Brandeis University
Student Consumer Information Sheet

Brandeis University is a vibrant and diverse academic community of individuals and programs. The following consumer information is provided to benefit current and prospective student and their parents. Knowledgeable individuals are able to make informed decisions about their role, their actions, and their responsibilities within the community. Included are key items disclosed in accordance with the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEOA).

General Information
For general information about Brandeis University, please visit www.brandeis.edu or call (781) 736-2000.

For information about admission to Brandeis University, please visit http://www.brandeis.edu/attending/index.html

Brandeis University is a community of scholars and students united by their commitment to the pursuit of knowledge and its transmission from generation to generation. As a research university, Brandeis is dedicated to the advancement of the humanities, arts and social, natural and physical sciences. As a liberal arts college, Brandeis affirms the importance of a broad and critical education in enriching the lives of students and preparing them for full participation in a changing society, capable of promoting their own welfare, yet remaining deeply concerned about the welfare of others. Information about undergraduate and graduate programs, physical facilities, and the faculty can be found on the following sites:

- College of Arts and Sciences http://www.brandeis.edu/admissions/
- Graduate School of Arts and Science http://www.brandeis.edu/gsas/about/index.html
- Brandeis International Business School http://www.brandeis.edu/global/
- Heller School for Social Policy and Management http://heller.brandeis.edu/
- Brandeis Graduate Professional Studies http://www.brandeis.edu/gps/about/index.html

Facts & Data:
- University Quick Facts http://www.brandeis.edu/institutionalresearch/quickfacts.html
- Common Data Set http://www.brandeis.edu/institutionalresearch/cds.html

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Course Catalog Bulletin

The Bulletin lists course offerings by each department and details institutional policies, academic requirements, and general information regarding the undergraduate and graduate schools at Brandeis University.  [http://www.brandeis.edu/registrar/bulletin/index.html](http://www.brandeis.edu/registrar/bulletin/index.html)

- The provisional publication contains revisions made since the last published Bulletin and provides the draft for the next printed edition.
- Any questions regarding the Bulletin should be directed to the registrar’s office (781-736-2010 or registrar@brandeis.edu).
- Note: not all courses listed in the Bulletin are offered in any one semester. See the schedule of classes [http://www.brandeis.edu/registrar/registration/schedule.html](http://www.brandeis.edu/registrar/registration/schedule.html) for classes taught in a particular term.

Accreditation

Brandeis University is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc., a nongovernmental, nationally recognized organization whose affiliated institutions range from elementary schools to collegiate institutions offering postgraduate instruction.

Accreditation of an institution by the New England Association indicates that it meets or exceeds criteria for the assessment of the institutional quality periodically applied through a peer group review process. An accredited school or college is one that has available the necessary resources to achieve its stated purposes through appropriate educational programs, is substantially doing so and gives reasonable evidence that it will continue to do so in the foreseeable future. Institutional integrity also is addressed through accreditation.

Inquiries regarding the status of an institution’s accreditation by the New England Association should be directed to the Office of the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Brandeis University, Mailstop 134, P.O. Box 549110, Waltham, MA 02453-9110.

Retention

Students who attend Brandeis University are successful. Ninety-four percent of entering freshmen are retained into the sophomore year; eighty-seven percent will graduate. Further details about student retention can be found in the University’s Common Data Set [http://www.brandeis.edu/institutionalresearch/cds.html](http://www.brandeis.edu/institutionalresearch/cds.html).
Career Services
The resources and services of the Hiatt Career Center http://www.brandeis.edu/hiatt/, as well as the career centers for the Heller School http://heller.brandeis.edu/careers/index.html, the International Business School http://www.brandeis.edu/global/career/index.html and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences http://www.brandeis.edu/gsas/career/index.html, are available to students from the day they arrive on campus, throughout their academic careers and beyond.

Student Services
The university offers programs and support to students with disabilities through the Office of Academic Services http://www.brandeis.edu/acserv/disabilities/index.html.

Below are links to more important student information:

- Student Activities http://www.brandeis.edu/studentaffairs/activities/index.html
- Community Living http://www.brandeis.edu/studentaffairs/dcl/index.html
- Campus Bookstore http://brandeis.bncollege.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/BNCBHomePage?storeId=40053&catalogId=10001
- Health Center http://www.brandeis.edu/studentaffairs/health/index.html
- Academic Integrity http://www.brandeis.edu/registrar/bulletin/provisional/college/regulations/index.html
- Computer Use and File Sharing http://lts.brandeis.edu/
- Athletics http://www.brandeisjudges.com/landing/index
- Student Diversity http://www.brandeis.edu/registrar/bulletin/provisional/overview/statements.html

Student Privacy
The family Educational Right and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects information about students. The law gives students the right to:

- Inspect and review education records
- Seek the amendment of education records
- Consent to certain disclosures of education records
- Obtain a copy of the university’s FERPA policy
- File a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education

For more information about the university’s education records policy, see the following:
http://www.brandeis.edu/registrar/bulletin/EducRecordsPolicy.html
http://www.brandeis.edu/registrar/bulletin/provisional/overview/annual.html

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Health & Safety

The university’s Student Health Services http://www.brandeis.edu/studentaffairs/health/ provides comprehensive health and wellness services to students, including drug and alcohol safety and prevention programs found at http://www.brandeis.edu/studentaffairs/health/aodeducation/index.html

Other health and safety policies include:

- Immunization Policies http://www.brandeis.edu/studentaffairs/health/undergrad/index.html
- Campus Safety policies and crime statistics http://www.brandeis.edu/publicsafety/index.html
- Transportation and Escort Service http://www.brandeis.edu/studentaffairs/health/transportation.html
- Public Safety Reports http://www.brandeis.edu/publicsafety/communications/index.html

Student Outcomes


Student Financial Aid

For information about federal student financial aid, grants, scholarships and assistance, visit Student Financial Services http://www.brandeis.edu/sfs/ or call (781) 736-3700.

For additional information:

- Tuition and Fees http://www.brandeis.edu/sfs/tuition/index.html
- Student Loan Information http://www.brandeis.edu/sfs/loans/index.html
- Initial Loan Counseling for Student Borrowers http://www.brandeis.edu/sfs/loans/lcounseling.html
- Exit Counseling for Student Borrowers http://www.brandeis.edu/sfs/loans/xcounseling.html
- National Student Loan Data System http://nslds.ed.gov