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.

Do you care deeply about learning — and doing? If you’re crazy curious about the world, and ready to improve it, Brandeis is the right place for you.

We’re a medium-sized, nonsectarian university, ready to welcome you into a diverse community where you can be a learner, leader and scholar every day. Guided by our historic values, we embrace the future and our role in helping shape it. That makes us Brandeisian.
If we are to be guided by the light of reason, we must let our minds be bold.

LOUIS BRANDEIS

DEBORAH BIAL ’87, FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT, POSSE FOUNDATION (MACARTHUR FELLOW)

TIME FOR A CHANGE.

60,000+
BRANDEISANS
COMPLETE AN
ESTIMATED
60,000 HOURS OF
COMMUNITY SERVICE
PER YEAR

JUSTICE
BRANDEIS
SEMESTER
GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT +
SOCIAL JUSTICE =
AN INCREDIBLE
EXPERIENCE

THE WALTHAM
GROUP
A VOLUNTEER SERVICE
PROGRAM — AND THE
LARGEST CLUB ON
CAMPUS

PEACEBUILDING
AND THE ARTS
A PROGRAM THAT USES
ARTS AND CULTURE TO
BRIDGE DIFFERENCES,
MEDIATE CONFLICTS AND
CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE
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 BIRREN, DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
**“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. It includes special courses, internships, field-based experiences, community-engaged learning, research and guided inquiry. This model is designed to take you out of the classroom and into a broad-based educational experience to help you develop knowledge, skills and values through hands-on learning.

**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.

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**SEE HOW SOCIAL JUSTICE IS PART OF EVERYTHING WE DO. CLICK THE PLAY BUTTON TO THE RIGHT.**
MAKING THE MOST OF IT.

54% OF STUDENTS DOUBLE MAJOR

300+ STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS IN OVER 64 COUNTRIES

UNDERGRADUATES CO-AUTHOR

35+ PEER-REVIEWED SCIENCE PUBLICATIONS EVERY YEAR

3 AVERAGE NUMBER OF INTERNSHIPS AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCES BEFORE GRADUATION
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
Physics
Politics
Psychology**
Religious Studies*
Russian Studies
Sculpture and Digital Media*
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
Brandeis is student-centered, which means our faculty enjoy teaching undergrads: working with them, chatting with them during office hours — even inviting them over for dinner every now and then.

In fact, your professors are invested in your undergraduate experience as a whole. They aren’t just lecturers and graders — they’re mentors who are committed to helping you succeed.

As a Brandeis student, you’ll have the chance to learn from some of the most renowned thinkers in the world. They share your passion for learning, and they teach not just from a textbook but from their own knowledge and experiences.
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
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.

**MAURA JANE FARRELLY**
Director of the journalism program at Brandeis, Professor Farrelly is known for her strong student mentorship and ability to communicate passion for journalism through her voice. Her experience includes freelancing for National Public Radio, Public Radio International and the British Broadcasting Corporation.
OUR FACULTY INCLUDES:

2 PULITZER PRIZE WINNERS

2 MACARTHUR “GENIUSES”

5 MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

1 MEMBER OF THE INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE

3 HOWARD HUGHES MEDICAL INVESTIGATORS

7 FELLOWS OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

10 FELLOWS OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

2 HOWARD HUGHES MEDICAL INSTITUTE PROFessORS

95% OF BRANDEIS FACULTY MEMBERS HOLD A TERMINAL DEGREE IN THEIR FIELD
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.
Life as a Brandeisian is about more than what you study. 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.

Upperclass students called Community Advisors live on each floor of these quads, and are there as resources to support first-years and build residential communities with hall programs and check-ins.

**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.
I lived in Reitman my first year at Brandeis, which truly became my home away from home. I’m still really good friends with my CA and with so many of the great people I met there!

WILLIAM NEALLEY '19
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.

