2023 Graduate Student Orientation Schedule

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25th

10:00am – 11:00am - Welcome from Grad Affairs & Keynote Speaker
Spingold Theater
- Jessica Basile, Mai Dewees & Jing Zhang (Office of Graduate Affairs) review agenda and expectations of the orientation program
- Dr. Charles Chip Mc Neal, Brandeis' Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Director of Education and Learning Initiatives, Keynote Address

11:00am – 12:00pm – 'Connections' in Small Groups
Various Locations
Find one of our group leaders outside of Spingold Theatre and take some time to meet some of your peers. This is a great opportunity for you to make connections with other students in a facilitated environment.

11:30am – 1:00pm - Lunch
Sherman Dining Hall
Use a meal ticket to enjoy a buffet lunch with your peers.

12:00pm – 1:00pm – Resource Fair
Sherman Function Hall
Stop by our Resource Fair and engage with various offices and student organizations connected to supporting graduate students. Hosted by Graduate Affairs and InStep, a collaborative group of folks from across campus who support international students, the Resource Fair features campus resources, student organizations, and community partners. Come put a face to the folks you can turn to for help throughout your time at Brandeis.

1:00pm - 4pm – Informational Panels and Campus Tours
Meeting outside of Hassenfeld (where Sherman Function Hall is located) for the campus tours. The information sessions will be located in Hassenfeld in the Lurias and Geller rooms (to the left as you leave Sherman Function Hall)
When you registered for Orientation, you chose times to engage in the following options, so please refer to your registration email response to confirm where you first go. Options include:
- Informational panels
  - Language, Teaching and Writing at Brandeis: Hosted by the Center for Teaching and Learning, the Writing Center and English Language Programs, this session provides you with information on the resources and support available for pedagogical skills, writing development, and English language supports.
  - A Basic Guide to Financial Planning: Hosted by Graduate Affairs. How do you keep yourself on a budget that's manageable? Come get some basic tips for managing your budget while in graduate school.
  - Graduate Student Life: Graduate Student Association Executive Committee members and GAP Advisors share their experiences with life at Brandeis and in the greater Boston metro area. What's life like for a graduate student at Brandeis? How do you balance your personal life with your academic work? Where do graduate students hang out on campus? Where can you get a cheap (or free!) cup of coffee? Where do you go for fun or to relax?
- Campus tour: get a sense of the physical campus, with a focus on graduate student areas.
- Library tour: an overview of library resources available to you.
- Athletics tour: find out what the gym and athletic facilities has to offer!

4:00pm – 6:00pm – Refreshments with the GSA
Sherman Function Hall
Drop by the Sherman Function Hall and treat yourself to some light refreshments and meet members of the Graduate Student Association, the Heller Student Association, the International Business School Student Association, and GSAS' Graduate Student Representatives. Relax and enjoy all that you've done and learned about today!

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Orientation Questions & Guidance

How Can I access orientation virtually?
- *Please check your LATTE dashboard for the "Graduate Affairs Information and Resource" course. Within that course, you will find a lot of information that will help you adjust to both the greater Boston area and to graduate school at Brandeis.*

What Accessibility accommodations can be met for attendees?
- *We will be happy to support you. You can email us at graduateaffairs@brandeis.edu*

Where are some comfortable public places I can go on campus to take a moment for myself?
- *Shapiro Campus Center*
- *Shapiro Science Center (Lounges on multiple floors)*
- *Graduate Student Center (Kutz Hall)*
- *Library*