



AB/SM Program Plan

The AB/SM Program Plan is a graduate form similar to an undergraduate Plan of Study, and should be filled out after consulting with your SM advisor. The completed form, together with all attachments, should be discussed with and approved by your advisor before it is submitted for consideration by the Committee on Higher Degrees (CHD). See submission instructions below.

At a minimum, you should submit this form during your sixth term, in preparation for your final year of College. You may submit multiple plans in order to account for possible course changes, and may also revise your Plan during your time in the AB/SM program. Any revisions to your Program Plan must be submitted prior to the start of the Registrar's degree application process in your final term. Note that the CHD meets intermittently throughout the year, and it is your responsibility to submit your Program Plan(s) in accordance with the corresponding deadlines.

Instructions:

1. On the following page, **list eight letter-graded, 4-credit courses** for the SM (Spring 2020 SEM grades will be accepted). These courses must satisfy the [SM degree requirements](#) described on the SEAS website, including any [requirements specific to your area of study](#). Keep the following points in mind:
 - a. At least five of the eight courses must be 200-level SEAS/FAS technical courses, not including reading and research courses (299r), seminar/project courses (298r, 297r, 294r), or innovation or communication courses. The remaining three courses should be from SEAS, FAS departments, other Harvard schools, or MIT. (*Note: for MIT courses students should attach the course syllabus and the catalog description when submitting their program plan, indicating MIT G-level status*).
 - b. Up to three of the eight courses may be 100-level SEAS/FAS courses. *As a guideline, having one 100-level course will generally not lead to any concern; having two 100-level courses requires at least some justification (e.g., that the courses are necessary prerequisites for 200-level courses); having three will generally lead to close examination by the CHD.*
 - c. Only one reading and research (299r), seminar/project (e.g., 298r, 297r, 294r), innovation, or communication course can count among the eight courses. *NB: a 299r cannot be used for any work that is part of the AB degree (specifically, it cannot be used for any work that goes into a senior thesis).*
 - d. Courses listed lower than 100-level, including all General Education courses, 300-level courses, and MIT U-level courses may not be included in the Program Plan.
2. **Attach an explanatory statement/rationale** for your course selection and overall Plan, demonstrating that the program has a coherent purpose and achieves both breadth and depth of preparation in furtherance of that purpose. Discuss the inclusion of any 100-level courses and documentation for any MIT classes (see #1a/b).
3. Your SM advisor must approve your Program Plan. To **report advisor approval EITHER**:
 - collect an electronic signature by emailing the completed form (including all supplemental documentation mentioned above) to your advisor and request that they append their signature and send the document back to you.

OR

 - email a copy of the completed form (including all supplemental documentation mentioned above) to your advisor and request that, in lieu of a physical signature, they reply back to you confirming that the Plan has their approval. You should then attach that email to the Plan as a supplemental document (see below).

4. After you have obtained your advisor's approval, visit <https://bit.ly/seasABSMplans> to submit your Program Plan to the Office of Academic Programs. You have the option of submitting your Program Plan and supplemental documents as one merged document (preferred) or as individual files. **Plan submission via email is no longer available.**



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CHD decision:	<i>When approved here by the CHD, this Plan serves as DGS approval for the bracketing of any courses listed below.</i>
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Student name

Student email address

SM degree area

SM advisor name

Expected graduation month - *If you expect your final term to be in the fall, your expected graduation month is the following MARCH, as that is when your degree(s) would be conferred.*

Date submitted

admin use only	Course # e.g. ES 227	Course Name	Instructor	Term/Year
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2				
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Grades need not be supplied, but be aware that no course completed with a grade less than C may be included on the Program Plan, and students must achieve a "B" or better average letter grade in the courses for the SM degree. SEAS will verify grades prior to making degree recommendations, but possibly not any earlier.

Attach your explanatory statement/rationale demonstrating that the program has a coherent purpose and achieves both breadth and depth of preparation in furtherance of that purpose. Discuss the inclusion of any 100-level courses and documentation for any MIT classes (see #1 a/b on page 1).

Approval

SM Advisor Signature: _____

(see p1 for submission instructions)