

## Greetings

Welcome to Community Living at Brandeis!

This brochure provides information about a unique living environment at Brandeis, the Natural Triple. Natural triple implies that the room was designed and constructed for a three-person occupancy. All students, regardless of room assignment, have their own bed, desk, dresser, telephone number, and computer connection. Furthermore, the room set up allows you many variations not available to students in doubles.

The Department of Community Living still recognizes the unique nature of natural triples and we have therefore created this brochure to:

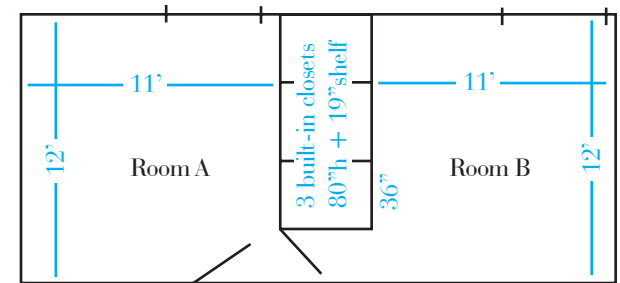
- ease your transition to residential living
- provide you with basic information about the size and set-up of each room
- offer tips toward greater communication
- inform you of campus resources
- provide you with our contact information if you have any questions before your arrival

## Room Size and Set Up

Natural triples consist of two rooms joined by a doorway. Apart from the built-in closets, all other furniture is open to rearrangement. With two rooms as a playground, students can enjoy a seemingly endless number of furniture combinations. Here are some arrangements that have worked for students in the past:

- Making one room into a strictly work space, and the other into a sleeping or social environment
- Giving one student use of the somewhat smaller, "entry room" while the other two share the inner room
- Rotating the room layout throughout the year

The pictures of a natural triple (Room B followed by Room A) and the 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.



Please note that furniture placement is not pictured as it may differ room to room based on the arrangement left by previous occupants. Please feel free to re-arrange furniture based on your Roommate Agreement. Below are some typical measurements that may be of use as you think of your room layout.  
Desk: 30" high x 54" wide x 30" deep  
Dresser: 4' high x 2' wide x 20" deep (Dresser fits into the closet)  
Mattress: 80" long x 36" wide (twin extra long)  
Average floor-bed frame distance: 11"



## Pricing

Because natural triples were designed to accommodate three students, a standard multiple occupancy room pricing will be in effect. 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](http://www.brandeis.edu/dcl)  
  
Find Orientation information at  
[www.brandeis.edu/orientation](http://www.brandeis.edu/orientation)
- **On Campus**  
Utilize lounges to study or relax  
Explore the Library for studying  
Consider outdoor spaces  
Meet other students 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](mailto: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  
Natural Triples



Department of Community Living  
Brandeis University