Course 14 Minor
Instructions and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. How do I get my Minor Application form signed?

Just leave it in the Course 14 Minor Box outside E52-515. You will get an email when your form is ready for pick-up. You need to pick-up the signed form and turn it in to the HASS Academic Office in Building 4, Room 240.

Please make sure that all fields in the Application form are filled in (including your Major Advisor’s information). Your Application cannot be processed otherwise. Similarly, please check the subjects that will be used to fulfill HASS requirement. This can be changed later if necessary (prior to your Completion form being signed).

2. How do I get my Minor Completion form signed?

Follow the same procedure as for the Minor Application form above. And in addition, with your Completion form, please attach (but do not staple): your unofficial transcript (free copies of which are available from the Student Service Center or the Registrar’s Office), your Registration Form (if relevant – see item 7 below), and your (gold) copy of your completed Minor Application form (if you do not have this then please also fill out a new Minor Application form and submit this along with your Completion form). (Put everything in a labeled envelope if you wish.) Please be sure that your Completion form is filled out completely (including your Major Advisor’s information) and correctly or it will not be processed. Please also ensure that the transcript you include has your name on it. Note: your application will not be processed without an (unofficial) transcript which verifies that you have completed the requirements successfully. You will get an email when your form has been signed by Professor Agarwal and is ready for pick-up.

3. What is the due date for the Minor Completion form for final-term seniors?

The due dates at the HASS office for 2015-2016 are:

Friday, September 25th for final term seniors.
Friday, February 19th for final term seniors.

There is a $50 late fee, and lateness may delay the preparation of your degree.

The forms must be turned into the Minor Box outside E52-515 by:
Friday, September 18th for final term seniors.
Friday, February 12th for final term seniors.
4. How do I pick up blank forms?

You can pick them up at the Course 14 Minor Box outside E52-515.

5. How can I get advice on the Course 14 Minor?

Please email Professor Agarwal at agarwaln@mit.edu. He is happy to offer advice on all aspects of the Minor.

6. When do I need to turn in the Minor Application?

In theory, by the end of the sophomore year and no later than two full terms before receiving the S.B. degree.

In practice, you must turn in the Application for Minor no later than the Application for Completion of Minor. **The risk in filing your Application for Minor late is that we may not approve your plan if it doesn’t conform to the current rules.** Hence, you are wise to get our agreement early— and you can always change your plan later (with our approval).

7. How can I submit a Completion Form if I’m taking my last Minor classes during my last semester at MIT?

Follow the procedure under item 2 above but be sure to include your current Registration form along with your Minor Completion Form and unofficial transcript. Professor Agarwal can sign your Completion Form as long as you are enrolled in the classes that you will need to complete your minor.

Note: We cannot sign the Completion Form until you are officially registered in your final minor class(es) and the semester has begun.

8. Can I use 15.411 or 15.412 as one of my Tier III minor electives?

Yes, but you must complete BOTH classes. However, course 15 majors may not be able to use these classes as a Tier III elective because of the maximum two-subject overlap (14.01 and 14.02 are requirements for both the course 14 minor and the course 15 major).

**BE WARNED: BECAUSE THESE CLASSES HAVE RESTRICTED ENROLLMENT, YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ENROLL IN 15.412 EVEN IF YOU HAVE TAKEN 15.411. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ENROLL IN 15.412,**
THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO TO HELP YOU. WE WILL NOT COUNT 15.411 OR 15.412 ALONE AS A TIER III ELECTIVE.

9. What are the approved substitutes for 1.010, 14.30 or 18.05 in the Tier I statistics requirement?


NOT ACCEPTABLE: ANY of the above ALONE is NOT a substitute for 1.010, 14.30 or 18.05.

10. Can I take classes outside of Course 14 and count them as Course 14 Tier III electives?

Generally, no. It is not sufficient for a class to use economic tools. It must be about economics. Course 14 classes are about economics. Almost all other classes are not.