

Main telephone: 781 736-2000  
 Web site: <http://www.brandeis.edu>  
 President: Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D.  
 Director of Enrollment: Gil J. Villanueva, M.Bus.Admin.  
 Admissions telephone: 781 736-3500, 800 622-0622 (out-of-state)  
 Admissions FAX: 781 736-3536  
 Admissions e-mail: [admissions@brandeis.edu](mailto:admissions@brandeis.edu)  
 Director of Financial Aid: Peter Giumette, M.P.A.  
 Financial aid telephone: 781 736-3700  
 Financial aid FAX: 781 736-3719  
 Financial aid e-mail: [finaid@brandeis.edu](mailto:finaid@brandeis.edu)  
 International Student Contact: Nicolas Senecal  
 International student contact e-mail: [nsenecal@brandeis.edu](mailto:nsenecal@brandeis.edu)  
 Acting Director of Athletics: Sheryl Sousa  
 Director of Women's Athletics: Lynne Dempsey

# Brandeis University

415 South Street  
 Waltham, Massachusetts 02454-9110  
 Private university established in 1948 as a coed institution.  
 Full-time undergraduates: 1,442 Men, 1,838 Women.  
 Part-time undergraduates: 6 Men, 18 Women.  
 Graduate enrollment: 1,008 Men, 1,001 Women.  
 Total campus enrollment: 5,313.  
 FICE #2133, FAFSA #002133, SAT/PROFILE #3092, ACT #1802.

## ADMISSIONS

### Requirements

Graduation from secondary school required; GED accepted. General college-preparatory program required. 4 units of English, 3 units of mathematics, 1 unit of lab science, 3 units of foreign language, 1 unit of history, and 4 units of academic electives recommended. SAT Reasoning required, ACT may be substituted. Two SAT Subject tests required. The SAT or ACT writing component used for admission. TOEFL required of international applicants. Campus visit recommended. Admissions interview recommended. Off-campus interview may be arranged with an alumni representative. Admission may be deferred. Application fee \$55 (may be waived in cases of financial need), nonrefundable.

### Basis for Candidate Selection

Academic: Secondary school record, class rank, and standardized test scores very important. Recommendations and essay important.

Nonacademic: Extracurricular activities, particular talent/ability, character/personal qualities, volunteer work, and work experience important. Interview, alumni/ae relationship, geographical residence, and minority affiliation considered.

### Admissions Procedure

Normal sequence: Standardized test scores must be received by January 15. Visit for interview by February. Suggest filing application by January 15; deadline is January 15. Common application form accepted; supplemental forms required. Notification of admission is sent by April 1. \$500 tuition deposit, nonrefundable. 1% of freshmen enter in terms other than fall. Admissions process is need-blind.

Special programs: Early decision program. For fall 2006, 176 of 278 early decision applicants were accepted. Early decision deadline is November 15.

Transfers: Transfer students are accepted. In fall 2006, 305 transfer applications were received, 147 were accepted. Application deadline is April 1 for fall; November 1 for spring. Secondary school transcript, college transcript, essay or personal statement, standardized test scores, and statement of good standing from prior institutions required; interview recommended. Minimum 3.0 college GPA required. Lowest course grade accepted is "C." Maximum number of transferable semester hours is 16. Must complete at least two academic years as a full-time student at the university.

International Students: 243 degree-seeking undergraduate students enrolled, 54 countries represented. Minimum 600 TOEFL (250 computer-based) score required. Application deadline is January 15 for fall.

Learning Disabled Students: Essay required; personal interview recommended. Support services available. Untimed standardized tests accepted. Program/services serve 112 identified students.

Placement Options: Credit and placement may be granted through CEEB Advanced Placement exams. Credit and placement may be granted for International Baccalaureate.

### Freshman Class Profile

For fall 2006, 36% of 7,640 applicants were offered admission. 28% of those accepted matriculated. 1,168 applicants were put on a waiting list.

Secondary school class rank of freshmen (fall 2006):

Top tenth	65%
Top quarter	95%
Top half	100%

85% of freshmen submitted class rank.

Average secondary school GPA of freshmen (fall 2006): 3.8.

91% of accepted applicants submitted SAT Reasoning; 23% submitted ACT.

SAT Reasoning scores of freshmen (fall 2006):

	Verbal %	Math %
700-800	41	43
600-699	45	45
500-599	11	11
400-499	3	1
	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>

Range of SAT Reasoning scores for middle 50% of freshmen (fall 2006):

Verbal: 630-730      Math: 630-730

ACT scores of freshmen (fall 2006):

	English %	Math %	Composite %
30-36	58	46	49
24-29	35	48	46
18-23	7	6	5
	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>

Range of ACT scores for middle 50% of freshmen (fall 2006):

English: 27-34      Math: 27-32

### Student Body Characteristics

75% are from out of state. Average age of full-time undergraduates is 20. 99% of undergraduates are degree-seeking.

Composition of student body (fall 2006):

	Undergraduate	Freshman
International	7.5	5.9
Black	3.2	3.9
American Indian	0.2	0.5
Asian-American	8.1	10.8
Hispanic	3.9	5.0
White	60.6	53.2
Unreported	16.5	20.7
	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

## FINANCIAL

### Expenses

Tuition (2007-08): \$34,566 per year. Room: \$5,558. Board: \$4,350. Books/misc. expenses (school's estimate): \$1,700.

### Financial Aid

FAFSA: Priority filing date is February 1. CSS/PROFILE, Divorced Parent's statement, and Business/Farm supplement: Priority filing date is January 31. In 2007, the average aid package of full-time undergraduates with financial need was \$25,922; \$24,964 for full-time freshmen. 100% of students receiving financial aid participated in Federal Work-Study Program. 67% of 2007 graduates incurred an average debt of \$19,892. Of full-time undergraduates receiving need-based financial aid, an average of 85% of need was met.

