Split up Course VI to ease overcrowding

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There have been several methods suggested to lower the high number of EECS majors: a separate EECS application for high school seniors, uncovering "hidden" freshman grades of EECS majors, and generous academic criteria for MIT freshmen wishing to major in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. However, naturally, will remain the domain of Course XVIII.

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