

FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION



Daniel Donatucci, PHD, ENGLISH AND AMERICAN LITERATURE WITH JOINT MA, WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

"Saying that I'm grateful for the funding I receive at Brandeis is an understatement. I very much value the resources that are available to me through both GSAS and my department. Prospective students who are limited by finances should definitely consult with the university for guidance."

Your decision to pursue a graduate degree no doubt must consider many factors, including cost. At Brandeis, we strive to make your graduate education affordable, and we have a number of options to assist you in your decision-making process.

Master's and Certificate Students

An investment in a master's degree or a graduate certificate can enhance your skills in the workplace, make you more marketable, and increase your salary. For students who plan to pursue a doctoral degree, the master's at Brandeis provides an important credential. The Brandeis Graduate School of Arts and Sciences is dedicated to assisting students in achieving their academic goals, regardless of their financial situation. Prospective sources of funding include:

- **Scholarships:** Most applicants (full- and part-time, international and domestic) are automatically considered for a generous range of scholarships that provide partial tuition remission. Please note that specific departments require a separate application for scholarships.

- **Assistantships and Fellowships:**

Some master's programs award teaching, research, and administrative assistantships and fellowships to outstanding applicants. You should contact the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences for details at gradschool@brandeis.edu.

Doctoral Students

Most of our doctoral students enroll full-time and are funded for five years.

Funding includes a full-tuition scholarship, a competitive stipend in return for teaching and/or research, and health insurance benefits. The number of fellowships varies by program, but you will find them to be competitive with other research institutions in large, metropolitan cities.

For All Graduate Students

- **Loans:** Many students use loans to pay for part of their tuition or to supplement living expenses. Our staff can provide you information on federal loans for qualifying U.S. citizens and permanent residents, including subsidized and unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans (requiring FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid; go to www.fafsa.ed.gov, and the Brandeis code is 002133) and Graduate PLUS loans. They can also refer you to Brandeis's BorrowSmart tool and other helpful resources for private (nonfederal) educational loans. Visit brandeis.edu/gsas for the most up-to-date information.

- **Student Employment:** Graduate students may work on campus to earn additional money during their time at Brandeis. Student Financial Services hosts a large database of on-campus jobs that are available to all students enrolled half-time or more. Faculty advisers and current students in your program can give you a sense of how much time may be available to you for on-campus employment.

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ADMISSION



At Brandeis we seek out the brightest and most talented individuals in their respective fields. You will find the admission process to be a personal one, often consisting of multiple interactions with admission professionals and faculty. While admission to our graduate programs is highly selective and competitive, we spend quality time reviewing each application for an academic and personal fit. We select individuals to study with us who will not only excel in their chosen field but will also complement our current student population and make a good intellectual fit for the faculty and subfields at Brandeis.

We encourage you to be in touch with the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and your department before, during, and after the admission process. You will find our faculty members to be approachable and responsive, which represents part of the Brandeis charm: close interactions and a small, yet rigorous, environment.

Visiting Campus

Perhaps you need to step onto campus and meet with professors and other students before you can confidently make a decision about your future. If so, we urge you to visit us! If you wish to attend a class and meet with professors in your department, we invite you to contact your program of interest.

Admission Requirements and Deadlines

While admission requirements vary by department, a number of pieces

are standard across all programs. As a general rule of thumb, our doctoral programs require a completed application to be submitted by January 15 for fall admission. Many of our master's and certificate programs review applications on a rolling basis for admission the following fall, but some have tighter deadlines. Additionally, some of these programs begin in the summer and spring semesters.

Each program requires the completion of the GSAS online application, payment of an application fee, and submission of a personal statement; resumé or curriculum vitae; and letters of recommendation. Many programs require entrance exams (GRE, GMAT, Miller Analogies Test, or departmental exam) and an academic writing sample, and some also require interviews.

Admission committees do not look solely at one piece of your application; rather, admission to Brandeis is based on a holistic approach. Applications are reviewed by looking at the applicant's entire history—academic, personal, and professional. While academic achievement is certainly vital to the admission process, we also depend greatly on your personal statement, writing sample, and letters of recommendation, which exhibit your reasons for pursuing a graduate program at Brandeis, your ability to work with others, your professional and academic potential, and your writing ability.

