Academic Services

Academic Services upholds a culture of inclusivity as we engage a diverse community of students, faculty and campus partners. We promote the growth of students as scholars and citizens through comprehensive advising and support over the course of their academic journey. We provide resources and opportunities that strengthen students' ability to define and achieve their academic goals, develop resilience and lead meaningful lives.

The Academic Advising Team provides undergraduates with academic guidance and support at every stage of their college careers. All students have an advisor who can assist them with building academic plans that are challenging, appropriate and in line with individual goals. Students work with academic advisors to discuss academic resources and opportunities, explore and compare major/minor options, and navigate the Brandeis Core.

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The Myra Kraft Achievers Program is an integral part of Brandeis' commitment to social justice. The program serves students who have demonstrated academic promise, leadership potential and resilience in their life experiences, but may have lacked access to pre-college academic opportunities and resources.

Peer Academic Support engages student leaders as educators and partners in support of their fellow undergraduates' academic journeys. Trained peer leaders are an integral part of a students' support network, and peer-led offerings include subject-based tutoring, academic advising, mentoring, and study skills development.

Pre-Health Advising is open to any student who is considering a career in the health and health care fields. While many students are interested in pursuing a medical degree, there are a variety of health professions to consider.

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OTHER INITIATIVES THAT SUPPORT OUR MISSION

**ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS**

The primary goal of Academic Fellowships at Brandeis is to support students’ academic growth and development. The process of applying for a competitive fellowship or research opportunity can help students clarify goals and set in motion a plan to achieve them. We work with students in every class year, from any background, with any GPA, and in any area of interest.

**BRANDEIS UNDERGRADUATE GROUP STUDY (BUGS) TUTORS**

BUGS peer tutoring is a program open to all Brandeis undergraduates. Group study leaders are undergraduates who have successfully completed the relevant course(s), are recommended by faculty, and have been trained by Academic Services. These peer tutors lead sessions to review course material and help prepare for exams.

**GEN ONE NETWORK**

The Gen One Network is a community of FLI (first-gen and/or low-income) students and faculty/staff mentors. We cultivate community, create opportunities to celebrate our identities, and share resources to help FLI students thrive at Brandeis.

**INDEPENDENT INTERDISCIPLINARY MAJOR (IIM)**

An Independent Interdisciplinary Major (IIM) offers students with interdisciplinary intellectual interests the opportunity to design their own course of study. Each IIM is designed around a topic, theme, issue, or set of questions that cannot be adequately addressed within the context of existing majors or minors.

**MLK FELLOWS**

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Fellows major and/or minor in a variety of academic disciplines and take full advantage of academic opportunities such as study abroad, external fellowships and campus research positions. Through their activities, MLK Fellows demonstrate a commitment to social justice and the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**ROOSEVELT FELLOWS**

Roosevelt Fellows are peer academic advisors who offer one-on-one academic advising to all Brandeis undergraduate students. They are trained to talk with students about choosing classes, long-term academic planning, academic policies, choosing a field of study, and balancing academics with the rest of your college life.

**STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY SUPPORT**

Students with disabilities make up an important part of our Brandeis community. Our diverse community includes students with a range of physical, sensory, psychological, medical and learning disabilities. While appreciating the strengths and needs of all students, Student Accessibility Support seeks to promote the growth of undergraduate and graduate students through individual connections, campus-wide initiatives and collaboration with others in the Brandeis community.