# ’09 Summer Program for Incoming Mid-Year Students

## General Chemistry Courses

Chemistry courses, one core of excellence within the Brandeis Summer School Program, have been offered every year at Brandeis since 1974. This special program for incoming mid-years offers CHEM 11a, or General Chemistry I, the four-credit hour lecture of first-year chemistry from July 6 to August 7. The accompanying laboratory course, CHEM 18a will also be presented between July 6 and August 7. The laboratory course carries two additional credit hours. This special session permits graduating high school students to complete their school year, participate in the full range of graduation activities, and still enroll in courses critical to successfully pursuing an interest in premedical sciences as a January ’10 matriculant at Brandeis.

## Academic Supports

The Chemistry Department has chosen Michael Vela, Brandeis Ph. D. ’96, as instructor of the lectures and laboratories being presented for incoming mid-year students. Prof. Vela is uniquely qualified for this assignment. Prof. Vela has led courses at both the college and high school levels. This experience enables him to understand the questions and concerns students may have in both preparation for and enrollment in fast-paced summer courses. A seasoned high school science teacher, Dr. Vela is expert in assessing and bolstering the skills of college-bound students.

Tutors, upperclassmen specially chosen by the Chemistry Department, will be available for individual tutoring sessions at the residence hall. Key undergraduate academic advisors will be introduced at welcome meetings and luncheon meetings will be scheduled with them throughout the program. These members of the University staff will be available for individual appointment as well during their regular office hours.

Mid-year students who have participated in the special Summer School chemistry courses for midyears will have access to the on-line resources supporting Fall Term sections of CHEM 11a and 18a. Students can set their own schedules and log-in to review and refresh their knowledge of chemistry along with Fall Term enrollees as often as they wish.

# Residence Program

Students will live in single rooms in the Village Residence Hall, Tower A (L30 on the Brandeis Campus Map) The Village is one of the newest housing complexes at Brandeis. This air-conditioned building houses students in private single rooms with several shared single-sex restrooms/showers on each floor.

On each floor of the Village there is a large common area lounge and a communal kitchenette. There are also smaller lounges for studying and student use on each floor. A Mid-year activity suite for informal gatherings and tutoring sessions offers additional amenities.

The Summer School's Assistant Director, Philip Dolan, will reside in the summer student dormitory. Mr. Dolan, also an experienced college instructor, will be available for informal interactions and will arrange casual gatherings in the Activity Suite maintained for program participants. He will also respond to safety and emergency concerns should they arise.

All students will be provided with a VOIP telephones as the University's phone messaging system is considered one of the official means of communication with student groups and has the ability to provide community alerts to all residents. Brandeis VOIP phone service also features free voice messaging as well as free campus and local phone services. Personal cell phones are the most popular means of making long distance calls. However VOIP phones can be used with a calling card for those who wish to make long-distance calls from their rooms.

# Dining Program

Because there are limited communal kitchen facilities in the Village Residence Hall, residents will need to participate in a meal plan. The Sherman Cafeteria, open for the summer, features both supervised kosher kitchens and non-kosher dining in the same center. Friends can dine together with little difficulty. Dining Services at Brandeis will make every effort to assist students with food allergies or other special dietary requirements.

In addition to a welcome event where student will meet key members of the campus community, several special meals and events are planned during the program to compliment Sherman theme nights presented by Dining Services.

# Social Program

Shortly after arrival, participants will be invited to participate in an orientation activity that will encourage group identity, enhance team building, and introduce students to the Boston area. In addition, small evening gatherings and impromptu study breaks are planned for the group. Part of each Wednesday will be set aside for small group meetings and workshops designed to enhance students' success throughout their college careers.

# Program Costs

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| Registration, Tuition and Course Fees: | $3,476.00 |
| Housing and Dining: | $1,685.00 for Any-14-Meal Plan or<br>$1,935.00 for 21-Meal Plan |
| Program fee: | $635.00 |

# For Questions or Additional Information

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