

Brandeis International Student Guide





Brandeis has been a welcoming place for exceptionally creative, innovative and talented international students since its founding in 1948. A world-renowned research university, Brandeis offers highly ranked academic programs, small class sizes, and professors who know students by name. Our student body is passionate about making a difference in the world.

MAJORS AND MINORS

No matter what major — or majors — you choose, our flexible, interdisciplinary curriculum will allow you to pursue multiple interests as you work toward your degree, setting you up for success as a student and in your future.

African and African American Studies	Hebrew Language, Literature and Culture*	Theater Arts
American Studies**	Hispanic Studies	Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Anthropology	History	Yiddish and East European Jewish Culture*
Applied Mathematics**	History of Ideas*	
Arabic Language, Literature and Culture*	Independent Interdisciplinary Major**	
Architectural Studies*	International and Global Studies	LANGUAGES TAUGHT AT BRANDEIS
Art History	Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies	Ancient Greek
Asian American and Pacific Islander Studies*	Italian Studies*	Arabic
Biochemistry**	Journalism*	Chinese
Biological Physics**	Latin American, Caribbean and Latinx Studies	French
Biology**	Legal Studies*	German
Business	Linguistics	Hebrew
Chemistry	Mathematics	Italian
Classical Studies	Medieval and Renaissance Studies*	Japanese
Climate Justice, Science, and Policy*	Music	Korean
Comparative Literature and Culture	Near Eastern and Judaic Studies	Latin
Computer Science	Neuroscience**	Russian
Creative Writing	Peace, Conflict, and Coexistence Studies*	Spanish
Creativity, the Arts and Social Transformation*	Philosophy	Yiddish
East Asian Studies	Physics	
Economics	Politics	FIVE-YEAR DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS
Education*	Psychology	Biotechnology
Education Studies	Religious Studies*	Business Administration
English	Russian Studies	Business Analytics
Environmental Studies	Sexuality and Queer Studies*	Computational Linguistics
European Cultural Studies**	Social Justice and Social Policy*	Computer Science
Film, Television and Interactive Media	Sociology**	Education: Teaching
French and Francophone Studies	South Asian Studies*	Hornstein: Jewish Professional Leadership
German Studies	Studio Art	International Economics and Finance
Health: Science, Society, and Policy		Near Eastern and Judaic Studies
		Philosophy

* MINOR ONLY ** MAJOR ONLY

Students Come Here From Around the Globe



3,568

TOTAL
UNDERGRADUATES

49%

STUDENTS WHO
DOUBLE MAJOR

10:1

STUDENT-TO-
FACULTY RATIO

20%

INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS

13

LANGUAGES TAUGHT AT
BRANDEIS, INCLUDING
ARABIC, CHINESE, FRENCH,
HEBREW AND RUSSIAN

98

COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED



Career Opportunities & Hands-On Experience

BRANDEIS STUDENTS PURSUE INTERNSHIPS
AND CAREERS WITH PRESTIGIOUS EMPLOYERS



3,600+

ONE-ON-ONE STUDENT AND
ALUMNI CAREER DISCUSSIONS

40,442

INTERNSHIP AND JOB
POSTINGS FOR UNDERGRADUATES

400+

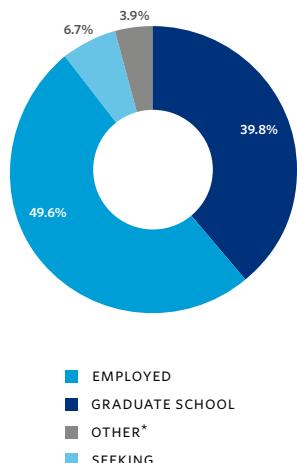
UNIQUE EMPLOYERS
AT RECRUITING AND
EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

70%

OF BRANDEIS STUDENTS ENGAGE
WITH THE HIATT CAREER CENTER

CLASS OF 2021 CAREER OUTCOMES

96% of the Brandeis Class of 2021 was employed, attending graduate school or engaged in other meaningful activities within six months of graduation.



