

MIT FENCING

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ♦ MIT competes against Boston College, Boston University, Brandeis University, Brown University, Dartmouth College, University of Massachusetts, University of New Hampshire, and Tufts University in the Northeast Fencing Conference (NFC).
- ♦ Igor Kopylov was voted to the 2009 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America At-Large First Team. He was the lone fencer among 45 athletes on the College Division national team and he became the first male fencer in Institute history to earn a spot on the First Team.
- ♦ For the second year in a row Igor Kopylov was the Division III recipient of the Georges L. Cointe Award, which is given to a fencer who excels in high-level competition with excellence in sportsmanship. He is MIT's third consecutive winner of this award and fourth overall.
- ♦ MIT received a trio of NFC All-Conference Second Team selections. Igor Kopylov was tabbed to the Sabre Team, resulting in the fourth honor of his career which tied the Institute mark set by Spencer Sugimoto '08. Freshmen Benjamin Nield (foil) and Carter Chang (epee) rounded out MIT's All-Conference contingent.
- ♦ Jarek Koniusz became the all-time winningest coach in the program's history this past season. In his 14th season with the Engineers, he raised his career total to 146 victories, surpassing the standard set by his predecessor, Eric Sollee, following the conclusion of his 18-year tenure.
- ♦ Competing in the familiar confines of the Johnson Athletic Center, Daniel Levine recorded the best performance for the Engineers at the NCAA Northeast Regional. He captured 10th place, becoming the fourth foilist in the program's history to secure a top-10 finish.

HEAD COACH

Jarek Koniusz enters his 15th year at the helm of MIT's men's and women's fencing program with over 30 years of international level competition, as both a coach and an accomplished athlete. In 2002, Koniusz was selected by the U.S. Fencing Federation to coach the United States sabre team in the World Cup competition held at Koblenz, Germany.



Koniusz holds a Master's of Science degree from the Academy of Physical Education in Katowice, Poland. He has earned the title of fencing master in sabre, epee, and foil. His athletic achievements include gold medal World Cup finishes and a silver medal in the 1989 World Championships. In spring 2002, Jarek was honored by the Polish Fencing Federation with a Lifetime Achievement Award, given to the fencer who has made a lasting contribution to Polish fencing in its 75-year history.

Koniusz has built MIT fencing into a perennial powerhouse, qualifying 25 fencers to the NCAA National Championships and guiding MIT to 17 New England Championship titles during his tenure.



Matt Gethers



Daniel Levine



Richard LaGrandier



Maximilian Brand



Men's Fencing Quick Facts

Head Coach Jarek Koniusz (15th Year)
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 Home Venue Johnson Athletic Center
 Affiliations NCAA Division III,
 Northeast Fencing Conference
 2008-09 Overall Record (NFC) 8-14 (6-4)

Olympians

Joseph Levis '26 Silver Medal (1932, Foil, United States)
 Johan Harmenberg '81 Gold Medal (1980, Epee, Sweden)
 Mark Smith '78 (1984, Sabre, United States)

ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America

Henrik Martin Second Team (1991-92)
 Keith Lichten Third Team (1994-95)
 Ben Van Diver (1999-00)
 Igor Kopylov First Team (2008-09)

NCAA Honors

Guy Pommares Epee Fencer of the Year (1969-70)
 Team Sixth Place Finish All-America (1976-77)
 Mark Smith All-America (Sabre, 1977-78)
 Eric Sollee Collegiate Coach of the Year (1979-80)
 Eric DeBeus All-America (Foil, 1979-80)
 Russell Holtz Top Eastern Fencer (Foil, 1982-83)
 Russell Holtz Top Eastern Foil (1983-84)
 Russell Holtz All-America* (Foil, 1983-84)
 Jae Sang All-America* (Sabre, 1988-89)
 Keith Lichten All-America (Epee, 1994-95)
 Spencer Sugimoto All-America (Foil, 2005-06)
 * Honorable Mention

NCAA Individual Champion

Joe Levis Foil (1925-26)

IFA Individual Champions

Johan Akerman Foil (1973-74)
 Mark Smith Foil (1976-77)
 Geoff Pingree Epee (1979-80)
 Oscar Estell (1980-81)
 Russell Holtz Foil (1983-84)

New England Championship Team Titles: 25

New England Championship Individual Titles: 47

All-Conference Distinctions: 35

Major Conference Awards

Jarek Koniusz Coach of the Year (1997-98)
 Trevor Chang Fencer of the Year (2004-05)
 Jarek Koniusz Coach of the Year (2004-05)
 Trevor Chang Fencer of the Year (2005-06)
 Trevor Chang Fencer of the Year (2006-07)
 Trevor Chang The Elliot Lilien Award (2006-07)

