THE MIDYEAR PATH

BE WHO YOU ARE

Brandeis
Welcome to Brandeis.

We can’t wait for you to join us.
At Brandeis, we receive applications from a greater number of qualified students than we are able to offer fall admission. By offering part of the class an opportunity to join our campus in January, we can enrich our community with outstanding students like you.

We know how much you and the approximately 120 other midyears who arrive in January will infuse our community with new enthusiasm about what it means to be a Brandeisian.

You will join fellow students, faculty, and alumni who are friendly, intellectually curious, and ready to think creatively. Through the Brandeis Core curriculum, you will develop a comprehensive liberal arts foundation within a thriving research institution. You will gain practical skills to guide your education today and shape your career journey tomorrow.
Imagine what we can do together.
DISCOVER LIFE-CHANGING OPPORTUNITIES

As a medium-sized, top-tier research university, Brandeis offers a culture of learning and mentorship essential to a 21st-century liberal arts education. Close relationships with professors and research opportunities enable you to collaborate with faculty mentors. Whether you want to partner with a professor on fieldwork or see what happens when you bridge neuroscience and studio art, you will challenge yourself and expand your interests. You might even change someone else’s life, too.

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NINETY-EIGHT PERCENT OF THE CLASS OF 2022 WAS EMPLOYED, IN GRADUATE SCHOOL, OR ENGAGED IN MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCES WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF GRADUATION.
INCLUSION IS IN OUR DNA

The American Jewish community established Brandeis at a time when discrimination barred Jews and other marginalized groups from many leading U.S. colleges and universities. Our founders created a university open to all students, faculty, and staff, regardless of background or belief. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are deeply rooted in our identity as an institution — and in the Brandeis Core. These values are a regular reminder for self-reflection, and a continuous call to grow.

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THIRTY-THREE PERCENT OF BRANDEIS UNDERGRADUATES ARE STUDENTS OF COLOR. TWENTY PERCENT OF UNDERGRADUATES ARE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS.
NO MATTER WHAT INSPIRES YOU …

or prompts you to ask “why,” you will meet other Brandeisians in class — and through nearly 200 student-led clubs and organizations — who share your passions. You will learn how to apply your curiosity, skills, knowledge, and values to benefit society. As a community, we work toward positive change, locally and globally. We support one another with compassion and community spirit.

And we are stronger for it.

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THE PRINCETON REVIEW RANKED BRANDEIS #5 FOR STUDENTS MOST ENGAGED IN COMMUNITY SERVICE.
Being a midyear is a unique opportunity.
As a midyear, you have an entire semester to take advantage of your independence. We encourage you to spend this time pursuing a meaningful experience, whether you work, volunteer, study abroad, or take college courses.
**Finding a Job, Internship, or Volunteer Opportunity**

Working or volunteering during the fall is a great way to transition from high school to Brandeis. It teaches time management, fosters teamwork, hones critical thinking, and provides leadership opportunities, giving you valuable real-world experience.

**Taking Courses Before Enrolling at Brandeis**

The Office of the University Registrar assists midyear students who wish to take courses at another institution before enrolling at Brandeis to ensure those courses are transferable. Faculty and staff advisors are assigned to midyear students over the summer and are available to provide advice regarding course registration, academic options, and other university policies and processes before the start of the fall semester.

**Semester Abroad Programs Designed for Midyears**

Brandeis works with study abroad programs in two cities that are tailored to meet the academic and social interests of midyear students. Participants on these programs can earn transfer credits. Programs are offered in partnership with Arcadia University and CET Academic Programs, two longtime study abroad partners that Brandeis has reviewed for their commitment to student health and safety.

For more information, please visit [brandeis.edu/abroad/midyear](http://brandeis.edu/abroad/midyear).

**Fall Program in Florence**

CET Academic Programs, a leading study abroad program provider, offers Brandeis midyear students the chance to spend their first college semester in Florence. Students take a full course load while studying and living in one of the world's most captivating cities. Classes include Beginning Italian, a first-year writing seminar, and three electives in fields such as art history, studio art, politics, and economics. The program also brings learning outside the classroom. Students can bike through the Chianti countryside, participate in a pizza-making class, and take a weekend trip to Rome.