SEE JUST HOW GOOD THE JUDGES REALLY ARE. CLICK THE PLAY BUTTON ABOVE.
Accessible by car, a free Branvan ride or a short walk, downtown Waltham is home to an eclectic mix of dining options. Check out In A Pickle diner, a local favorite, Carl’s famous subs, Solea tapas bar, or one of several authentic Mexican, Thai, Japanese and Indian restaurants. Don’t forget to save room for a scoop of ice cream at Lizzy’s! If you’re not feeling hungry, catch a flick at the Embassy Theater, take a ride along the Charles River bike trail, or volunteer with the Waltham Group. With downtown Waltham nearby, the adventures are closer than you think!
BOSTON. RIGHT IN YOUR BACKYARD.

The city of Boston is a quick train, car or shuttle ride away. Here are just some of the ways you can take advantage of Boston’s proximity:

- Gain clinical experience at Massachusetts General Hospital
- Greet the seals at the New England Aquarium
- See the Sox at historic Fenway Park
- Volunteer with your floormates at the Walk for Hunger
- Visit the Museum of Fine Arts for free with your Brandeis ID
- Do PR for an elite marketing firm in the financial district
- Take your family to top of the Hub
- Run (or at least cheer at) the Boston Marathon
- Student-teach at a Boston Charter School
- Study history at Paul Revere’s House
- Celebrate a roommate’s birthday in the North End
- Take a ferry to the Boston Harbor Islands
- Volunteer with the Waltham Group at the Greater Boston Food Bank

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.)
Thanks to Hiatt’s supportive staff, I had the opportunity to connect with employers and improve my networking skills, ultimately leading to my job at KIPP San Antonio Middle School through Teach For America.

OLIVIA GLADSTONE ’17
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.

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.
INcredible Internships:

Executive Office of the President, Washington, D.C.

Interfaith Worker Justice Project, New York, NY

American Jewish World Service, New York, NY

Gulf of Maine Research Institute, Portland, ME

Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office, Boston, MA

Harvard Semitic Museum, Cambridge, MA

The Akshaya Patra Foundation, Bangalore, India

New Orleans Video Access Center, New Orleans, LA

Hospital General Pablo Arturo Suárez, Quito, Ecuador

Root Cause’s Social Innovation Forum, Boston, MA

Project Harmony, Israel, Jerusalem, Israel

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.
Your excellence won’t go unnoticed.

As a high-achieving student, you may be looking for a college that will support you in accomplishing your goals. As one of the smallest research universities in the country, Brandeis offers our undergraduates access to unparalleled academic opportunities supported by world-renowned faculty.

As part of our application process, all students will be thoroughly considered for merit aid and, with a few exceptions, will not be required to submit any additional materials to support their candidacy. For more information on our need-based financial assistance, visit brandeis.edu/sfs.
Our fellowship programs offer opportunities for students to pursue their interests in specific academic areas, while providing personalized attention from key faculty leaders. Here is just a sampling of the fellowships we offer:

**THE LEONARD BERNSTEIN FELLOWSHIP**
This fellowship, which encompasses a highly selective instrumental chamber music program, provides a select number of accomplished instrumentalists the benefits of private lessons, additional performance opportunities and a $17,500 renewable scholarship.

**HUMANITIES FELLOWSHIP**
Awarded to 20 of the most promising admitted students with an interest in the humanities, Humanities Fellowships provide an annual scholarship of $17,500 as well as a small, one-time stipend. Fellows take part in an intensive seminar, working directly with humanities faculty.

**QBREC FELLOWSHIP**
The Quantitative Biology Research Community (QBReC) is an interdisciplinary undergraduate community that promotes cross-departmental collaboration among students and faculty. Fellows will receive an annual scholarship of $17,500, take part in an intensive fall seminar, and conduct an in-depth research project in one of six participating labs, all within their first year on campus.

**LEADER-SCHOLAR COMMUNITIES**
Members are afforded a special opportunity to live and work alongside similarly passionate and socially engaged peers. These communities involve a two-credit practicum course, taking a challenge-based approach to some of the 21st century’s most pressing issues.
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.

**APPLICATION DEADLINES**

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**TEST-OPTIONAL POLICY**

Brandeis 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](http://www.brandeis.edu/admissions/apply).
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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