Not your ordinary extraordinary.

Brandeis
You are exceptional.

You deserve a university that recognizes and embraces your many accomplishments — a place like Brandeis.

Our heritage of social justice. Our superb academic reputation. The collaborative dynamic of our students. Our rich, engaging campus culture. The many ways we have of looking at the world. And the many ways we celebrate those differences. These are the intangibles that will create the opportunity to achieve your dreams and make a difference.

But you can’t sound bite the Brandeis experience. Indeed, the best way to get to know Brandeis is to spend some time with us.

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When it comes to academics, Brandeis is a place where you’re encouraged to dive deep. You can make your own major. Have two majors. Two majors and a minor. Even three majors. It’s quite common, really.

Not only that, undergraduates routinely work directly with professors on research, papers, installations and other projects. If you’re an academically minded person, Brandeis is the kind of place you’ve always dreamed of.

By the time you are seniors, you will be studying things that haven’t yet been discovered.

SUSAN BREN, DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
Every day, our students turn knowledge into action, making a profound and lasting impact in the real world.

“A” IS FOR ACADEMICS.
Just look at the list of majors and minors on the next page and you’ll see we are well-prepared to help you find your scholastic calling. Add in our world-class faculty, superb facilities, focus on professor-student interaction, and the ability to mix and match majors, and you have an academic dynamic that’s pretty incredible.

CLASS DISMISSED.
If we could trademark the phrase “Experiential Learning,” we would have done it years ago. In fact, we have a whole program set up just to help you make the most of EL, as we call it. It includes special courses; internships; field-based experiences; community-engaged learning; and research and guided inquiry. All are essential ways we can help you develop knowledge, skills and values from direct experiences.

JUSTICE BRANDEIS SEMESTER (JBS).
Want to combine in-classroom learning with out-of-classroom learning? The JBS gives you the chance to explore an area of interest through a set of interrelated courses and hands-on experiences. You’ll enjoy small classes, close working relationships with faculty, and the opportunity to apply practical skills to an academic subject. Recent topics include Bio-Inspired Design; Health, Law and Justice; and Storytelling as Social Practice.

FANTASTIC FELLOWSHIPS.
Want to do even more? We have many types of fellowships to help you learn/research/change the world. The Sorensen Fellowship, for example, will give you up to $4,000 to put social justice into action at the organization of your choice, anywhere in the world. Then there are the many academic fellowships we offer that can help you with independent investigation in your field of study. The point is, we are here to make it happen for you.

SEE HOW SOCIAL JUSTICE IS PART OF EVERYTHING WE DO. CLICK THE PLAY BUTTON TO THE RIGHT.
MAJORS AND MINORS

We offer 43 majors and 47 minors here at Brandeis. Majors include the traditional academic disciplines in the sciences, social sciences, humanities and the creative arts, plus programs focused on interdisciplinary topics (such as environmental studies or comparative literature) or regions of the world (such as East Asian studies or Islamic and Middle Eastern studies). Additionally, preprofessional advisory programs can help you track your way to careers in medicine, business, law and education.

The curriculum evolves continuously as new interdepartmental programs are added, but here’s the latest list:

African and Afro-American Studies
American Studies**
Anthropology
Architectural Studies*
Art History
Biochemistry**
Biological Physics**
Biology**
Business
Chemistry
Classical Studies
Comparative Literature and Culture
Computer Science
Creative Writing
Creativity, the Arts and Social Transformation*
East Asian Studies
Economics
Education Studies
English
Environmental Studies
European Cultural Studies**
Film, Television and Interactive Media
French and Francophone Studies
German Studies
Health: Science, Society and Policy
Hispanic Studies
History
History of Ideas*
Independent Interdisciplinary Major**
International and Global Studies
Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies
Italian Studies*
Journalism*
Language and Linguistics
Latin American and Latino Studies
Legal Studies*
Mathematics
Medieval and Renaissance Studies*
Music
Near Eastern and Judaic Studies
Neuroscience**
Peace, Conflict and Coexistence Studies*
Philosophy
Politics
Psychology**
Religious Studies*
Russian Studies
Sculpture*
Sexuality and Queer Studies*
Social Justice and Social Policy*
Sociology**
South Asian Studies*
Studio Art**
Teacher Education*
Theater Arts
Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies

LANGUAGES TAUGHT AT BRANDEIS

Akkadian
Ancient Greek
Arabic
Chinese
French
German
Hebrew
Italian
Japanese
Korean
Latin
Russian
Spanish
Ugaritic
Yiddish

* MINOR ONLY   ** MAJOR ONLY
A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT.

I am overjoyed to see the students become deeply invested in the value and meaning of their learning and the work — and we don’t stop just because class is over! I also am always available to students to advise and mentor as they navigate their Brandeis years and beyond, from class selection and internships to job hunting.

LAURA GOLDIN, PROFESSOR OF THE PRACTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Global research university meets small New England liberal arts college. That’s the quick take on Brandeis, and it’s exactly why so many talented professors come to teach here.

They like interacting with undergraduates. They enjoy teaching them, working with them, chatting with them during office hours — even inviting them over to dinner every now and then.

As a Brandeis student, you will have the chance to learn — really learn — from some of the most renowned academicians in the world.
There are so many smart, interesting and accomplished people who teach at Brandeis that it’s nearly impossible to pick a “typical” faculty member. But here’s a talented trio we thought you’d want to meet.

**GINA TURRIGIANO**
Did you know that, unlike your car, your brain can tune up on the go to keep working well? Spend time with Professor Turrigiano and you’ll learn many interesting facts like this. Must be why she’s received so many awards, including a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship.

