

MIT Subject Management API

MIT Subject Management API - System Rules

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This page is intended to specify the needs and validations of the mit-subjects API. This API is the single gateway to create and edit MIT subjects and was developed as part of the CIM Courses Project.

#	Data Element	Grouping	Required	Validation	Notes
	Subject Code	Subject	Yes	Must be a valid value in STVSUBJ	-
	Subject Number	Subject	Yes	Must be in regular expression format: [A-Z0-9][A-Z0-9][A-Z0-9][A-Z0-9] [A-Z0-9][A-Z0-9][A-Z0-9][A-Z0-9] Must be alphanumeric, 1 to 3 or 4 characters. 3 if subj_code is 3 characters otherwise 4. if subject_code = 'SP': - if dept = FAS, subject number must start with 8 - if dept = ISP, subject number must start with 3 - if dept = PXL, subject number must start with 1	-Expects upper numbers -Currently only number not ex characters for
	Subject Key (Subject Code + Number)	Subject	N/A	-Checks if identical Subject Key exists in table SUBJECT_TMPL_REG_INSTANCE - if identical subject key exists in SUBJECT_TMPL_REG_INSTANCE, API will return an error if SUBJECT_CONTAINER is different and SUBJECT_CONTAINER.last_active_term of the retrieved subject is null or later than the template effective from term	Listed as separate for validation #work - impact (de/re)activation
	(Subject Type + Code)	Subject	Yes	If subject type is cross reg, STVDEPT.STVDEPT_COLL_CODE of the dept associated with the subject code must equal to Z	
	Subject Type	Subject	Yes	Must be in approved list of values	List of values Rules KB article
	Effective Terms	Subject	Yes	-Must be a valid term in SGBGP_TERM -Comprised of Effective From term and Effective Through terms -Effective From term must be less than or equal to the Effective Through Term -Effective From term must not equal to Effective From term of any SUBJECT_TEMPLATE record that belongs to same container id -Effective Through term must be greater than or equal to Effective From Term -Effective Through term must not equal to Effective Through term of any SUBJECT_TEMPLATE record that belongs to same container id -Effective Terms of a template must not overlapped with effective terms of another SUBJECT_TEMPLATE record that belongs to same container e.g. Adding template effective from 2017FA through 2018SP to Container A will result in error if Container A has a template effective 2018FA-999999	
	Subject Title	Subject	Yes	Cannot be longer than 255 characters	#work - specific handling?
	Transcript Title	Subject	Yes	-Cannot be longer than 30 characters -Must be equal or shorter than Subject Title	-
	Alternate Title	Subject	No	Cannot be longer than 255 characters	#work - specific handling?
	Department Code	Subject	Yes*	-Must be a valid value in STVDEPT -Must match mapping in STVSUBJ *If Subject Type is "Cross Registration", Department must be empty *if Subject Code is 'SP', the department must be one of the following: FAS,PXL,ISP	-Valid values for SP subject element: sp.subjects.validate properties file

