

ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR FALL TERM 2005*

Tuesday, August 9 - Thursday September 15	Graduate students register and enroll.
Sunday, August 28	New undergraduate students arrive.
Monday, August 29 - Thursday, September 15	Undergraduate students register and enroll.
Tuesday, August 30	Residence halls open for returning students.
Thursday, September 1	First day of instruction.
Monday, September 5	Labor Day: No University exercises; staff holiday.
Thursday, September 15	Last opportunity to enroll in courses for all students. Last opportunity to drop courses without instructor's permission. All work for spring term 2005 undergraduate incompletes due to instructors.
Thursday, September 22	Last day for undergraduates to elect a Pass/Fail grading option for the current term and to convert to "P" for a class in the preceding term. Grades replacing spring undergraduate incompletes due in the University Registrar's Office.
Monday, October 3	Brandeis Tuesday -Tuesday class schedule in effect.
Monday, October 3	Penultimate Ph.D. dissertations due: February Ph.D. candidates should submit penultimate copies of dissertations to program chairs.
Tuesday, October 4 - Wednesday, October 5	Rosh Hashanah: No University exercises.
Monday, October 10	Columbus Day: Staff holiday; classes in session.
Thursday, October 13	Yom Kippur: No University exercises.
Friday, October 14	Last day to drop courses without "W": Last day for undergraduates to drop courses without transcript notation "W" (instructor's permission required).
Friday, October 14	Last day for graduate students to drop Heller Module I and IBS Module I courses (instructor's and chair's permission required).
Friday, October 14	Undergraduate midterm grades due in the University Registrar's Office.
Tuesday, October 18	Sukkot: No University exercises.
Tuesday, October 25	Shimini Atzeret: No University exercises.
Tuesday, November 1 - Friday, November 11	Undergraduate registration for spring term 2006.
Monday, November 7 - Friday, November 11	Graduate registration for spring term 2006.
Friday, November 18	Last day to drop courses with "W": Last day for undergraduates to drop courses with a "W" transcript notation (instructor's permission required).
Wednesday, November 23	Last day for all Graduate Arts and Sciences, Heller School, and International Business School students to drop a course with signatures of instructor and chair.
Thursday, November 24 - Friday, November 25	Thanksgiving: No University exercises; staff holiday.
Thursday, December 1	Graduate degree candidate information due: Last day for February graduate degree candidates (certificates, final and continuing master's and Ph.D.) to file Application for Degree in the Office of Student Financial Services. Final day for February Heller School degree candidates to file Application for Degree at the Heller School. Final day for faculty certification that all February master's candidates have completed degree requirements, including language(s) and theses, and that all Ph.D. candidates have defended dissertations.
Tuesday, December 13	Last day of instruction. Last day to voluntarily withdraw from the semester (written notification required).
Wednesday, December 14	Study Day.
Thursday, December 15 - Thursday, December 22	Final Exams: Final examination period.
Thursday, December 22	Final day for February graduate doctoral degree candidates to deposit their dissertations at their graduate school office.
Wednesday, December 28	Grades Due: Fall term grades due in the University Registrar's Office. Graduate incompletes from spring term 2005 due.
* Note: Make-up examinations for spring term 2005 will be held September 7, 8, and 12, 2005.	

ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR SPRING TERM 2006*

Thursday, January 5 - Monday, January 30	Graduate students register and enroll.
Sunday, January 15	Residence halls open: New undergraduate students arrive.
Monday, January 16	Martin Luther King Day: No University exercises; staff holiday.
Tuesday, January 17	First day of instruction.
Tuesday, January 17 - Monday, January 30	Undergraduate students register and enroll.
Monday, January 30	Last opportunity to enroll in courses for all students. Last opportunity to drop courses without instructor's permission. All work for fall term incompletes due to instructors.
Monday, February 6	Last day for undergraduates to elect a Pass/Fail grading option for the current term and to convert to "P" for a class in the preceding term. Grades replacing fall undergraduate incompletes due in the University Registrar's Office.
Monday, February 20	President's Day: No University exercises, staff holiday
Monday, February 20 - Friday, February 24	Midterm Recess: No University exercises.
Monday, February 27	Last day for undergraduates to drop courses without transcript notation "W" (instructor's permission required).
Monday, February 27	Last day for graduate students to drop Heller Module I and IBS Module I courses (instructor's and chair's permission required).
Wednesday, March 1	Graduate degree candidate information due: Last day for May graduate degree candidates (certificates, final and continuing master's and Ph.D.) to file Application for Degree in the Office of Student Financial Services. Final day for May Heller School degree candidates to file Application for Degree at the Heller School. May Ph.D. candidates should submit penultimate copies of dissertations to program chairs.
Friday, March 10	Midterm grades due: Undergraduate midterm grades due in the University Registrar's Office.
Monday, April 3	Last day to drop courses with "W": Last day for undergraduates to drop courses with a "W" transcript notation (instructor's permission required).
Tuesday, April 4 - Monday, April 17	Undergraduate registration for fall term 2006.
Tuesday, April 11 - Monday, April 17	Graduate registration for fall term 2006.
Tuesday, April 11	Brandeis Friday: Friday class schedule in effect
Wednesday, April 12	Final day for faculty certifications that May PhD candidates have defended dissertations. Last day for all Graduate Arts and Sciences, Heller School, and International Business School students to drop a course with signatures of instructor and chair.
Thursday, April 13-Friday, April 21	Passover and Spring Recess: No University exercises.
Monday, April 17	Patriot's Day: Staff holiday.
Wednesday, May 3	Last day of instruction. Last day to voluntarily withdraw from the semester (written notification required).
Wednesday, May 3	Brandeis Thursday: Thursday class schedule in effect.
Thursday, May 4	Study Day
Friday, May 5-12	Final Exams: Final examination period.
Monday, May 8	Senior Grades Due: Senior grades for all courses without final exams due in the University Registrar's Office by 10:00 a.m. Senior grades for all courses with final exams due by 10:00 a.m. on the third day after the examination, and in no case later than Monday, May 15 at 10:00 a.m. Doctoral candidate dissertations due: Final day for May graduate doctoral degree candidates to deposit dissertations at their graduate school office. Faculty certification for master's candidates due: Final day for faculty certification that all May master's candidates have completed degree requirements, including language(s) and theses. Graduate degree candidate grades due: Grades for all graduate degree candidates due in the University Registrar's Office.
Monday, May 15	Last day for graduating seniors to convert current term pass/fail enrollments to a "P".
Tuesday, May 16 at 9:30am	Department degree meetings.
Thursday, May 18 at 3:00pm	Faculty meeting.
Sunday, May 21	Commencement.
Tuesday, May 23 at 10:00am	All other spring term grades due in the University Registrar's Office. Graduate incompletes from fall term 2005 due.
Monday, May 29	Staff holiday: Memorial Day observed.
* Note: Make-up examinations for fall term 2005 will be held January 18, 19, and 23, 2006.	

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.