

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 135 units of graduate-level coursework, 27 units of which are earned by taking SMACT Thesis Sequence, 4.387, 4.388 and 4.389. 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
- 4.387 Theory and Criticism Colloquium (first term)
- 4.388 SMACT Thesis Preparation (second term)
- 4.389 SMACT Thesis Tutorial (third term)
- 4.THG (fourth term; 24 units, which do not count toward SMACT requirements)
- Two ACT graduate subjects, both of which must be advanced and one of which must be taken with an ACT core faculty member
- Two graduate level elective subjects

ELECTIVES

SMACT candidates must take at least two 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.