Status	Subject		-Must be equal to one of the following: Active, Inactive	Hardcoded va
Variable Unit	Units	Yes	Database field is variable_units - must be "Y" or "N"	-
Fixed Units - Lecture	Units	Yes*	-Must be not be greater than zero if variable_units = "Y" -Must be in range of [0-99] if variable_units = "N" *Required if variable_units = "N"	-
Fixed Units - Laboratory	Units	Yes*	-Must be not be greater than zero if variable_units = "Y" -Must be in range of [0-99] if variable_units = "N" *Required if variable_units = "N"	-
Fixed Units - Preparation	Units	Yes*	-Must be not be greater than zero if variable_units = "Y" -Must be in range of [0-99] if variable_units = "N" *Required if variable_units = "N"	-
Credit Limit	Units	Yes*	-Must be not be greater than zero if variable_units = "Y" -Must be in range of [0-99] if variable_units = "N" *Required if variable_units = "N"	-
Total Units	Units	Yes*	Auto-calculated to be the sum of Lecture, Laboratory, and Preparation units if subject is a fixed-units subject -Must be not be greater than zero if variable_units = "Y" -Must be in range of [0-99] if variable_units = "N" *Required if variable_units = "N"	
Subject Level	Level	Yes	-validating against table SATURN.STVLEVEL	
Attribute Code	Attributes	No	-Attribute Code must match a value in STVATTR -Need to have at least 1 cross-listed subject if SWE attribute is entered -Attribute SUPR must be included if attribute THES or attribute UROP is present -URN Attribute must be entered if subject number = URN	Old attributes STVATTR has field as old or
UG Degree Audit Lab Units	Attribute	No	-if entered, the value must be between 1 and 12.	
Grading Scheme	Grading	Yes	-Must have at least one entry -Must contain at least one entry for each of the required grading type(s). The required grading type(s) are determined by retrieving all entries from STVGM_TYP with STVGM_TYP.GMOD_TYPE_REQUIRED equals to 'Y'	-
Grading Mode	Grading	Yes	Must match a valid value in STVGMOD	-
Grading Type	Grading	Yes	-Must match a valid value in STVGM_TYP -Must be a valid type allowed for the Grading Mode entered -If FSEM attribute is present, must be a valid type for the Grading Mode - GMOD_TYPE_FRESHMAN_IND -Certain Grading Types can only appear once in the Grading Scheme. The grading type(s) that can only appear once are determined by retrieving all entries from STVGM_TYP with STVGM_TYP.GMOD_TYPE_REPEAT_IND equals to 'N'	-
Cross-listed Collaborative Indicator	Cross-listed	No	-Currently will default to false if cross-listed subject key is present and the corresponding collaborative indicator is null or empty space -Currently will be set as false if the input value is not 'Y' or 'N' or true or false	
Cross-listed Subject Code	Cross-listed	No	Must be a valid value in STVSUBJ	-
Cross-listed Subject Number	Cross-listed	No	-Must be in regular expression format [A-Z0-9][A-Z0-9][A-Z0-9][A-Z0-9] -Must prefixed with 8, 3, or 1 respectively for FAS, ISP and PXL departments' special (SP) subjects	-SP dept prefi configured in sp.subjects.F/sp.subjects.IS sp.subjects.P' properties file
Cross-listed Subject Key	Cross-listed	No	-Subject Key must not already exist in SUBJECT_TMPL_REG_INSTANCE for a different container -Subject key must not equal to the main subject key	
Equivalent Subject Key	Equivalent	No	-Subject Key(container id) must exist in SUBJECT_CONTAINER -Must not equal to the edited subject	

Equivalent Effective From Term	Equivalent	No	-Must be earlier than the equivalent effective thru term -Must not be earlier than the effective from term of the earliest template of the edited subject -Must not be earlier than the effective from term of the earliest template of the equivalent subject	
Equivalent Effective Thru Term	Equivalent	No	-Must be later than the equivalent effective from term	
Equivalent Effective Terms	Equivalent	No	-If a equivalent subject has more than one set of equivalent effective terms, they must not overlap with each other	
Subject Relationship Subject Container	Scheduling Relation	No	-Container id must exists in SUBJECT_CONTAINER -Must not equal to the edited subject	
Subject Relationship Type	Scheduling Relation	No	-Must be equal to one of the following types: SR	-valid values f relationship ty element: subject.relatio properties file
Subject Relationship Effective From Term	Scheduling Relation	No	-Must be earlier than or equal to the scheduling relationship effective thru term -Must not be earlier than the effective from term of the earliest template of the edited subject -Must not be earlier than the effective from term of the earliest template of the scheduling relationship(SR) subject -If the edited subject is inactive, must not be later than the last active term of the edited subject -If the scheduling relationship(SR) subject is inactive, must not be later than the last active term of the SR subject	
Subject Relationship Effective Thru Term	Scheduling Relation	No	-Must be later than or equal to the scheduling relationship effective from term -Must not be later than the effective thru term of the last template of the edited subject -Must not be later than the effective thru term of the last template of the scheduling relationship(SR) subject -If the edited subject is inactive, must not be later than the last active term of the edited subject -If the scheduling relationship(SR) subject is inactive, must not be later than the last active term of the SR subject	
Subject Relationship Effective Terms	Scheduling Relation	No	-If a Scheduling Relation subject has more than one set of scheduling relation effective terms, they must not overlap with each other	
Term Plan Offered Terms	Term Plan	Yes*	-One of the followings must have the value set as Y: isOfferedFall, isOfferedIAP, isOfferedSpring, isOfferedSpring for regular subjects	
Term Plan Frequency	Term Plan	Yes*	-Required for Standard Subjects - Valid values for frequency are: EVERY,IRREG,ODD,EVEN,RESUME_ANNUAL_ODD,RESUME_ANNUAL_EVEN	-Valid values i frequency are term.plan.valic properties file
Term Plan Duration	Term Plan	Yes*	-Required for Standard Subjects - Valid values for duration are: H1,P,F,H2	
Term Plan Duration First Week	Term Plan	No	-Required only if duration equals to P(artial) - Must be greater than 0 and less than the value of Term Plan Duration Last Week	
Term Plan Duration Last Week	Term Plan	No	-Required only if duration equals to P(artial) - Must be greater than 0 and greater than the value of Term Plan Duration Last First	
Display Control	Display Control	Yes*	-At least one entry is required for Standard Subject	

