





# The Current State of Advising

- Unclear expectations
  - What can I ask my advisor?
  - What is advising *supposed* to look like?
- Lack of resources when advising isn't working
- Inequitable matching process
  - Lack of information about advising styles

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# What we're up to

Expectation  
checklists

Advising hotline

Matching process  
reform



# Expectation checklists

## For Advisees

### Goals of advising

- I see my advisor as a resource concerning MIT rules, regulations, and academic requirements.
- I see my advisor as providing guidance concerning classes and my course of study.
- I see my advisor as providing mentorship for my longer-term goals.
- I see my advisor as a resource for helping me when I am struggling academically.
- I see my advisor as a resource for situations where I need a faculty member to advocate on my behalf.
- I would like my advisor to be aware of my background and to understand where I come from.
- I would like my advisor to be aware of the extracurricular activities and interests which are important to me.



# Expectation checklists

## For Advisors

### Advising strengths

- I have a comprehensive understanding of MIT rules, regulations, and academic requirements.
- I can provide guidance concerning classes to a wide variety of advisees.
- I can provide guidance for advisees who are struggling academically.
- I have good connections with people at different departments or centers at MIT, which I'm happy to activate on behalf of my advisees.
- I have experience with the various support resources for students at MIT.
- In the course of my career, I've acquired experience in a subject outside math: \_\_\_\_\_
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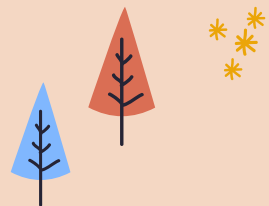


# Advising hotline

- Available throughout Registration Week
  - Monday - Friday next week
- Fill out a form & email, message, or Zoom us about your problems
- Find another resource when advising isn't working
- Give feedback on the advising process

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# Matching process reform

- Focused for later in the spring!



# Reminder: other stuff going on this week!

**Open Forum: Elitism in the Math Department**

When: Wednesday, February 3 @ 7-8pm ET

[RSVP Here!](#)

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Discussion**

When: Thursday, February 4 @ 4-5:30pm ET

**Course 18 Roadmaps**

When: Friday, February 5 @ 4-5pm ET

**Course 18 Class Info Session**

When: Monday, February 8 @ 5-6pm ET

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