

STUDENT ACADEMIC RESIDENCY CATEGORIES

Please see the GSAS Cost of Attendance Calculator (<https://www.brandeis.edu/gsas/financing/cost.html>) for current tuition rates by program and academic residency.

Resident Students

Graduate students enrolled in either a full or part-time program of graduate work. A full-time student is enrolled in at least 12 credits per term. The residence requirement for Ph.D. students is three years in a full-time program for each year, at the full tuition rate, or the equivalent thereof in part-time study. Students enrolled in full-time Master's programs have a one to two-year residency requirement based on the program's course of study. Students enrolled in a part-time Master's program do not have a residency requirement. A resident student is eligible to register for classes, for University health insurance, borrowing privileges in the library, a NetID, use of gym facilities, purchase of a parking sticker, and may apply for loans and loan deferments.

Post-Resident PhD Students

PhD students who have completed residence requirements but still must complete other degree requirements before advancing to the dissertation stage. A student in this category enrolls on a full-time basis, and is eligible for university health insurance, borrowing privileges in the library, a NetID, use of gym facilities and purchase of a parking sticker.

A post-resident student should register for CONT 500a (Graduate Research).

Continuation Students

PhD students who have completed all degree requirements except the dissertation (and in some cases the teaching requirement) are eligible for continuation status. A student in this category enrolls on a full-time basis, and is eligible for university health insurance, borrowing privileges in the library, a NetID, use of gym facilities and purchase of a parking sticker.

Continuation students must enroll in CONT 500a (Graduate Research).

Extended Master's Students

Master's students who a) have completed residence requirements and b) need to utilize the full range of academic services and university facilities while completing degree requirements. Extended master's students should register for the appropriate courses required to complete their program. Typically, Extended Master's students should register for CONT 200A in addition to their other course registrations. Extended Master's students may be eligible to apply for loans and in-school loan deferments. In most cases, students cannot exceed two semesters as Extended Master's. Summer term registration does not count towards the two-semester limit.

Leave of Absence

Students may petition for a leave of absence. The petition must have the approval of the Director of Graduate Studies of the program and the Graduate School. Leaves of absence up to one year will normally be granted to students in good standing who present compelling personal reasons.

Note that students who are on a leave of absence are not eligible for University health insurance, unless they have been enrolled for at least 30 days in the fall semester. They are also not eligible for the use of gym facilities, purchase of a parking sticker or in-school student loan deferments. Continuation students are not normally eligible for leaves, except for reasons of health.

Students wishing to withdraw voluntarily, change from full-time to part-time enrollment, or change their program must submit a *Change of Status Form* to GSAS. These forms can be obtained from the GSAS website: <http://www.brandeis.edu/gsas/current/pdf-forms/change-of-status.pdf>. Contact Emily Wheeler at emilywheeler@brandeis.edu or 781-736-3542 with questions.