WELCOME TO

Brandeis
Welcome to Brandeis.

Brandeis has always been distinctly inclusive, welcoming exceptional students and faculty of all backgrounds and beliefs, which is why we are proud to have you join our growing community. You bring to life the values rooted in Jewish history and experience that still permeate our campus today: a reverence for learning, a devotion to critical thinking, and a commitment to using your talents to make the world a better place. Here, you will find an abundance of support, as we encourage you to question openly and accept nothing without study and reflection.

Welcome. We can’t wait to have you here.
In choosing a college, you’re choosing the course your life will take.

At Brandeis, your education isn’t just about succeeding while you’re here. It’s about preparing you for what comes next. One of the most compelling reasons to attend Brandeis is what you’ll discover when you leave: open doors all around you.

A Brandeis education is enormously valuable in its power to accelerate your intellectual growth and to lead you toward a fulfilling future marked by professional success. It can be one of the best investments you make in yourself.

Close relationships with faculty, first-year courses taught by tenured professors, and research opportunities that have first-year students working alongside faculty members are just a few of the academic advantages that Brandeis offers.
A lifetime of critical thinking starts with four years at Brandeis.

Brandeis is committed to more than developing great students. We cultivate great thinkers. Here, it’s not just about grades — it’s about honing critical reasoning skills and nurturing an active, engaged intellect that will serve you throughout your lifetime.

You’ll develop these skills by learning from some of the keenest minds in the academic world, who will inspire you to look deeper into your fields of study and to explore their real-world applications. One-on-one interaction with your professors as well as opportunities to study in groups will help you sharpen your inquiry skills.

ELENA INSLEY
HOMETOWN: SPARTA, NEW JERSEY
MAJOR: BIOLOGY
MINOR: GERMAN STUDIES

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Discover the Brandeis difference.

REVERENCE FOR LEARNING
As a national research university, Brandeis is dedicated to providing a broad-based educational experience. You will learn both inside and outside the classroom and expand your horizons each day — on campus and through opportunities such as our Experiential Learning and Study Abroad programs. From your first day on campus, you’ll work with some of the country’s best-known scholars. Those same scholars will ensure you are challenged yet supported. Brandeis professors are deeply committed to your undergraduate academic pursuits, and the Brandeis Core will provide a strong, interdisciplinary foundation for whatever academic path you pursue.

A COMMITMENT TO REPAIRING THE WORLD
Brandeis’ commitment to making the world a better place has always been at the core of our educational mission. Whether it’s taking up the cause of sustainable construction or ending the genocide in Darfur, Brandeis students are active world citizens. The Waltham Group, Brandeis’ overarching community service organization, is the largest club on campus. As the only U.S. university founded by the Jewish community to be a nonsectarian, multicultural and pluralistic institution, we believe that by addressing the social, cultural and economic inequalities in our society, we can create a better world for all its inhabitants.

CRITICAL THINKING
A Brandeis education offers the flexibility to study the intersection of multiple disciplines. Interested in both theater and biology? Mathematics and studio art? We’ve found creative ways to combine studies to suit the needs of our students. Our scholars are constantly engaged in nuanced dialogue about the world and are inspired to think critically about the impact their research will have beyond its preconceived academic realm. This is evident not only in the university requirement of studying subjects outside of one’s major but also in the culture of eclectic learning Brandeis has fostered since our founding.
RIGHT FROM THE START
More than 60 Brandeis faculty members provide research opportunities in almost every academic discipline. Hundreds of undergrads take part in research during the school year and over the summer.

INTIMATE CLASS SIZE
At Brandeis, more than 60 percent of all courses enroll 19 or fewer students.

PREPROFESSIONAL ADVISING
Brandeis offers advising programs in:
- Clinical psychology and the helping professions
- Pre-health
- Prelaw
- Premed
- Pre-veterinary medicine

DO MORE IN FOUR
Brandeis’ flexible curriculum allows our students to explore academics without boundaries. Students can pursue up to a triple major and triple minor here, which is an important opportunity for those with wide-ranging interests.

MAKE IT YOUR OWN
All Brandeis students gain valuable, practical experience through opportunities such as academic internships in over 25 majors and independent or small-group study options in all majors.

200+
Number of Study Abroad programs offered at Brandeis. You can choose from programs in more than 58 countries.
In just a short time, you’ll make lifelong friends and mentors.

Even prospective students on a one-hour tour are struck by the warm, friendly attitude that defines the Brandeis community. People here are academically driven and motivated to succeed while being supportive of their peers. That makes for an environment that’s both stimulating and inviting.

Everyone at Brandeis seems to have one thing in common: an open mind. So wherever you come from and whatever your background and beliefs, you’ll feel welcomed by the community and quickly become a part of it.

The Brandeis community is one that fosters connections. You’ll make the kinds of friends you keep for a lifetime, and you’ll get to know professors who will continue to inspire you long after you graduate.

