Congratulations again on your acceptance to a Brandeis Precollege Program!

Before we welcome you to our online campus, there are a few important things we’d like to share with you. In this handbook you will find a lot of helpful information as you prepare for the summer.

WELCOME TO BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY!

Congratulations! You are about to embark on a great adventure. We are excited to share this summer of learning, new experiences, friends and fun. This handbook contains general information that will be useful to you as you prepare for your course with Brandeis Precollege. If you have any questions as you read this handbook, please be in touch with our office.

There is no other place like Brandeis. As a medium-sized private research university with global reach, we are dedicated to first-rate undergraduate and graduate education while making groundbreaking discoveries. Located in the suburbs of Boston, we are a global hub for higher education and innovation.

Our faculty are leaders in their fields, as passionate about teaching and mentorship as they are about pushing the boundaries of knowledge. Our students are motivated, compassionate, curious and open to exploring new and challenging experiences.

At Brandeis, you will discover a community rooted in purpose, guided by our founding values, poised to lead in education and research in the 21st century.

Precollege at Brandeis

For two decades, Brandeis University has been welcoming select high school students to campus in the summer, through our Precollege Programs. Brandeis runs many different programs each summer: Global Health,
Genesis, Race, Inequality & Social Justice, App Design, Service Leadership, and Queer Academics and Activism seminar. All of our programs encourage students to ask challenging questions, explore their passions and learn from each other, while creating new connections.

**General Expectations**

We expect participants to promote the creation of a community based on mutual respect and a sense of personal well-being. Honesty, civility, and respect are at the heart of our programs.

**Code of Conduct**

Participants are expected to take part in scheduled activities including attendance at all classes, lectures, virtual site visits, group meetings, programs, and final presentations. Participants are treated as responsible young adults, and in return we ask that they help to foster an atmosphere of respect and trust in relationships with fellow participants, faculty, and staff. We ask that all students express themselves in a civil manner, and refrain from offensive or inappropriate language. The discussion area of the course is reserved for postings related to course work only. Students are expected to share work which is their own. Violation of this code may result in termination from our program.

**Consent to be a part of recordings of Brandeis Precollege courses**

By enrolling in one of our Brandeis Precollege courses, you and your parents/guardians consent to being a part of the recorded courses that we share with your program cohort of Precollege course participants. Please complete [this form](#) to give your consent to these recordings. These recordings will only be shared with other course participants.

**State and Federal Regulations**

While the guidelines described reflect our own philosophy and mechanisms for dealing with breaches of our rules and standards, we are also obligated to adhere to all applicable state and federal statutes.
An Atmosphere of Respect, Openness and Exploration

In all of our Brandeis Precollege summer programs, we encourage participants to be open to learning new things about the world and about themselves. We pride ourselves on bringing together people from across the world and from different beliefs and lifestyles to create a vibrant, diverse community.

We expect everyone involved in our programs to participate with an open mind and be willing and eager to ask challenging questions and learn a lot. As a part of this, we expect that all members of our community treat each other with more than just tolerance—with respect, openness and kindness. This summer is a unique and special moment for all of us, and we must all work to make it a positive experience.

Non-Discrimination Clause
Brandeis University is committed to providing its students, faculty and staff with an environment conducive to learning and working where all people are treated with respect and dignity. Toward that end, it is essential that Brandeis be free from discrimination and harassment on the basis of race, color, ancestry, religious creed, gender identity and expression, national or ethnic origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, genetic information, disability, Vietnam Era veteran, qualified special, disabled veteran or other eligible veteran status or any other category protected by law.

Note: The contents of this handbook are informational only. Brandeis University reserves the right to make changes at any time, with or without notice.

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