Display Control Term Type	Display Control	Yes*	-At least one entry is required for Standard Subject -Must be equal to one of the following: FA, JA, SP, or SU -Must match with the terms specified for Term Plan Offered Term -Cannot enter more than 1 entry for the same term type	-Valid values 1 display contro element: display.contro properties file
Display Control Online Subject Listing Faculty Source	Display Control	Yes*	-At least one entry is required for Standard Subject -Must be equal to one of the following: CF, IA, OT	-Valid values 1 listing faculty : control are de display.contro in properties f
Display Control Online Subject Listing Faculty Display Value	Display Control	No	-Required when Online Subject Listing Faculty Source equals to OT -Values entered will be ignored if Online Subject Listing Faculty Source is CF or IA	
Catalog Faculty	Display Control	No	-Currently will throw an error when it is null or empty and the catalog faculty preface is not null and empty	
Catalog Faculty Preface	Subject	No	-valid values are "I" or 'C'	
Roll Faculty Indicator	Subject	No	-valid values are 'P' or 'L'	
Gradable Schedule Type	Grading	No	-must exist in saturn.STVSCHD_TYPE	
Subject Description	Description	Yes*	-required for standard subject	
Enrollment Limitation - limit	Enrollment Limitations	No	-must be numeric	-Currently use Seminar Max
Enrollment Limitation - lottery	Enrollment Limitations	No	-if entered, must be equal to true, false, Y, N, null or empty space	-Currently not or CIM Feed, field has not b
No Listener	Enrollment Limitations	No	-if entered, must be equal to true, false, Y, N, null or empty space	-Currently not or CIM Feed, field has not b
Preferences - Custom Preference	Enrollment Limitations	No	-Currently used for the enrollment limitations in free-text format for non freshman seminar subjects	
Restrictions	Enrollment Limitations	No	-Currently used for enrollment limitations in text format for freshman seminar	
Freshman Seminar	Freshman Seminar	No	-Required if a subject has FSEM attribute -At least one seminar detail record with Type=Leader must be entered for subject with FSEM attribute -API will return an error when seminar details data is included for a subject that does not have a FSEM attribute	
Seminar Details - Name	Freshman Seminar	No	-Required for each seminar detail entry	
Seminar Details - Department	Freshman Seminar	No	-must be entered if type is Leader	

Seminar Details - Type	Freshman Seminar	No	-Valid values are: Leader or Co-leader	-Valid values 1 for SP subject element: fserr properties file
Seminar Details - Bio Sketch	Freshman Seminar	No	-must be entered if type is Leader	
Seminar Details - Kerberos Id	Freshman Seminar	No	-Must be in regular expression format: [0-9a-zA-Z_] -must not exceed 8 characters	
Home Institution Code	Cross Registration	No	-required if subject type is Cross Registration -must exist in sfpmgr.XREG_VV_HOME_INSTITUTION	
Home Organization Unit	Cross Registration	No	-required if subject type is Cross Registration and Home Institution Code is 'H' (Harvard) -must exist in sfpmgr.XREG_MIT_SUBJECT_CODE_LKP	
Home Subject Id	Cross Registration	No	-required if subject type is Cross Registration -cannot have duplicate entry in sfpmgr.XREG_SUBJECT for same subject id and home institution code	

Other API Error Handling

- If the API gets a THES attribute without a SUPR attribute, the API will throw an error
- If the API gets a UROP attribute without a SUPR attribute, the API will throw an error
- If the API gets an SWE attribute on a subject that has no child cross-listed subject numbers, the API will throw an error
- If the API gets a subject with a "URN" subject number and a UROP attribute but no "URN" attribute, the API will throw an error

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