

EasyPick



choosing classes should be easier than taking them

Purpose

All MIT students take at least 16 classes outside of GIR's.

So, how do students make informed decisions on what classes to take?

- Scan course listings for descriptions and/or search course evals
 - time consuming, especially for HASS classes outside your major
 - cookie cutter descriptions don't describe classes in enough detail
- Ask friends for suggestions
 - your interests might not align with your friends

There is no tool helping students find classes that align with their interests.

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MIT has thousands of classes
search and compare them



get **recommendations** from students with
similar background and interests

Search and Compare

- **search, sort and filter** through thousand of classes
- **view** statistics and information on individual class pages
- **comment** on things you loved, or didn't love so much



Recommendations

- **add** classes and academic interests
- **rate** your preferences
- **get** automatic class recommendations based on students similar to **you**



Challenges

- encourage user **engagement**
 - recommendations create a positive feedback loop. the more people contribute, the better recommendations they get
 - data from course evaluations can be used for initial engagement.
- **quality** of recommendations
 - recommendations based on classes taken might be misleading (eg. after sophomore year most course 6 students have taken the same 00 classes)
 - users can express broader interests such as 'web development' or 'music theory'
- data **privacy**
 - comments are sensitive and users should be able to comment anonymously
 - need to be careful to avoid creation of a toxic environment.