**Fall Program in London**

The College of Global Studies at Arcadia University sponsors a fall program in London for Brandeis midyears. Experience all the culture and excitement London offers through field study, excursions, and cross-cultural activities, along with thought-provoking lectures. With the city of London as your classroom, you'll take a full course load with classes in areas such as history, politics, literature, economics, and journalism. Students enroll in a first-year writing seminar and three elective courses.

**Transitioning to Campus**

**Midyear Orientation**

Before arriving at Brandeis, you'll attend virtual meetings with your Orientation Leader and other students so you can ask questions and get to know the university and each other before the semester begins. In January, prior to the start of classes, Orientation will provide you with opportunities to engage directly with staff members, peer advisors, and your classmates.

For more information, visit [brandeis.edu/orientation](http://brandeis.edu/orientation).

**Take the Lead at Brandeis**

Many midyears quickly assume leadership positions at Brandeis. It's a great way to immerse yourself in the campus community while developing an important life skill. You can run a club, star in a theatrical production, serve as an editor of a campus publication, or join the student government association, just to name a few of the options available to you. The Winter Involvement Fair, held at the start of the semester, will give you the opportunity to join the clubs and organizations that interest you.

See our clubs at [brandeis.edu/clubs](http://brandeis.edu/clubs).
Frequently asked midyear questions.
HOW LARGE A MIDYEAR CLASS WILL BRANDEIS ENROLL?
Brandeis enrolls approximately 120 midyear students each academic year.

WHEN DO MIDYEAR STUDENTS GRADUATE?
Like other Brandeis students, midyears follow a program designed to be completed in eight semesters. Some students, however, are able to fulfill their requirements in seven semesters. The choice of when to graduate, like the choice of how to spend the fall semester, is one you will need to make for yourself, in conjunction with your advisors and family.

WHAT HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR MIDYEAR STUDENTS?
Midyears are guaranteed housing in a residence hall for their first three consecutive semesters. Brandeis makes every effort to place midyear students together, either as roommates or as neighbors in the same hall. You will be notified about your housing assignment in early December.

CAN MIDYEAR ADMISSION BE DEFERRED FOR A SEMESTER?
No, all admission offers at Brandeis are deferrable for a full year only. Midyear students must start at Brandeis in the month of January.

WILL MEMBERS OF THE MIDYEAR CLASS BE CONSIDERED FOR FINANCIAL AID?
Yes. If the CSS Profile application was filed on time, you will receive a tentative financial aid award letter from the Office of Student Financial Services.

This application must be filed online at collegeboard.org.

CAN MEMBERS OF THE MIDYEAR CLASS TAKE COURSES AT ANOTHER COLLEGE DURING THE FALL SEMESTER BEFORE THEY ENTER BRANDEIS?
Midyear students may enroll in a nondegree-seeking program at a regionally accredited, degree-granting institution prior to matriculating at Brandeis. Before you enroll in fall classes, the Office of the University Registrar at Brandeis can help you determine whether you will receive credit for such coursework and whether those courses will fulfill Brandeis academic requirements.

To learn more, please visit brandeis.edu/registrar/transfer/midyear.

WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS IF I’M INTERESTED IN PRE-HEALTH OR THE SCIENCES?
Brandeis has an excellent record of preparing midyears to pursue science degrees and education in the health professions. With some careful planning, midyears can position themselves to attend top medical schools or other science graduate programs. There are benefits to starting your academic career in the spring. A semester off can give you time to focus on other pre-health or science-related activities, such as gaining EMT or CNA certification, working in a hospital, or doing research full time. Such experiences can help strengthen your understanding of the health-and science-related professions and improve your candidacy for professional school.

It may be challenging to pursue a major in chemistry, biochemistry, or physics as a midyear student. We strongly recommend that you meet with your advisor in Academic Services to discuss course sequencing. The Academic Services staff is dedicated to working with you to support your academic path and goals.

To learn more about advising, visit brandeis.edu/advising. For more information on the sciences and pre-health at Brandeis, visit brandeis.edu/acserv/health.
We want to help make your midyear transition a smooth one.
IF YOU HAVE MORE QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US.

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