Expand the Religious Studies Program
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Brandeis is considered to be at “the forefront of religious scholarship,” yet the lack of religious course options that do not fall under NEJS, causes Brandeis to appear as if the university has not embraced religious diversity in the classroom. The NEJS program is strong and offers classes focusing on Jewish, Islamic and Christian cultures. The Religious studies program was created to increase course options, but it has not received enough funding and has only offered three courses focusing on specific world traditions, including: Buddhism, Chinese thoughts, and Hinduism, all of which lack higher level course. Despite increased interest, one cannot major in Religious studies.