About MIT

Location Cambridge, Massachusetts
 Founded April, 1861
 Enrollment 4,112 (undergraduate)
 Colors Cardinal and Gray
 Nickname Engineers
 Mascot Beaver
 President Dr. Susan Hockfield
 Athletic Director Julie Soriero

The MIT Campus

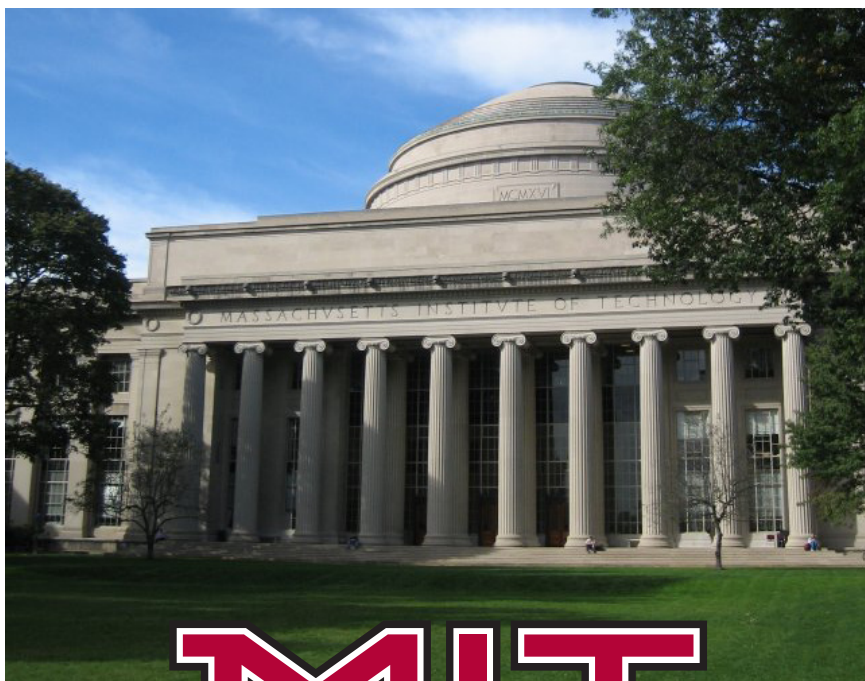
MIT is located on 168 acres that extend more than a mile along the Cambridge side of the Charles River Basin across from downtown Boston. The central group of interconnecting buildings was designed to permit easy communication among schools and departments. To meet the changing needs of teaching and research, the Institute recently added a remarkable array of new facilities designed by distinguished architects. Included was an undergraduate residence; the Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center; a Stata center for Computer, Information, and Intelligence Sciences and a Brain and Cognitive Sciences complex. Also in construction is a graduate residence complex, a new cancer research facility, and a major field project for MIT's outdoor sports venues. Today MIT is a world-class educational institution. Teaching and research—with relevance to the practical world as a guiding principle—continue to be its primary purpose. MIT is independent, coeducational, and privately endowed. Its five schools and one college encompass numerous academic departments, divisions, and degree-granting programs, as well as interdisciplinary centers, laboratories, and programs whose work cuts across traditional departmental boundaries.

Institutional Facts

- According to *Washington Monthly's* annual ranking of universities, which rates schools based on service to the world, MIT currently ranks as the No. 1 university in the country
- MIT's School of Engineering, Department of Economics and more than a dozen graduate and doctoral programs ranked No. 1 nationwide in *U.S. News & World Report's* annual evaluation of American universities while MIT's Sloan School of Management was currently ranked second nationwide among undergraduate business programs
- Seventy-two current and former members of the MIT community have won the Nobel Prize
- More than one-third of the nation's space flights have included MIT-educated astronauts

Athletic Excellence

- MIT is rated No. 7 in the 2008 National Collegiate Scouting Association (NCSA) College Power Rankings, which ranks the best schools in America based on athletic performance; U.S. News and World Report institution rankings; and graduation rate.
- MIT is the all-time Division III leader in producing ESPN the Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-America's (156) while the Engineers rank third across all NCAA divisions
- MIT athletes have authored 32 individual national championships and have won 22 team championships
- In the past 10 years, the Engineers have received 263 All-America honors and sponsored individual national champions in pistol, gymnastics, track and field, swimming and diving, men's tennis, skiing and women's fencing
- MIT student-athletes have earned at least 20 All-America honors every season since 2001 and set a school record with 39 All-America accolades in 2008-09
- 22 graduates have participated in the Olympic Games, winning two Gold and two Silver medals



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