

2024 Graduate Student Orientation Schedule

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23rd

12:00pm - 1:00pm – Welcome & Resource Fair

Sherman Function Hall

Jessica Basile & Jing Zhang (Office of Graduate Affairs) will introduce ourselves and your Orientation Leaders. At the Resource Fair you can engage with offices and student organizations connected to supporting graduate students. Hosted by Graduate Affairs and InStep, a campus-wide group of folks who support international students, the Resource Fair features resources, student organizations and community partners. Come put a face to the folks you can turn to for help throughout your time at Brandeis.

1:00pm - 4:00pm Informational Panels and Campus Tours

Meeting outside of Hassenfeld (location of Sherman Function Hall) for campus tours.

Information panels are in Hassenfeld in the Lurias, Levin-Ross and Geller rooms (left as you leave Sherman Function Hall)

Please refer to your registration email response to confirm where to go. Options include:

- Informational panels
 - Language, Teaching and Writing at Brandeis: Hosted by the Center for Teaching and Learning, the Writing Center, English Language Programs and Student Accessibility Support, this session provides you with information on the resources available for pedagogical skills, writing development, and English language supports.
 - Health and Wellness at Brandeis: Hosted by the Brandeis Counseling Center, (BCC) the Health Center, Health and Wellness Programs (HAWP), the Prevention, Advocacy and Resource Center (PARC), and the Office for Spiritual Life, this session offers information on resources and supports to help you maintain a healthy work/life balance while you're in graduate school.
 - Graduate Student Life: the Office of Graduate Affairs (OGA) and the Graduate Student Association (GSA) share their experiences with life at Brandeis and in the greater Boston metro area. How can you get more involved in the Brandeis community? Where do graduate students hang out on campus? Where can you get a cheap (or free!) cup of coffee? Where do you go for fun or to relax?
- Tours
 - Campus tour: get a sense of the physical campus, with a focus on graduate student areas.
 - Library tour: an overview of library resources available.
 - Athletics tour: find out what the gym and athletic facilities have to offer!

4:30pm - 6:00pm Refreshments with the GSA

Sherman Function Hall

Drop by the Sherman Function Hall and treat yourself to some light refreshments and meet members of the Graduate Student Association, the Heller Student Association, the International Business School Student Association, and GSAS' Graduate Student Representatives. Relax and enjoy all that you've done and learned about today!

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Orientation Questions & Guidance

How Can I access orientation virtually?

- *Please check your LATTE dashboard for the “Graduate Affairs Information and Resource” course. Within that course, you will find a lot of information that will help you adjust to both the greater Boston area and to graduate school at Brandeis.*

What Accessibility accommodations can be met for attendees?

- *We will be happy to support you. You can email us at graduateaffairs@brandeis.edu*

Where are some comfortable public places I can go on campus to take a moment for myself?

- *Shapiro Campus Center*
- *Shapiro Science Center (lounges on multiple floors)*
- *Graduate Student Center (Kutz Hall)*
- *Library*

Please note that we will have snacks available for students when they arrive and more substantial appetizers at the GSA reception starting at 4:30pm. Make sure to eat a good meal prior to your arrival and/or bring some snacks for yourself. Also remember your water bottle!

New England weather can be quite various during the summer months, but Orientation will happen regardless (unless, of course, it becomes dangerous). Please pay attention to the forecast for the day and come prepared!