### Scholarships and Grants

Need-based Federal Pell, SEOG, state, college/university, and private scholarships/grants. Non-need-based academic merit scholarships/grants. In 2007, \$30,738,450 in need-based scholarships/grants and \$11,888,744 in non-need-based scholarships/grants was awarded.

### Loans

Direct subsidized Stafford, direct unsubsidized Stafford, direct PLUS, Perkins, state, and college/university loans. Tuition Management Systems. In 2007, \$9,194,484 in need-based self-help aid was awarded, including \$7,711,504 in student loans.

### Student Employment

49% of full-time undergraduates work on campus during school year. Institutional employment. Students may expect to earn an average of \$2,000 during school year. Off-campus part-time employment opportunities rated "fair."

## ACADEMIC

### Accreditation

Accredited by NEASC.

### Instructional Faculty

Full-time: 214 men, 129 women; part-time: 59 men, 71 women.

Doctorates/Terminal 97%

FTE Student-Faculty ratio: 8 to 1.

### Degree Offerings

*Baccalaureate:* B.A., B.S. *Master's:* M.A., M.A.Mgmt., M.Bus.Admin.Internat., M.S. *Doctoral:* Ph.D.

### Majors Leading to Bachelor's Degree

*School of Creative Arts:* Creative Writing, Music, Studio Arts, Theatre Arts.

*School of Humanities:* Art History, Classical Studies, Comparative Literature, Economics, English/American Literature, French Language/Literature, German Language/Literature, Hebrew Language/Literature, Language/Linguistics, Philosophy, Russian Language/Literature, Spanish Language/Literature, Women's/Gender Studies.

*School of Science:* Biochemistry, Biological Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Health/Science/Society/Policy, Mathematics, Neuroscience, Physics.

*School of Social Science:* African-American/African Studies, American Studies, Anthropology, East Asian Studies, European Cultural Studies, History, International/Global Studies, Islamic/Middle Eastern Studies, Italian Studies, Latin American/Latino Studies, Near Eastern/Judaic Studies, Politics, Psychology, Sociology, Women/Gender Studies.

### Academic Requirements

Two units of physical education required. Core curriculum required. Minimum 2.0 GPA required for graduation.

### Academic Programs

Many minors offered. Self-designed majors. Double majors. Dual degrees. Independent study. Phi Beta Kappa. Pass/fail grading option. Internships. Teacher certification in elementary and secondary education. Graduate programs offered; qualified undergraduates may take graduate-level classes. Preprofessional programs in medicine. Member of several specialized consortiums. Study abroad in over 50 countries. AFROTC and ROTC at Boston U.

### Facilities

180 microcomputers available to all students. Internet access. E-mail services/accounts. Computer equipment/network access provided in residence halls, library, computer center/labs. Library of 1,202,957 titles, 38,393 current serials, 950,610 microforms, 39,201 audiovisuals. Archives. School is a member of library consortium. Art museum.

### Academic Experience

96% of freshmen return for their sophomore year. Average GPA of freshmen after first year is 3.08 on a 4.0 scale. 88% of freshmen graduate within six years. The most popular majors among 2006 graduates were economics, biology, and politics. 19% of graduates pursue further study within one year. 65% of graduates are employed in major field within one year.

### Guidance Facilities/Student Services

Placement service. Health service. Women's center. Health insurance. Career services include internships, career/job search classes, interest inventory, on-campus job interviews, career assistance, alumni network, interview training. Minority student, older student, birth control, career, personal, academic, psychological, and religious counseling. International student support services include special counselors/advisors, host family program, international student center, ESL program/classes, special orientation. LD student support services include note-taking services, reading machines, tape recorders, extended time for tests, other testing accommodations, substitution of language requirement. Handicapped student services include special transportation, adaptive equipment. Campus is completely accessible to the physically handicapped.

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

### Athletics

Intercollegiate baseball, basketball, cross-country, fencing, golf, sailing, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and field (indoor/outdoor) for men. Intercollegiate basketball, cross-country, fencing, sailing, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track and field (indoor/outdoor), volleyball for women. Men's club crew, ice hockey, lacrosse, rugby, skiing, soccer, squash, volleyball, ultimate Frisbee. Women's club crew, field hockey, lacrosse, rugby, skiing, squash, ultimate Frisbee. Intramural/recreational basketball, flag football, indoor soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, volleyball. 15% of students participate in intercollegiate sports. Member of University Athletic Association (Division III).

### Student Activities and Organizations

Student government, newspaper (*The Justice*), literary magazine, yearbook, radio station, television station. Two honor societies. A variety of religious, minority, and international student groups. Many political, departmental, and special-interest groups. Music, theatre, dance groups. A total of 200 registered organizations. No social fraternities or sororities.

## GENERAL

### Housing

Students may live on or off campus. Coed dormitories, disabled student housing. 79% of all undergraduates (91% of all freshmen) live in school-owned/-operated/-affiliated housing.

### Regulations and Policies

Alcohol permitted on campus for students of legal age; additional restrictions apply. Class attendance policies set by individual instructors. Honor code. Hazing prohibited. Smoking prohibited in buildings. First-year students may not have vehicles on campus

### Environment/Transportation

235-acre, suburban campus in Waltham (population: 59,226), 10 miles from Boston. Major airport, bus, and train serve Boston. School operates weekend transportation to Cambridge and Boston. Public transportation serves campus.

### Calendar

Semester system; classes begin in early September and mid-January. Two summer sessions of five weeks each. Orientation for new students held in late August.