JUSTICE BRANDEIS SEMESTER (JBS)
Environmental Health and Justice

SUMMER PROGRAM / 12 credits
8 weeks
June 1–July 23, 2010

AMST 102aj / 6 credits
Environment, Social Justice, and Empowerment
This community-engaged course gives students firsthand experience in the legal, policy, science, history, and social impacts of current environmental health issues that challenge individuals, families, and communities. The course focuses on low-income, immigrant communities and the profound and unique roles played by women.

BISC 6bj / 6 credits
Environmental Health
This course will introduce students to the science and tools of environmental health, and it will give students hands-on skills to explore through fieldwork and studies the exposure issues experienced by local, primarily low-income communities.

FALL PROGRAM / 8 credits
[Optional extension]
16 weeks
August 26–December 16, 2010
Expand upon your Summer JBS Program with a fall internship and independent study course. Students must complete the summer program to enroll in the Fall JBS Program extension.

ENVS 89aj / 4 credits
Environmental Internship (min. 275 hours)
JBS students may do a fall internship related to the issues addressed in the JBS. The environmental studies internship provides the opportunity for students to experience firsthand actual environmental challenges in government, industry, public interest organizations, and scientific research institutions.

ENVS 98aj / 4 credits
Independent Study
Students explore in-depth a topic directly related to their internship. In collaboration with the instructor, students develop a reading list and research questions, and they write a series of short papers as well as a final paper.

MORE INFORMATION
• Application Deadline: March 15, 2010
• Visit www.brandeis.edu/jbs for more information on the application process, course attributes, cost and financial aid, housing and more.

PROFESSORS:
Laura Goldin / Dr. James Stewart
PREREQUISITES: None

JBS PROGRAM FULFILLS:
One semester students need for graduation and satisfies many other university requirements.

Directly engage in the community while you delve into the law, policy, social impacts, and science of environmental health issues challenging individuals and families today. The program will focus on low-income, diverse communities most burdened by toxic exposure and lack of access to safe housing, healthy food, and open space. Students will gain knowledge and skills in housing and toxics law; negotiation and advocacy; client interviewing and counseling; environment field monitoring and assessment; and more, as we tackle pressing issues alongside community members. You can help prevent evictions and reduce childhood lead exposure, develop organic gardens with at-risk youth, combat indoor air pollution, create healthy-meal programs with homeless families, and much more—all as you learn.