hynes or Cross Mass Ave bridge and head left on Boylston St.</p>	<p>T </p>	







**Key:**  denotes accessibility by T;  denotes within walking distance;



 denotes available for takeout or delivery

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<i>Mediterranean</i>	☆☆☆☆☆	<b>Baraka Cafe</b>	T 	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.
80 Pearl St, Central Square (617) 868-3951 www.barakacafe.com				
T Red Line-Central.				
<i>Seafood</i>	☆☆☆	<b>Union Oyster House</b>	T	America's oldest restaurant? Faneuil Hall Landmark boasting Boston's seafood tradition in colonial surroundings. The only drawback are the tourists.
41 Union St, Boston (617) 227-2750 www.unionoysterhouse.com				
T Green Line-Government Center.				
<i>Pubs</i>	☆☆☆☆	<b>John Harvard's Brew House</b>	T 	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.
33 Dunster St, Harvard Square (617) 868-3585 www.johnharvards.com				
T Red Line-Harvard or #1 bus to Harvard.				
<i>East Asian</i>	☆☆☆☆	<b>China Pearl</b>	T	Probably the best Cantonese dim sum place around. Every weekend brunch is a boisterous food fest.
9 Tyler St, Chinatown (617) 426-4338 www.chinapearlrestaurant.com				
T Red Line-South Station.				

<i>Vegan</i>		<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Veggie Planet Pizza</b></p> <p>47 Palmer St, Harvard Square (617) 661-1513 www.veggieplanet.net</p> <p>T Red Line-Harvard or #1 bus to Harvard.</p>		
<i>Italian</i>		<p>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).</p>
<p><b>Daily Catch</b></p> <p>323 Hanover St, North End (617) 523-8567 www.dailycatch.com</p> <p>T Green Line-Haymarket.</p>		
<i>East Asian</i>		<p>Authentic Japanese cafes in the Porter Exchange Building. Reasonably priced and excellent lunches.</p>
<p><b>Cafe Mami and others</b></p> <p>[Sopporo Ramen, Kotobukiya, Tanpopo, Bluefin] 1815 Mass Ave, Porter Exchange, Porter Square www.daplus.us</p> <p>T Red Line-Porter.</p>		

For more restaurant listings, please consult any of the following:

- search for “restaurant menus” in the MIT homepage
- www.campusfood.com
- How to GAMIT (How to Get Around MIT, available at MIT Coop)
- www.boston.com
- boston.citysearch.com
- www.google.com

# nearby shopping

*Groceries -- General*

## **Shaw's Star Market**



20 Sidney St, Central Square  
(617) 494-5250  
[www.shaws.com](http://www.shaws.com)  
Closest to Sidney-Pacific.

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 (e.g. dorm / stationary supplies).

*Drug Stores*

## **CVS**



624 Mass Ave, Central Square  
(617) 354-4130  
[www.cvs.com](http://www.cvs.com)  
T Red Line-Central

CVS is a nearby pharmacy. There's also a Walgreen's across the street.

*Shopping Mall*

## **Cambridgeside Galleria**



100 Cambridgeside Pl,  
(617) 621-8666  
[www.cambridgesidegalleria.com](http://www.cambridgesidegalleria.com)  
Take shuttle from Kendall Square.

The Cambridgeside Galleria has all the usual mall clothing stores (Express, Gap, Old Navy), plus Sears and Filene's department stores. Also, **Best Buy**, Mac Store, Border's Book Store, and many others. A free shuttle connects The Galleria and the Kendall Sq.

*Appliances*

## **Economy Hardware**



438 Mass Ave, Central Square  
(617) 864-3300  
[www.citylivingstores.com](http://www.citylivingstores.com)  
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.


*Books (Textbooks)*

## **MIT Coop**





3 Cambridge Center, Kendall Square  
(617) 499-3200  
[www.thecoop.com](http://www.thecoop.com)  
Right by Kendall Square T-stop.


The MIT Coop is the primary source of textbooks for MIT students.

<i>Post Office</i>		MIT Student center (W20) (Basement) (617) 494-5511 MIT Campus.
<b>Student Center Post Office</b>		
Closest post office.		

<i>Drug Stores</i>		MIT Campus, E23 Main floor (617)253-0202
<b>MIT Pharmacy</b>	 	Inside MIT Medical.
MIT Pharmacy fills prescriptions if you have the MIT Blue Cross Blue Shield student insurance, but also sells various over-the-counter items at prices that are often lower than at pharmacy chains or grocery stores.		

<i>Books (Textbook)</i>		292 Main St, Kendall Square (617) 253-5249 mitpress.mit.edu
<b>MIT Press Bookstore</b>	 	Right by Kendall Square T-stop.
The MIT Press Bookstore in sells books from MIT Press and a good selection of art, architecture, and science-type books.		

<i>Computers</i>		727 Memorial Drive, (617) 234-6400 www.microcenter.com
<b>MicroCenter</b>		On Memorial Dr. and Magazine St.
MicroCenter is a nearby electronics store with decent prices.		

<i>Groceries -- Organic / Natural</i>		727 Memorial Dr (617) 491-8582 www.traderjoes.com
<b>Trader Joe's</b>		On Memorial Dr. and Magazine St.
Trader Joe's has a limited selection of produce but a wide selection of wine and organic / gourmet foods.		

