



## DUAL DEGREE ADMISSION CRITERIA & APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MSRED PROGRAM

This memorandum describes the application/admission process specifically for students who are already enrolled at MIT. If you are interested in pursuing a dual degree and you are not already an MIT student, you must apply to the programs you are interested in joining separately, following the application instructions for external applicants. **Please note that the tuition rate for the MSRED program is higher than the MIT Standard Tuition rate. Students admitted to the MSRED program will be charged the higher premium for the duration of their Dual Degree.**

### ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the following requirements, the Admissions Committee seeks a diverse group of students who are clearly committed to devoting their careers to the real estate industry, and who possess undergraduate or graduate degrees in one of the disciplines that have traditionally provided a basis for work in real estate (for example, engineering, development, law, architecture, planning, economics, or business). In general, the MSRED program prefers dual degree students with at least one and a half to two years of continuous professional experience in a real estate related field.

We recommend that students apply for a dual degree during the fall semester before their final year at MIT. In order to be admitted into a dual degree program, students must apply and gain admission to each program separately. Admission for dual degree program is contingent upon filing an approved dual degree petition which is due during the Fall term of your final year at MIT.

Application materials must be submitted by **January 15** of your first year at MIT if your primary degree is a two-year program, and by January 15 of your second year at MIT if your primary degree is a three-year degree. Students are required to meet all MSRED admission requirements. The application materials required are:

- 1) It is **strongly suggested** that dual degree applicants set up a meeting with admission staff. Please contact [msredadmissions@mit.edu](mailto:msredadmissions@mit.edu) to schedule an appointment.
- 2) A complete copy of your original application to MIT including all forms, transcripts, GRE or other scores, and letters of recommendation. These must come directly from your current department.
- 3) A new on-line [MIT Graduate Application Form](#) and new statement of objectives focusing on why pursuing a dual degree with the MSRED program is an important step in your academic and professional development. Please describe what contribution you feel you would bring to the class. Please request an application fee waiver from [msredadmissions@mit.edu](mailto:msredadmissions@mit.edu) when you're ready to submit your application.
- 4) One copy of your resume, in PDF format.
- 5) Two new letters of recommendation, one of which needs to be from a faculty member in your current program, not a dual degree committee member.
- 6) A Grade Report sent from your current department's Administrator, to [msredadmissions@mit.edu](mailto:msredadmissions@mit.edu)
- 7) If a microeconomics course has not been completed in prior academic work, it is suggested that one of the following courses be taken:
  - a) 14.01 - Principles of Microeconomics



8) A dual degree proposal, which outlines and presents a proposed set of courses that fully satisfies all requirements for both programs, by semester and year in which courses will be taken. The proposal should be reviewed by your home program **and the** CRE prior to submitting with your application. Proposal must accompany your application, and can be emailed to [msredadmissions@mit.edu](mailto:msredadmissions@mit.edu).

**Admission decisions will be sent in early March.**

**GRADUATION**

Dual degree students, in the MCP, MArch, or SMArchS programs are required to register for an additional term for a total of five semesters. The fifth semester of registration can be a summer term. Most dual degree students can be graduated somewhat earlier by taking the programs simultaneously rather than in sequence. (Separately the programs would take three academic years plus a summer, or seven semesters). A few factors combine to allow this acceleration. First, one thesis may satisfy both programs – though the qualitative standards are higher for a dual degree program. Dual degree students are allowed to do jointly authored theses. Some of the elective subjects in the real estate program can be counted toward the unit requirements of your home program– so long as the units are not used to satisfy both.

It is also strongly recommended that students cluster their real estate subjects into one year, if possible, to take full advantage of the connections among those courses.

**MSRED PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

The Real Estate core course requirements are:

11.350	Sustainable Real Estate	12 units
11.431	Real Estate Finance & Investment	12 units
11.433	Real Estate Economics	12 units
11.450	Building Systems	3 units
11.303	Real Estate Development Studio	18 units

Plus:

- 24 units of CRE required elective courses
- Thesis Prep in either CRE or your home program
- Thesis (one thesis may count towards the thesis requirements in both degree programs)

In addition to satisfying this subject requirement, dual degree students must enroll in a minimum of **81 units of graduate level courses that are “unique” to the real estate program. Unique in this context means that courses and units must be allocated to one program or the other and cannot be double counted.**

A thesis which will jointly satisfy the requirements of both programs consists of 24 units. In addition to a thesis advisor, some programs may require a reader plus a thesis defense (the MSRED does not). All students are required to complete a thesis prep course.



Questions on Dual Degree information, please contact MSRED Admissions, [msredadmissions@mit.edu](mailto:msredadmissions@mit.edu).