

Brandeis University

SELF-GUIDED TOUR



Welcome! Thank you for visiting our campus! This self-guided tour will help you explore our University and its grounds at your leisure. Brandeis students tend to be very friendly, so if you want to learn more about a building or about the University, just stop someone and ask. This tour follows the route that our tour guides use; it should take you approximately an hour to complete. Be mindful of the terrain, there are many hills along the route.

The Arts

Slosberg Music Center (1)

Home to the Music Department. Inside you will discover a 225 seat concert hall where both student ensembles and the internationally acclaimed Lydian String Quartet perform everything from Beethoven to original student-composed electronic music. Additionally, there are practice rooms open to all students including both music majors and non-music majors. Each year, nearly 300 professional and student performances and exhibitions take place on campus.

Spingold Theater (2)

Home to the Brandeis Department of Theater Arts. The department puts on about 3-4 full-scale productions annually and holds the Senior Thesis Festival in the spring. Debra Messing (Grace Adler) of *Will & Grace* and Steven Culp (Rex Van De Camp) of *Desperate Housewives*, among many others, are graduates of our programs. Productions range from straight plays to musical theater to sketch comedy!

Rose Art Museum (3)

Home to the largest collection of modern art in the New England area and one of the finest collections in all of America. Admission is free to students and many intern there during the year. The Rose Art Museum also houses works by artists such as Marc Chagall, Andy Warhol, and Wassily Kandinsky. It is one of the most daring and innovative contemporary art museums around, regularly putting on new and innovative exhibitions.

Student Life

Shapiro Campus Center (4)

The Shapiro Campus center is the hub of student life on campus. It is open to students 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It is the meeting grounds for our 280+ student organizations, including the Student Union, Waltham Group, Campus Activities Board, radio station, the newspapers and yearbook. The campus center continues to be the most student-centered, “out of the classroom” building on campus. It additionally houses Einstein’s, a café and bagel shop, student art exhibition space, rehearsal spaces, meeting rooms, a computer library and a 250-seat theater. The campus bookstore is in the campus center as well!

Sherman Dining Hall & Hassenfeld Conference Center (5)

The upper level of this building houses The Stein (the on-campus restaurant and pub) as well as the Hassenfeld Conference Center. The conference center is a versatile space for lectures, performances, and Hillel Shabbat dinner, which is open to the entire student body. The Stein offers a popular break from dining hall, serving everything from a delicious mac & cheese to buffalo chicken tenders. “Stein nights,” held every Thursday, often feature live music, trivia, karaoke, bingo, the sports game of the day, a movie, and, of course, free food. The Stein also hosts a great program called “Students and Professors Interacting Now” which encourages students to get to know faculty members outside the classroom by paying for them to enjoy a meal together at the Stein.

Walk down the set of stairs in front of you. Sherman Dining Hall is located to your left.

Sherman Dining Hall is one of our two all you can eat dining halls on campus. Sherman is unique in that it is the only integrated kosher (Jewish dietary law) cafeteria in the country, where all students can eat together in the same place. Options include a grill, a sandwich station, a salad bar, pizza, warm food, a stir fry bar, vegan and vegetarian options, allergen free sections, as well as a large dessert selection. Furthermore, students can submit recipes from home and receive notice as to when these coveted meals will be served in Sherman!

Massell Quad (6)

There are ten on-campus residential quadrangles ranging from traditional residence halls to suites, townhouses, and apartments. First-year students have the opportunity to live in either Massell Quad or North Quad. Housing is guaranteed for first years and returning sophomores; rooms are assigned through a lottery. Residence hall facilities include laundry and soda machines, and common areas/lounges. We also have accessible housing and gender-inclusive housing and bathroom. Lastly, every hall has a Community Advisor (CA), an upper classman who organizes fun activities such as barbecues, movie nights, and off campus excursions to foster a friendly and welcoming environment.

Academics & Athletics

Goldfarb & Farber Libraries (7)

Our two libraries house our ever growing collections and reference resources in creative arts, humanities, government documents, and social sciences. Research materials are extremely accessible to students due to the online availability of resources, and additional resources are made available through the Boston Library Consortium and the Interlibrary Loan system. The library offers services for students including a listening center, computer labs, study rooms, a media lab, maker lab, as well as the Writing Center. The Writing Center assists students in all aspects of writing their papers, from brainstorming to editing. Students also have access to librarians who are able to help them locate documents, resources, etc. Library Technology Services is also available for students to utilize in the event their laptop has stopped working, they can't access their Brandeis account, and much more. Additionally, the campus Starbucks is also located here!

Usdan Student Center (8)

Contains our second major dining hall, a post office, an ATM, administrative offices, and plenty of meeting spaces. It is a busy meeting place for students and faculty – especially between classes or for lunch. The campus convenience store, The Hoot Market, is also located inside Usdan. It is open until two am every day and has everything from laundry detergent to a midnight snack available. Usdan also houses a variety of resources for students including the Hiatt Career Center, Department of Community Living, Student Financial Services, Queer Resource Center, Academic Services Office, and the Office of Study Abroad.

Shapiro Science Center (9)

Faculty and students from many departments collaborate in research and learning in the classroom and in the lab and this is constantly happening in the Shapiro Campus Center! In fact, a few classes are taught by faculty of varying disciplines – one class is even taught by three professors – a biologist, a chemist, and a physicist. This interdisciplinary approach is much different from the one taken by most universities. The Leo Gerstenzang Complex has traditional lab areas as well as special classrooms for teaching math and science within this complex. It also includes the Gerstenzang Science Library and other research facilities. Students have many opportunities to engage in research during their undergraduate years. Check out www.brandeis.edu/research for more examples of research centers on campus.

Gosman Sports and Convocation Center (10)

Gosman is one of the largest, best-equipped sports and recreation facilities in New England. It was, until recently, the practice facility for the Boston Celtics. The complex is a state-of-the-art facility for *all* students, not just our DIII varsity athletes. The 70,000 square-foot field house contains basketball, volleyball, tennis, and squash courts, a six-lane indoor track, batting cages, workout rooms, and a fencing room. Each year, Gosman hosts athletic competitions (including NCAA Division III national contests), big-name concerts, and graduation.



We hope you enjoyed your tour! Please feel free to return to the Admissions Office if you have any additional questions, want to pick up any additional materials, or would like the contact information for a particular counselor, coach, or department.
Thank you for visiting and we hope to see you again soon!

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