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<i>Stationary Supplies</i>	MIT Building 56-022 (617) 253-4760
<b>MIT Office Depot</b>	 Building 56 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.	

<i>Furniture</i>	401 Park Dr. #8, Boston (617) 536-1090 www.bedbathandbeyond.com Take #47 bus or CT2 bus to Fenway stop
<b>Bed, Bath &amp; Beyond</b>	
Bed, Bath, & Beyond is a good store for bedroom furniture and other supplies (pillows, bedsheets, towels, etc.), although it's often busy in late August and early September with all the incoming students in the region.	







<i>Shopping Mall</i>	Washington St / Winter St, Summer St Downtown Crossing
<b>Downtown Crossing</b>	 T Red 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.	

<i>Groceries -- International</i>	297 Mass Ave, Central Square (617) 497-5610 www.yelp.com/biz/lotte-market-cambridge Between Central Square and MIT.
<b>Lotte (Korean)</b>	 
Lotte carries a nice selection of Korean food.	





<i>Groceries -- International</i>	571 Mass Ave, Central Square (617) 868-8311 T Red Line-Central.
<b>Shalimar (Indian)</b>	 
Shalimar carries a nice selection of Indian food.	








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<p><i>Movies</i></p>	<p><b>Landmark Theater</b>  </p> <p>One Kendall Square Cambridge (617) 499-1996 landmarktheatres.com</p> <p>T Red Line-Kendall.</p>	<p>A great theater that is home to independent, foreign, and restored classic films. See MIT Activities Committee (MITAC) counter on the first floor of the Stata Center for discounted vouchers.</p>
<p><i>Movies</i></p>	<p><b>Loews Boston Common</b> </p> <p>175 Tremont St, Boston (617) 423-5801</p> <p>www.amctheatres.com T Red Line-Park.</p>	<p>A very modern theatre with tons 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. See MITAC counter for discounted vouchers.</p>
<p><i>Movies</i></p>	<p><b>Fenway Theatre</b>  </p> <p>201 Brookline Ave Boston (617) 424-6266</p> <p>www.edwardscinemas.com T Green Line-Fenway.</p>	<p>A good theater that tends to offer better prices (and student discounts) than other major theatres. Blockbuster releases are mostly always available. See MITAC counter for discounted vouchers.</p>
<p><i>Museum</i></p>	<p><b>MIT Museum</b> </p> <p>265 Massachusetts Avenue Cambridge (617) 253-5927 <a href="http://www.web.mit.edu/museum/">http://www.web.mit.edu/museum/</a></p> <p>Walk down Landsdowne st. from SP. MIT building N 51.</p>	<p>The MIT Museum features interactive exhibitions, public programs, experimental projects and its renowned collections, that represents the invention, ideas, and innovation of research projects carried out at MIT. The Museum takes 1 – 2 hours to visit, depending on your interest level. Free to MIT students.</p>

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<i>Movies</i>		
<b>Brattle Theater</b>		The <b>other</b> major independent theater in Cambridge just down the street from the Harvard Square 5. Features independent, foreign, and classic films that change daily. Check their calendar on their website and plan ahead!
40 Brattle St Cambridge (617) 876-6837 www.brattlefilm.org		
T Red Line-Harvard		
<i>Museum</i>		
<b>Museum of Fine Arts</b>		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).
465 Huntington Ave, Boston (617) 267-9300 www.mfa.org		
T Green Line-MFA.		
<i>Music</i>		
<b>Symphony Hall</b>		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).
301 Mass Ave, Boston (888) 266-1492 www.bso.org		
T Green Line-Symphony (E).		
<i>Parks</i>		
<b>Boston Harbor Islands</b>		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.
Take the ferry from the Long Wharf over to the George island.		
T Blue Line-Aquarium.		

<p><i>Sports</i></p>	<p><b>Celtics / Bruins</b> </p> <p>Basketball / Hockey Fleet Center, Boston</p> <p>T Orange Line-North Station</p>	<p>The Bruins have a full sized rink for the first time, but have lost the character of the old Garden (which is still standing, since no one designed room for the wrecking ball when they put up the Fleet Center 9 inches away).</p>
<p><i>Sports</i></p>	<p><b>Red Sox</b>  </p> <p>Baseball Fenway Park, Fenway redsox.mlb.com</p> <p>T Green Line-Kenmore.</p>	<p>Sit in the grandstands for \$10 a ticket, where the crowd is as interesting as the game.</p>
<p><i>Sports</i></p>	<p><b>Patriots / Revolution</b></p> <p>Football / Soccer Foxboro Stadium Foxboro</p> <p>Drive. Commuter rail service from South Station may be available for some Patriots games.</p>	<p>Patriots—Known for their rowdy fans. Also for being the winners of Super bowl XXXVIII.</p>
<p><i>Videos</i></p>	<p><b>Blockbuster Video</b>  </p> <p>541 Mass Ave, Central Square (617) 491-1300 www.blockbuster.com</p> <p>T Red Line-Central.</p>	<p>The massive movie chain sets down right in Central Sq to offer all the popular new releases.</p>