**CHAD WILLIAMS**
A widely recognized expert on African-Americans in World War I, Professor Williams has published books and served on a White House panel, and he currently chairs the university’s Department of African and Afro-American Studies.

**DAVID HACKETT FISCHER**
This Pulitzer Prize-winning historian has taught at Brandeis for more than half a century. Along the way, he’s written many “user-friendly” books about important events in American history. He’s also influenced — and hosted at his home — countless Brandeis students. Professor Fischer thinks of himself as a “teacher and storyteller.”
Campus. ’Deis. Home away from home.

We’re a residential university, which means more than three-quarters of students live on campus. And with more than 100 academic and residential buildings — including the renowned Rose Art Museum — Brandeis is a superb place to call home for a few years.
Eating and living at Brandeis is more than just eating and living. It’s a time to meet interesting people, exchange ideas, discuss world problems (or the latest meme) and forge lifelong friendships.

**HOME AWAY FROM HOME.**

First-year students live right on campus, usually with one or two roommates. The residence quads are strategically located near dining halls, classrooms and other campus facilities.

As a sophomore, you may choose to live in one of several halls with suite-style living arrangements. Upperclassmen can reside in The Village, a collection of residence halls clustered into open “neighborhoods,” each of which includes a community kitchen and several open common areas.

**EAT. DRINK. REPEAT.**

A kosher dining hall. Food stations dedicated to vegetarian and vegan entrees. A cozy pub. Late-night breakfast buffets. Even burritos from Currito. We’ve got it all and more when it comes to food options. As a busy academic campus, we understand that food is vital fuel for everything that happens here. So we work hard to ensure you have quality choices.

The residence halls at Brandeis truly do foster community. I’ve seen people meet in their hall on the first day of freshman year who continue to live together through senior year.

TALIA HOLTZMAN ’16

Twenty-four hours in a day? It’s just not enough to enjoy a fraction of the really great activities that happen at Brandeis. What you see here is just a small sample of the must-dos you’ll encounter every day. And best of all? Everything is run by students.
What’s the best sport at Brandeis? You be the judge. No matter which one you pick, it’s safe to say that everyone enjoys going to an athletic competition at Brandeis. Sure, it’s great to watch the games, but it’s also as much about supporting your friends on the team. Not a varsity star? Then you might want to join one of our 19 intercollegiate club teams. Or try one of the many intramural programs we have, too.
Boston. The world’s greatest college town.

Brandeis is located right outside downtown Boston and is easily accessible by train, car or, on the weekends, a free shuttle service. Whether you’re heading to an internship, a job interview, a museum, to do some shopping or to have a night on the town — or some combination of all of these — you’ll quickly realize Boston is an invaluable part of the Brandeis experience.
At most colleges and universities, the big buzzword these days is “outcomes.” That’s just a fancy way of saying, “What’s my degree good for?”

At Brandeis, the answer is simple: “a lot.”

Whether you’re looking to leverage everything you’ve learned about social justice during your time here, continue to another degree, or become a teacher, newscaster, stockbroker, inventor, scientist, writer, musician … whatever you want to do, we’re here to help you make it happen. (We’re also here if you have no idea what you want to do.)
Welcome to Brandeis. Now go away.

The Hiatt Career Center makes it easy to do just that. For example, our World of Work (WOW) fellowship program provides generous stipends that allow you to pursue unpaid summer internships. The result? You can focus on exploring your interests. There’s also the Brandeis Internship Exchange, an easy and convenient online tool for you and other Brandeis students to find and share real internship opportunities.

NOAM COHEN

I interned at the Harvard Semitic Museum. Handling artifacts from thousands of years ago was a very powerful experience. I was constantly connected with people of the past, and it was often humbling to work through the collections.

NGOBITAK NDIWANE

I interned at AIDS Action Committee (AAC) in Boston, which is New England’s largest AIDS service organization. As a member of the housing department, I helped find safe and affordable housing for clients living with HIV/AIDS. This experience enlightened me about both AIDS advocacy and issues of homelessness in Massachusetts.

DANIELA DIMITROVA

Last summer as an intern at the Rose Art Museum, I constructed a 3-D model of the original Rose building, which included a re-creation of the Rose’s 1967 Louise Nevelson exhibition. In addition, I utilized the Brandeis MakerLab to create 3-D-printed models of selected Nevelson sculptures.

JAMES MACHADO

I was an account services and social media intern at Small Army and Small Army for a Cause. I worked with many of our clients as well as for our cancer fundraiser, Be Bold, Be Bald! Working for the ad agency was not only fun, it helped me acquire many important skills that will guide me to a career in marketing.
Come to Brandeis.

We seek students from all backgrounds and walks of life who want to make the most of their four-year college experience. If you are intellectually curious, interested in broadening your horizons and committed to social justice, then you are a good match.

TEST-OPTIONAL POLICY

Brandeis has moved to a test-optional policy for U.S. citizens and permanent residents starting with the Class of 2017. We believe that offering greater flexibility in the admissions materials requirements will allow applicants to provide a better representation of their academic capabilities. This policy is consistent with recommendations from the National Association for College Admission Counseling and from the College Board on use of standardized tests. For more information, please visit www.brandeis.edu/admissions/apply.

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COME VISIT

We offer tours and information sessions throughout the year, and hold open-house programs for prospective and admitted students in the fall and spring. Student-guided tours are offered most weekdays when classes are in session and on select Saturdays. All tours depart from the Office of Admissions in the Shapiro Admissions Center at the foot of campus.

Check out the complete schedule of visit opportunities at brandeis.edu/admissions/visit.

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