THIS IS A BIG MOMENT
Imagine what we can do together.
WELCOME TO BRANDEIS.
WE CAN’T WAIT FOR YOU TO JOIN US.

We chose you because you have what it takes to succeed at Brandeis, and we know how much you will bring to our community. 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.

Brandeis will give you access to a vast array of internship, mentorship, and employment opportunities through the Hiatt Career Center and the alumni network. When you graduate, you will have the education, experience, and connections to launch a meaningful professional future.

98%

NINETY-EIGHT PERCENT OF THE CLASS OF 2023 WAS EMPLOYED, IN GRADUATE SCHOOL, OR ENGAGED IN MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCES WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF GRADUATION.
Our connections count.
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.

10:1

THE STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO IS 10:1.
Diversity and inclusion are rooted in our founding values.
AND WE CHALLENGE OURSELVES TO DO EVEN MORE.

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.

33%

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 #1 FOR STUDENTS MOST ENGAGED IN COMMUNITY SERVICE.
Now, picture yourself here.
PRO TIP:

JUMP IN

“Everyone at Orientation is nervous. Really jump in, be authentic, be honest. You don’t have to prove anything to anyone or yourself. Take a deep breath, slow down, and enjoy it. Who you are is exactly who you’re supposed to be.”

➤ ZAC ‘26
There’s a lot to do to prepare for Brandeis. Starting later this spring and throughout the summer, you’ll start preparing for your arrival on campus.

Orientation is the beginning of your Brandeis journey, and the Department of Orientation and First Year Experience (FYE) is excited to welcome you to campus! Our two-part Orientation program, starting with virtual modules over the summer and in-person Orientation in August, is designed to provide answers to the many questions you have about Brandeis.

Your small-group Orientation Leader (OL), a current Brandeis student, will serve as a mentor and resource throughout your first days at Brandeis and beyond. They will guide you through everything from your first trip to the dining hall to the cherished campus tradition Light the Night, ensuring that you have a smooth transition before classes begin.

And it doesn’t stop there. Throughout your first year on campus, FYE events will help you continue to feel welcome, connected, and supported.

To learn more, visit brandeis.edu/orientation.
PRO TIP:
THE KEYS TO YOUR NEW ROOM

“The best things about living on campus are convenience and inclusiveness. I’m a music student living in Ziv, and Slosberg, our music building, is only a three-minute walk away. With academic, athletic, and most club activities on campus, you feel a sense of connection to the student body as a whole.”

ARIS ’24

ROOMIES

Welcome to your home away from home! Community living at Brandeis allows you to reside with classmates who share your interests, who will expose you to new ideas, and who may even become your friends for life. As a first-year student, you’ll be assigned housing with other first-years or sophomores, typically in a double or triple room. Based on information in your Housing Application, you’ll be matched with a roommate and receive your room assignment in July.
FOODIES

With a focus on locally sourced ingredients, sustainability, and wellness, dining at Brandeis is both flavorful and fun. The All Access meal plans are popular choices for new students. You can use your meals at The Table at Sherman or Usdan Kitchen dining halls, grab a bagel at Einstein’s, sip coffee at our on-campus Dunkin’ or Starbucks, visit several kosher dining locations, and more. Do you have dietary restrictions or allergies? No problem. Our campus nutritionist is available to work with you.

PRO TIP:
WHAT’S FOR DINNER?

“My favorite place to eat on campus is The Stein. The atmosphere always has great vibes with music playing, club events, trivia, and more. There is always something exciting going on, and it allows you to feel less like you’re in a dining hall and more like a social hub with new things to do and new people to meet.”

► AYSSA ‘24
WORK THAT CORE!

The Core Curriculum affirms our values of open inquiry, debate, inclusion, and diversity while promoting critical thinking and cross-disciplinary exploration.

In the summer, Academic Advisors will offer webinars to help you select and register for your first Brandeis classes in July.

When you arrive on campus, you’ll be assigned a Roosevelt Fellow, a peer advisor who can offer advice on how to choose courses and navigate all the academic programs offered at Brandeis.

Whether you already know your major or want to take some time to explore, you might choose a first-semester schedule that looks something like this:

- One class for your desired major or area of interest. See the full list at brandeis.edu/majors.
- One class in a different department that could fulfill one of your Brandeis Core requirements.
- A University Writing Seminar. See brandeis.edu/uws.
- A language class — continue one that you studied in high school or learn a new language.
- Navigating Health and Safety — a six-week module required in your first semester.
PRO TIP:
FLEX AND FLEXIBILITY

“The most valuable part of my academic experience has been the freedom to try out different classes and areas of study. I had no idea what I wanted to do when I first arrived here, and the course structure made it very simple for me to try different interests.”

➤ Ayden ’24
YOUR FUTURE STARTS AT BRANDEIS

For a full list of important dates and deadlines to prepare you for your arrival at Brandeis, visit brandeis.edu/incoming.