

Greetings

Welcome to Community Living at Brandeis!

Due to the overwhelming popularity of Brandeis, a large first year class, and the population boom of college-age students, we have had the challenge of having to accommodate a greater number of students than originally intended. Like many other Universities, we have had to be creative in our efforts to house all eligible students who request to live in our residential community. At the same time, Brandeis is committed to ensuring that our students have a positive residential experience. All students, regardless of room assignment, have their own bed, desk, dresser, telephone number, and computer connection. Furthermore, three-person rooms have a special loft set of furniture, giving students more floor space to accommodate all three people comfortably.

The Department of Community Living recognizes the unique nature of lofted rooms and we have therefore created this brochure to:

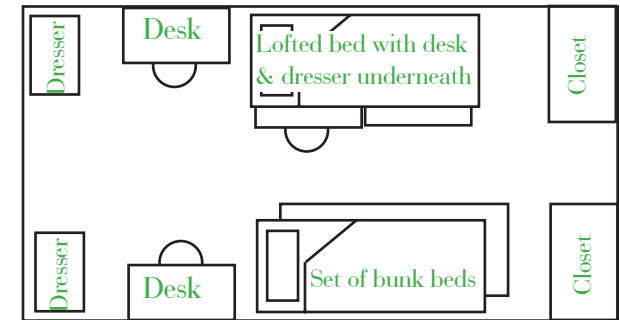
- ease your transition to residential living
- provide you with basic information about the size and set-up of each room
- offer tips toward greater communication
- inform you of campus resources

- provide you with our contact information if you have any questions before your arrival

Room Size and Set Up

There are two quads on campus that house first-year students: North Quad and Massell Quad. The furniture supplied to rooms in both Quads are the same. Each resident is provided with a bed, dresser, desk, bookshelf, and desk chair; additionally, each room has two built-in closets. For the two beds in the room that will be lofted, bed railings and ladders are provided.

The pictures of a lofted room in Schefres Hall and a sketch of a typical room layout will help you get a general idea of how a lofted room is arranged as well as the type of furniture provided. We hope it helps you to get excited about coming to campus and setting up your new home!



North Quad room sizes: 12' x 17'
Massell Quad room sizes: 12' x 16'
Dresser: 4' high x 2' wide x 20" deep
Dresser under lofted bed: 30" high x 38" wide x 22" deep
Dressers may also be placed inside built-in closets
Desk: 30" high x 38" wide x 22" deep
Desk under lofted bed: 30" high x 38" wide x 22" deep
Bed: 80" x 36" (twin extra long)
Most beds' heights can be adjusted
Closet: 56" wide x 80" high, with another shelf 20" high



Pricing

Students living in a lofted room are charged a reduced rate compared to students living in a standard double room. Please refer to our website for most up-to-date pricing information.

Communication

A healthy environment starts with open communication. You should start communicating with your roommates even before you arrive on campus to ensure a smooth transition into your new space. If you are open and honest with each other, you will find that having an extra roommate will expand your circle of connections in the Brandeis community.

Make sure you:

- discuss who will occupy what space before arrival, and whether you will rotate this arrangement
- agree on what items you will contribute to the room (refer to the Orientation pre-arrival guide for a list of suggested items)
- be explicit in your Roommate Agreement about visitors, quiet times, study and sleep needs, and cleanliness
- communicate after arrival if your needs are not met
- express your needs and be accepting of others' needs

Resources

● On the Web

Log on to the DCL web page & follow links for First-Year Students
www.brandeis.edu/dcl

Find Orientation information at
www.brandeis.edu/orientation

● On Campus

Utilize lounges to study or relax
Explore the Library for studying
Consider outdoor spaces
Meet other students in lofted triples through quad events

● On the Hall

Get to know your Community Advisor (CA), an upper-class student trained to foster community on the floor through creating programs and serving as a resource for questions or concerns

Speak with your Community Development Coordinator (CDC), a full-time professional with a Master's degree who ensures that all residents are adjusting to and feeling a part of the Brandeis community

Questions

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 781.736.5060 or dcl@brandeis.edu. We look forward to meeting you and helping you make Brandeis your new home away from home!

Talking Triples

A Guide to Living in
Lofted Triples



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