WHERE OUR GRADUATES WORK

- > AMAZON
- > HSBC
- > BOSTON BALLET
- > HUBSPOT
- > CNN
- > LEK CONSULTING
- > DISNEY
- > MERRILL LYNCH
- > DOW JONES
- > MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL
- > EPIC SYSTEMS
- > NBA
- > GOLDMAN SACHS
- > U.S. DEPARTMENT
OF STATE
- > GOOGLE

On-Campus Support



Our broad support for international students starts as soon as they arrive on campus, with International Student Orientation. First-year students are required to live on campus, giving students a sense of community in their first semester and throughout their years at Brandeis.

HIATT CAREER CENTER

The center assists students and alumni in transforming their unique backgrounds, liberal arts education and learning experiences into meaningful professional relationships and productive careers. Hiatt engages employers, alumni and parents around the world to achieve this mission.

a peer advisor who can provide a student perspective of academics at Brandeis. You can also explore academic opportunities through fellowships or undergraduate research.

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND SUPPORT

You'll have a team of advisors to support you at Brandeis: a faculty advisor in your major, an academic advisor to help you plan your courses, and a Roosevelt Fellow,

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS OFFICE (ISSO)

The ISSO is dedicated to supporting international students throughout their time at Brandeis. It provides visa documents, advises students on living in the U.S. and offers programs to enhance the American educational experience.

Student Life

NEARLY 200 STUDENT-RUN CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

THE INTERCULTURAL CENTER (ICC)

The ICC organizes programming centered on issues of culture, ethnicity and social justice, such as MELA, a yearly charitable performance highlighting South Asian culture. Clubs affiliated with the ICC include the Brandeis Latinx Student Organization, the South Asian Student Association, the Brandeis African Students Organization, the Brandeis Black Student Organization and more.

THE WALTHAM GROUP

As the largest student organization on campus, the Waltham Group is a volunteer service organization in which hundreds of students participate in outreach to the local community through its tutorial, recreational and mentoring programs.

I AM GLOBAL WEEK

I Am Global Week celebrates global efforts and achievements across campus, promotes integration between domestic and international students and scholars, and showcases our global community.



Apply to Brandeis

The Brandeis admissions process is designed to find exceptional individuals who will enhance and enrich our global community of scholars. We seek students who demonstrate creativity and curiosity, are engaged in their communities, and

are committed to achieving their goals. The Admissions Committee reviews each application holistically, assessing a student's potential contributions to Brandeis. We review secondary school transcripts, national exams, English language testing,

personal essays and extracurricular involvement. Many applicants have an intended area of study. However, students apply to the general undergraduate program at Brandeis and can explore different disciplines before declaring a major.



APPLICATION DEADLINES

BRANDEIS OFFERS TWO ROUNDS OF EARLY DECISION, AS WELL AS REGULAR DECISION ADMISSION, AND ACCEPTS THE COMMON APPLICATION. VISIT BRANDEIS.EDU/DEADLINES FOR APPLICATION DEADLINES AND REQUIREMENTS.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

Brandeis awards a limited number of scholarships to deserving students on the basis of a combination of outstanding academic merit, personal accomplishment and financial need. Students are automatically considered for merit funding during the admissions review period.

International students are eligible for need-based financial aid and must submit the CSS Profile to be considered.

WIEN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Wien Scholarships are awarded to exceptionally accomplished international applicants who demonstrate strong academic achievement and significant extracurricular or community involvement.

TEST OPTIONAL

Our long-standing test-optional policy allows applicants to choose whether they would like their SAT or ACT scores considered in the review of their applications. All applicants will be considered for merit scholarships, regardless of their choice to submit test scores.

\$1.5
MILLION+

IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED
TO INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS EACH YEAR

WANT TO SEE MORE?

We offer virtual information sessions and student panels throughout the year. Visit us at brandeis.edu/virtual-tour.

MINUTES FROM BOSTON

Brandeis is located on a beautiful suburban campus with easy access to downtown Boston.

APPLY TO BRANDEIS

Learn more about our application process at brandeis.edu/admissions/international.

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