

Academic Calendar for Fall Term 2009

Monday, August 17 — Thursday, September 10	Registration period for graduate and undergraduate students.
Sunday, August 23	Residence halls open for new undergraduate students.
Tuesday, August 25	Residence halls open for returning students.
Thursday, August 27	First day of instruction.
Monday, September 7	Labor Day: No university exercises, staff holiday.
Wednesday, September 9	Brandeis Monday: Monday class schedule in effect.
Thursday, September 10	Last day to add classes. All work for spring term 2009 undergraduate incompletes due to instructors. Last day for seniors graduating in December to declare or drop a major or minor.
Tuesday, September 15	Grades replacing spring 2009 graduate incompletes due in the University Registrar's Office.
Thursday, September 17	Last day for undergraduates to elect a pass/fail option for the current term and to request a P grade for the preceding term. Grades replacing spring 2009 undergraduate incompletes due in the University Registrar's Office.
Friday, September 25	Last day to drop or change grading option of Module I courses to audit (instructor's and chair's permission required).
Monday, September 28	Yom Kippur: No University exercises.
Tuesday, September 29	Brandeis Monday: Monday class schedule in effect.
Monday, October 5	Sukkot: No university exercises.
Monday, October 12	Columbus Day: Classes in session, staff holiday.
Thursday, October 15	Last day for undergraduates to drop courses without a "W" transcript notation (instructor's permission required).
Friday, October 16	Undergraduate midterm grades due.
Friday, October 23	Last day to add Module II classes.
Monday, October 26 – Monday, November 2	Registration period for spring term 2010.
Monday, November 9	Last day for undergraduates to drop courses with a "W" transcript notation (instructor's permission required). Last day for graduate students to drop courses or change grading option of classes to audit (instructor's and chair's permission required).
Thursday, November 26 – Friday, November 27	Thanksgiving holiday: No university exercises, staff holiday.
Wednesday, December 2	Last day of instruction. Last day to voluntarily withdraw from the term (written notification required).
Thursday, December 3 – Friday, December 4	Study days.
Monday, December 7 – Monday, December 14	Final examination period.
Tuesday, December 15 at 12 noon	Residence halls close.
Tuesday, December 22	Fall term grades due.
Thursday, December 31	Last day for graduating seniors to convert current term pass/fail enrollments to a "P."

- Note: Make-up examinations for spring term 2009 will be held September 2, 3, and 8, 2009.

Policy of Brandeis University Pertaining to Religious Observance

In constructing the academic calendar, religious holy days will not be the sole factor in determining days on which classes will be held or suspended. It is the policy of the University, however, that students be encouraged to observe their appropriate religious holy days; that instructors strive to facilitate this by allowing absence from classes for such purposes and by trying to insure that no examinations, written reports, oral reports, or other mandatory class assignments are scheduled for or due on such holy days; and that instructors provide ample opportunities for such students to make up work missed on such occasions without penalty. Jewish holidays begin at sundown of the previous evening and end at nightfall of the day listed.