Curriculum Overview
Master of Science in Art, Culture and Technology (SMACT)

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS
The Master of Science in Art, Culture and Technology (SMACT) is a two-year, four-semester degree program completed in residency. SMACT candidates earn their degrees by completing 156 units of graduate-level coursework, 18 units of which are earned by taking SMACT Thesis Preparation and SMACT Thesis Tutorial, 4.388 and 4.389 respectively. The 24 units earned for taking 4.THG do not count toward your SMACT degree requirements. Coursework and research culminate in a written thesis.

CORE COURSEWORK
• 4.390 ACT Studio each semester
• 4.388 SMACT Thesis Preparation (second term)
• 4.389 SMACT Thesis Tutorial (fourth term)
• 4.THG (fourth term; 24 units, which don’t count toward SMACT requirements)
• Four ACT graduate subjects, three of which must be advanced and two of which must be taken with different ACT core faculty members
• One art or architecture history class

ELECTIVES
SMACT candidates must take at least three advanced courses that support their research. They often meet this requirement by taking subjects in Science, Technology, and Society; Media Arts and Sciences; and Comparative Media Studies. They may also meet this requirement by cross registering for courses at Harvard or Wellesley, with their academic advisor’s approval.

INDEPENDENT STUDY
If the content they wish to explore is not already covered in a regularly offered course, SMACT candidates may propose an independent study within ACT (which may count toward one of their four ACT subjects) or in another department (for elective credit). First-year students cannot enroll in independent study courses.

PLEASE NOTE
Undergraduate courses, English proficiency courses, and courses taken pass/fail or as a listener do not count toward degree credit.

QUESTIONS?
Contact the academic assistant for ACT at (617) 324-6289 or act@mit.edu.