PAIGE LURIE
HOMETOWN: PASADENA, CALIFORNIA
MAJOR: POLITICS

“I LOVE MY CLASSES, AND EVERYONE IS VERY FRIENDLY. I EXPECTED NICE PEOPLE, BUT THE BRANDEIS COMMUNITY HAS SURPASSED MY EXPECTATIONS.”
With the club scene on campus, you could discover new activities to be passionate about — maybe for a lifetime.

With more than 260 clubs and organizations on campus, the activities you’ll find at Brandeis are as diverse as the student body. Whether you’re looking for political engagement, Ultimate, a chance to sing onstage or a group of students to volunteer with, you’ll find more than one kindred soul who shares your enthusiasm.

THE ARTS
Few universities offer the breadth of theater, music, film and studio-art classes and exhibitions that Brandeis does. You can participate as a patron, performer, director or designer, regardless of your experience level or your academic major.

ACADEMICS
At Brandeis, there are plenty of opportunities for students to explore their talents and love of learning. The Brandeis Academic Debate and Speech Society (BADASS) is consistently nationally ranked and invites students to participate in their first year, regardless of prior experience. Our academic, political and activism clubs allow students to have meaningful discussions and form deep relationships with their peers. They also provide a broader understanding of different cultures and the world.

CAMPUSWIDE EVENTS
Student clubs offer activities every night of the week. The student-run Campus Activities Board hosts frequent film screenings, social events and major concerts for Brandeis and the surrounding community.
THE PLAY’S THE THING
The Department of Theater Arts presents a multiplay season of cutting-edge productions featuring professional actors as well as Brandeis students.

GIVING BACK
Last year, Brandeis students completed an estimated 60,000 hours of community service. So it’s no surprise The Princeton Review rated Brandeis in the top 10 in community service engagement.

GOOD SPORTS
Since 2010, nine Judges teams have earned national rankings, and Brandeis has produced 27 All-American athletes in the past five years alone. In 2016, the men’s and women’s soccer teams both advanced to the Final Four, and the men’s basketball team won the Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III championship in 2019.

LIVING IN HARMONY
The university’s three chapels of different faiths are situated in such a way that one never casts a shadow over another.

A SONG IN YOUR HEART
The Brandeis concert season features the renowned Lydian String Quartet, nine student ensembles and an exciting World Music Series.

Average number of internships that Brandeis students complete.
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From Brandeis, you’ll graduate into a world of opportunities.

Internships and other experiential learning opportunities help you determine early on whether the course of study you are pursuing will lead to a career you’ll love. And when it’s time to begin that career, Brandeis’ reputation, international alumni network and vast career resources will help you put your degree to work.

Whether your postgraduation plans involve attending graduate school or setting out on a career path, you’ll find that a degree from Brandeis will get you there.

That’s because it’s well established, both in academia and the corporate world, that Brandeis produces graduates with the intellectual power and real-world experience to excel at whatever they do.

**BEN SILVER**

**MAJOR:** HEALTH: SCIENCE, SOCIETY AND POLICY  |  **MINOR:** ECONOMICS  

**OCCUPATION:** FORMER HEALTH POLICY ANALYST AT RTI INTERNATIONAL, NOW ENROLLED IN THE MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM AT BROWN

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From the beginning of your first year, we start preparing you for life after college.

THE HIATT CAREER CENTER — CAREER COUNSELING FOR LIFE
If you want to find an amazing internship while you're a student, or want to have a job offer waiting for you when you graduate, the Hiatt Career Center at Brandeis gives you all the tools you need.

Internship Opportunities
With a database of more than 19,000 internships, the career center offers access to opportunities that provide the practical experience to help start you on your way to a successful career. Examples of past internships include:

- Film editing at NBC
- Health care administration at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Portfolio advising at Fidelity Investments
- Research at Pfizer

Career Support
The Hiatt Career Center also provides a wide range of career-building tools:

- Career counseling, preprofessional and graduate school advising
- On- and off-campus employer recruiting
- Career fairs and industry nights, focused on diverse areas including health care, finance, scientific research, education, social justice and biology
- Programs and workshops
- Alumni networking events on and off campus
- An online database with access to more than 25,000 job opportunities nationwide
FUNDING FOR SERVICE
The Hiatt Career Center offers World of Work grants to help fund unpaid summer internships. Some of these grants target organizations that support social justice causes.

GRADUATES IN DEMAND
Brandeis students are regularly accepted into advanced-degree programs at the nation’s most competitive universities.

97%
Percentage of Brandeis 2017 graduates who have a full-time job, are attending graduate school or are participating in a program such as the Peace Corps.

GOOD PRESS
U.S. News & World Report consistently ranks Brandeis among the top 35 national universities, while The Princeton Review continues to list us as a “Best Value College” year after year.

BEYOND BRANDEIS
While 30% of graduates opt to continue their education, the majority of alumni begin rewarding careers right after graduation, in areas such as health care; financial services; computer science; education; marketing; and scientific research.

ALUMNI SHADOWING
As a Brandeis student, you can explore a career that interests you by shadowing a Brandeis graduate throughout his or her workday.

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