Welcome to Campus

Welcome to Brandeis! This GSAS Student Guide is designed to help you navigate graduate education on our campus, to understand its rules and procedures, and to take maximum advantage of the opportunities available here. Please note that this handbook supplements the University’s Rights and Responsibilities Handbook and the Office of the University Registrar’s Bulletin.

Prior to your arrival on campus, please make sure to complete the accepted students checklist. This checklist will serve as a useful tool as you prepare for arriving on campus.

Three things to note upon arrival to campus:

GSAS New Student Orientation

The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences holds an orientation for incoming students every fall. There is also a mandatory Teaching Fellows Orientation for students who will be teaching (whether as a Teaching Fellow or Course Assistant) during the academic year.

Departmental Offices

Be sure to visit your departmental office as soon as possible; it will be your academic home on campus. The departmental administrator can answer questions about specific forms and procedures.

Change of Address and Personal Data

Should you need to change or update your address, please do so through sage. Contact the Registrar’s Office if you have any difficulties or questions. It is very important that students maintain their addresses in SAGE. Many offices, including GSAS, use the addresses on file with the Registrar to send out important information. Email is used for official communication at Brandeis; as such, it is important that one regularly checks their Brandeis email. If one uses an email address that is not on a Brandeis server, make sure that Brandeis email forwards to that address. Students can also exercise their rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 to withhold information of various kinds that otherwise is available to non-university personnel. International students who hold an F-1 or J-1 visa must notify ISSO (isso@brandeis.edu) within 10 days of any move or change of address.