

Academic Calendar for Fall Term 2008

Monday, August 18 — Thursday, September 11	Registration period for graduate and undergraduate students.
Sunday, August 24	Residence halls open for new undergraduate students.
Monday, August 25	Residence halls open for returning students.
Thursday, August 28	First day of instruction.
Monday, September 1	Labor Day: No university exercises, staff holiday.
Thursday, September 11	Last day to add classes. All work for spring term 2008 undergraduate incompletes due to instructors.
Thursday, September 18	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 2008 undergraduate incompletes due in the University Registrar's Office.
Monday, September 29	Brandeis Tuesday: Tuesday class schedule in effect.
Tuesday, September 30 – Wednesday, October 1	Rosh Hashanah: No university exercises.
Monday, October 6	Last day to drop Module I courses (instructor's and chair's permission required).
Thursday, October 9 – Friday, October 10	Yom Kippur: No University exercises.
Monday, October 13	Columbus Day: Classes in session, staff holiday.
Tuesday, October 14	Sukkot: No university exercises.
Thursday, October 16	Last day for undergraduates to drop courses without a "W" transcript notation (instructor's permission required).
Friday, October 17	Undergraduate midterm grades due.
Tuesday, October 21	Shimini Atzeret: No university exercises.
Monday, October 27 – Wednesday, November 5	Registration period for spring term 2009.
Friday, October 31	Last day to add Module II classes.
Friday, November 14	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 27 – Friday, November 28	Thanksgiving holiday: No university exercises, staff holiday.
Tuesday, December 9	Last day of instruction. Last day to voluntarily withdraw from the term (written notification required).
Wednesday, December 10	Study day
Thursday, December 11 – Thursday, December 18	Final examination period.
Friday, December 19 at 12 noon	Residence halls close.
Tuesday, December 23	Fall term grades due.

- Note: Make-up examinations for spring term 2008 will be held September 3, 4, and 8, 2008.

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.