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The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences offers seventeen doctoral programs and more than forty master's and certificate programs. Degrees are conferred in the following programs:

Ancient Greek and Roman Studies

(MA, CERTIFICATE)

Anthropology (MA, PHD)

Biochemistry (PHD)

Biophysics and Structural Biology (PHD)

Biotechnology (MS)

Chemistry (MA, MS, PHD)

Coexistence and Conflict (MA)

Computational Linguistics (MA)

Computer Science (MA, PHD, CERTIFICATE)

Computer Science and
IT Entrepreneurship (MA)

Education: Elementary; Secondary;
Jewish Day Schools (MAT)

English (MA, PHD)

Genetic Counseling (MS)

Global Studies (MA)

History (MA, PHD)

Jewish Professional Leadership
(DUAL MASTER'S PROGRAMS)

Mathematics (MA, PHD, CERTIFICATE)

Molecular and Cell Biology (MS, PHD)

Music Composition and Theory
(MA, MFA, PHD)

Musicology (MA, MFA, PHD)

Near Eastern and Judaic Studies (MA, PHD)

Neuroscience (MS, PHD)

Philosophy (MA)

Physics (MS, PHD)

Politics (MA, PHD)

Premedical Studies (CERTIFICATE)

Psychology (MA, PHD)

Sociology (MA, PHD)

Studio Art (CERTIFICATE)

Theater Arts: Acting (MFA)

Women's and Gender Studies
(MA AND JOINT MASTER'S PROGRAMS)

Joint PhD Programs

Sociology and Social Policy

Near Eastern and Judaic Studies/
Sociology

Dual Master's Programs

Dual MA-MBA in Hornstein: Jewish
Professional Leadership

Dual MA in Hornstein: Jewish
Professional Leadership and Near
Eastern and Judaic Studies

Dual MA-MPP in Hornstein: Jewish
Professional Leadership

Dual MA in Coexistence and Conflict/
Sustainable International
Development

Joint Master's Programs

Women's and Gender Studies/
Anthropology

Women's and Gender Studies/
English

Women's and Gender Studies/
Music

Women's and Gender Studies/
Near Eastern and Judaic Studies

Women's and Gender Studies/
Public Policy

Women's and Gender Studies/
Sociology

Women's and Gender Studies/
Sustainable International
Development

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CAREER SERVICES



Kim Fanelli, MS, GENETIC COUNSELING

"I was able to receive one-on-one assistance, which helped me to land a job in my desired profession even before graduation. Working in a prestigious hospital with many Brandeis alumni fosters the sense of community that goes beyond the physical campus."

The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Career Services serves as a bridge between students' academic preparation and the rapidly changing, global job market within and beyond academia. We provide workshops and events to better equip you with the requisite knowledge and skills for shaping and developing your career, exploring personal and professional goals, and learning how to position yourself in the job market. Our office helps you become skilled in job-search techniques while at Brandeis and as you prepare to enter the workplace—whether in higher education or in the government, business, or nonprofit sectors. We connect you with alumni, employers, and other experienced professionals who can provide career guidance and may be able to suggest career opportunities in a diverse range of fields. Our aim is to assist and inform you about resources that will be useful throughout your working life and will help you create a set of well-defined career goals and a strategic job search plan to use during your graduate education at Brandeis.

We also collaborate with Brandeis University's network of career centers, which allows you to take advantage of an array of resources, including career fairs, employer-information sessions, and more.

Our resources are an important complement to the specialized advice you will receive from GSAS faculty. You are strongly encouraged to contact GSAS Career Services early in your degree program for assistance to learn how to:

- research careers in academic and nonacademic arenas
- create a strategic, personalized job-search plan
- prepare a resumé, curriculum vitae, cover letter, and other job-search document development
- hone successful interviewing skills (through mock interviews)
- develop strategic networking techniques, including alumni connections
- access employer recruiting through the GSAS CareerLink's job listings and career-management system

GSAS Career Services welcomes inquiries regarding careers from prospective students. Please feel free to contact us at any point during your graduate school search.

