

Biological Engineering Undergraduate Thesis

Resources *(as of September 2023)*

Please consider your PI the ultimate authority on expectations around thesis content, style, format, etc. You should meet with them often and maintain clear communication about their expectations.

For help with...	Consult...
Scientific content	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Your advisor, labmates, professors/instructors
Finding citations, citation management software, relevant textbooks and other reference materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">BE Librarian, Howard Silver: hsilver@mit.eduBE Research Guide: http://libguides.mit.edu/bioleng
Thesis deadlines, guidelines, and other departmental expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">BE Comm Lab Manager, Dr. Chiara Ricci-Tam chiarart@mit.eduCathy Greene clgreene@mit.edu
Communication: writing, creating figures, preparing presentations, etc.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Your Communication Fellow mentor (assigned by the BE Comm Lab manager) should be your primary Communication Lab touchpoint, and can help you set deadlines and milestones, in addition to helping you draft and revise. We recommend that you set regular meetings with them to maintain a steady pace.You may wish to choose 1-2 other Communication Fellows to work with regularly as well, in order to gain additional perspectives on your thesis-writing, and in case your mentor is occasionally unavailable.The BE CommKit http://mitcommlab.mit.edu/be/use-the-commkit has guides to creating journal articles and figures.The MIT Writing and Communication Center https://cmsw.mit.edu/writing-and-communication-center/ also offers 1:1 consulting appointments at any stage of the writing process. They are staffed by MIT lecturers who are experienced writers and teachers. Note that they offer specialized help for those whom English is a second language.
Seeing example theses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hannah Zlotnick's 2017 thesis (available from the BE Comm Lab manager)Ask your advisor for other undergraduate theses they might have