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LIFE ON CAMPUS



Jane Harries, PHD, PSYCHOLOGY

“The Graduate Student Association and the Office of Graduate Student Affairs are fantastic for meeting people outside of one’s department and getting involved in activities beyond one’s program—which I need to do to keep a balance.”

Life as a graduate student no longer involves just the classroom. At Brandeis, you will become part of a community that is strengthened by life both within and outside of classroom, laboratory, and studio walls. As such, we have created a number of support services for you to use that serve to enhance and complement your academic experience.

The Office of Graduate Student Affairs supports life on campus for graduate students outside of the classroom and serves as a liaison between graduate students and the university administration. This office works to coordinate events and programming among the graduate schools, advises and assists the Graduate Student Association (GSA) and the Graduate Student Senate, offers programming throughout the year, and runs a number of orientation activities in the fall. Programs to enhance students' social and academic lives are planned throughout the year and cover topics such as writing for publication, designing a research paper or topic, navigating the health-care system, career planning, and more.

Health and Fitness

At Brandeis, we provide you with the necessary tools to manage your own health care, mental health, physical health, and intellectual health. Free gym access, counseling services, and a number of health insurance choices provide an array of options to suit your needs and lifestyle.

Housing

Almost all students in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences live in off-campus housing, which offers more comfort, better access to amenities, and is often less expensive than university housing. The majority of graduate students live either in Waltham or the Porter Square area of Cambridge and Somerville. These locations have large student populations, affordable rents, many local services and restaurants, and are easily accessible to Brandeis by public transportation.

Transportation

Boston is a walking city, and, with Waltham just a short commuter rail ride away, you have access to Boston's cultural neighborhoods and city conveniences. We offer a number of options for transportation to and from Brandeis, including discounted MBTA (subway and commuter rail) passes, local bus service, and the Brandeis Van. Parking is available on campus for those students with a car.

Graduate Student Center

We invite you to visit the Graduate Student Center, located on the first floor of Kutz Hall. You may stop by to use a locker, check your e-mail, and find a quiet spot to work or meet with other students. A flat-screen TV and computer workstations allow our graduate students to escape from their lab, classroom, or teaching responsibilities with undergraduates.

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LIFE IN WALTHAM AND THE BOSTON AREA



Njelle Hamilton, PHD, ENGLISH AND AMERICAN LITERATURE

“When I’m not on campus working, I want to be immersed in the life of the city. Boston is a lively city with many of the cultural experiences that I value: theater, museums, cinemas, parks, historical and architectural gems, and so on. And there’s still so much to explore and do in this city!”



Brandeis is located in what can be described as the perfect location—just far enough from the epicenter of Boston for you to feel relaxed, but close enough that you can immerse yourself in the city’s rich culture, vitality, and nightlife. Located nine miles west of downtown Boston, Waltham is alive with history, international flavor, and New England charm.

With such an extraordinary concentration of institutions of higher learning within miles of our campus, it is no wonder our students feel surrounded by academia. You will have access to countless resources at Brandeis and beyond through classroom interaction, libraries, museums, and artistic events. Our membership in the Boston consortium allows you to take courses at Tufts University, Boston University, and Boston College, thus enhancing your Brandeis experience.

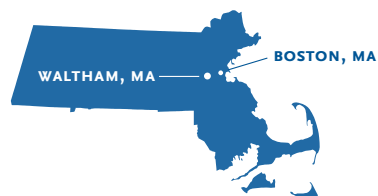
Brandeis students live in a variety of off-campus settings in Waltham, Cambridge, Watertown, Boston, and

other suburbs surrounding the campus. An MBTA commuter rail stop abuts our campus, connecting you to the most historic subway and trolley car network in the country. Because Boston is considered one of the best walking cities in America, you will find that a car is not a necessary amenity. Boston combines European-style architecture with the dynamism and energy of an American center of technology, business, and academia.

We encourage you to be in touch with the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the Graduate Student Affairs office to discover all that the Boston and Waltham areas have to offer you.

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DOCTORAL PROGRAMS



Njelle Hamilton, PhD, ENGLISH AND AMERICAN LITERATURE

"I have been awed by the support and enthusiastic encouragement of the faculty. The structure of my program focuses on fully preparing you for the profession through colloquia, workshops, and guaranteed teaching and teacher training."

Doctoral students truly call Brandeis home. After all, many of them spend five or more years studying on our campus, living in the Boston area, and researching with our renowned faculty members. Pursuit of a PhD at Brandeis is one that you will find not only intellectually fulfilling, but stimulating and challenging as well.

The doctoral degree is often a requirement for most academic positions in higher education, but it also enhances your qualifications for nonacademic careers in public and private organizations—from service in the federal government to the private sector. Our continued emphasis on research, writing, and public speaking provide you with skills that are critical for every career path.

Resting at the core of our doctoral programs is the philosophy of mentorship. Small classes give students the opportunity to work closely with a distinguished senior scholar. Before you set foot on campus, you will find that you have one-on-one contact with faculty members and departmental staff, which lays the ground for a strong sense of academic community. Faculty members work with each student to find the appropriate balance between guidance and independence to ensure that you are able to forge your own research after having done the appropriate groundwork.

Most of our doctoral students are funded fully for five years, which includes a tuition scholarship, health insurance, and a competitive fellowship. Fellowships provide our graduate students with the opportunity to teach undergraduates, both under the direction of a cooperating professor or in a classroom of their own. Additional teaching and research opportunities that become available during the dissertation writing stage serve to enhance your credentials both academically and professionally. The quality of our doctoral programs in the humanities, arts, computational sciences, life sciences, social sciences, and physical sciences ensures that you will complete your program with a full command of your field and appreciation for originality and innovation in your research.

As you embark on the application process, we encourage you to be in touch with professors that share your research interests. Visit the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Web site for updated biographies, departmental information, research areas, and degree information. We look forward to receiving your application.

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MASTER'S AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS



Atem Aleu, MA, CULTURAL PRODUCTION

“Brandeis’s commitment to social justice has helped me gain a better understanding that one person can make a difference and change the world in his or her own way. The interdisciplinary nature of the curriculum has provided me with tools that can better position me to serve others.”

At Brandeis, you will make your mark. A master's or graduate certificate from Brandeis ripens your professional skills and prepares you for further academic study. Brandeis has an array of graduate programs that complement and encourage innovative, exciting new projects of interdisciplinary research and teaching. Your time here will be rigorous and fruitful, with hands-on research and experiential learning sitting at the core of many of our disciplines.

Master's Programs

A master's degree can put you steps above your peers in the workplace and will significantly enhance your qualifications if you plan to pursue a full-time doctoral program. We offer rigorous professional and predoctoral programs that complement and enhance your skills in the social sciences, humanities, arts, education, natural sciences, computational sciences, and physical sciences. With an emphasis on small classes and faculty mentorship, we offer the opportunity to work closely with our distinguished senior scholars.

On average, our master's students are here for four semesters, but many programs may be completed in one year. Because your time here is short and intense, we offer a number of ways to support you both inside and outside the classroom: a one-year master's colloquium to develop basic graduate skills; master's research funding to sponsor research for master's theses; travel funds to attend scholarly conferences; and intensive career services for professional development.

Certificate Programs

A postbaccalaureate certificate greatly enhances your skills in a given discipline. Especially if your undergraduate coursework did not include the prerequisites needed to pursue a graduate degree in a particular discipline, a certificate program will provide you with the skills necessary for such advanced programs. In addition, employers may recognize you as having a professional edge over your colleagues. Students with a graduate certificate have often honed their skills and made themselves more qualified in the professional workplace.

Financing Your Education

There is no doubt that a graduate degree is an investment in a future of professional, academic, and artistic work. To help make this invaluable investment possible, many of our students receive partial need- and merit-based scholarships. For more information, look for the financial aid information included in this package or visit the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Web site.

Please contact the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences or your department of interest for more information about Brandeis. We look forward to receiving your application.

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