

Academic Calendar for Fall Term 2009

Monday, August 17 — Thursday, September 10	Registration period for graduate and undergraduate students.
Sunday, August 23	Residence halls open for new undergraduate students.
Tuesday, August 25	Residence halls open for returning students.
Thursday, August 27	First day of instruction.
Monday, September 7	Labor Day: No university exercises, staff holiday.
Wednesday, September 9	Brandeis Monday: Monday class schedule in effect.
Thursday, September 10	Last day to add classes. All work for spring term 2009 undergraduate incompletes due to instructors. Last day for seniors graduating in December to declare or drop a major or minor.
Tuesday, September 15	Grades replacing spring 2009 graduate incompletes due in the University Registrar's Office.
Thursday, September 17	Last day for undergraduates to elect a pass/fail option for the current term and to request a P grade for the preceding term. Grades replacing spring 2009 undergraduate incompletes due in the University Registrar's Office.
Friday, September 25	Last day to drop or change grading option of Module I courses to audit (instructor's and chair's permission required).
Monday, September 28	Yom Kippur: No University exercises.
Tuesday, September 29	Brandeis Monday: Monday class schedule in effect.
Monday, October 5	Sukkot: No university exercises.
Monday, October 12	Columbus Day: Classes in session, staff holiday.
Thursday, October 15	Last day for undergraduates to drop courses without a "W" transcript notation (instructor's permission required).
Friday, October 16	Undergraduate midterm grades due.
Friday, October 23	Last day to add Module II classes.
Monday, October 26 – Monday, November 2	Registration period for spring term 2010.
Monday, November 9	Last day for undergraduates to drop courses with a "W" transcript notation (instructor's permission required). Last day for graduate students to drop courses or change grading option of classes to audit (instructor's and chair's permission required).
Thursday, November 26 – Friday, November 27	Thanksgiving holiday: No university exercises, staff holiday.
Wednesday, December 2	Last day of instruction. Last day to voluntarily withdraw from the term (written notification required).
Thursday, December 3 – Friday, December 4	Study days.
Monday, December 7 – Monday, December 14	Final examination period.
Tuesday, December 15 at 12 noon	Residence halls close.
Tuesday, December 22	Fall term grades due.
Thursday, December 31	Last day for graduating seniors to convert current term pass/fail enrollments to a "P."

- Note: Make-up examinations for spring term 2009 will be held September 2, 3, and 8, 2009.

Policy of Brandeis University Pertaining to Religious Observance

In constructing the academic calendar, religious holy days will not be the sole factor in determining days on which classes will be held or suspended. It is the policy of the University, however, that students be encouraged to observe their appropriate religious holy days; that instructors strive to facilitate this by allowing absence from classes for such purposes and by trying to insure that no examinations, written reports, oral reports, or other mandatory class assignments are scheduled for or due on such holy days; and that instructors provide ample opportunities for such students to make up work missed on such occasions without penalty. Jewish holidays begin at sundown of the previous evening and end at nightfall of the day listed.

Academic Calendar for Spring Term 2010

Tuesday, January 12 – Monday, February 1	Registration period for graduate and undergraduate students.
Friday, January 15	New students arrive on campus; residence halls open for new students only.
Sunday, January 17	Residence halls open for returning students.
Monday, January 18	Martin Luther King Day: No university exercises, staff holiday.
Tuesday, January 19	First day of instruction.
Monday, February 1	Last day to add classes. All work for fall term 2009 undergraduate incompletes due to instructors. Last day for seniors graduating in May to declare or drop a major or minor.
Monday, February 8	Last day for undergraduates to elect a pass/fail option for the current term and to request a P grade for the preceding term. Grades replacing fall 2009 undergraduate incompletes due.
Monday, February 15 – Friday, February 19	Midterm Recess: No university exercises.
Tuesday, February 23	Last day to drop or change grading option of Module I courses to audit (instructor's and chair's permission required).
Tuesday, March 9	Last day for undergraduates to drop courses without a "W" transcript notation (instructor's permission required).
Friday, March 12	Undergraduate midterm grades due.
Friday, March 26	Last day to add Module II courses.
Monday, March 29 – Tuesday, April 6	Passover and spring recess: No university exercises.
Thursday, April 1	Grades replacing graduate incompletes from fall term 2009 due.
Wednesday, April 7	Brandeis Monday: Monday class schedule in effect.
Monday, April 12 – Monday, April 19	Registration period for fall term 2010.
Wednesday, April 14	Last day for undergraduates to drop courses with a "W" transcript notation (instructor's permission required). Last day for graduate students to drop courses or change grading basis to audit (instructor's and chair's permission required).
Monday, April 19	Patriots Day: Classes in session, staff holiday
Wednesday, May 5	Last day of instruction. Last day to voluntarily withdraw from the term (written notification required).
Thursday, May 6	Study day.
Friday, May 7 – Friday, May 14	Final examination period.
Monday, May 10	Senior grades for all courses without final exams due by 10:00 a.m. Senior grades for all courses with final exams due by 10:00 a.m. on the third day after the examination, and in no case later than Sunday, May 16, at 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 12	Grades for all graduate degree candidates due.
Saturday, May 15 at 12 noon	Residence halls close for undergraduates.
Monday, May 17	Last day for graduating seniors to convert current term pass/fail enrollments to a "P."
Tuesday, May 18	Department degree meetings.
Friday, May 21	Faculty meeting.
Sunday, May 23	Commencement.
Monday, May 24 at 12 noon	Residence halls close for all students.
Tuesday, May 25	All other spring term grades due.
Monday, May 31	Memorial Day: Staff holiday.

- Note: Make-up examinations for fall term 2009 will be held January 20, 21, and 26, 2010.

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Additional Key Dates for Graduate Students for Academic Year 2009-2010

Friday, October 30, 2009	Last day for February graduate degree candidates (certificates, final and continuing master's and Ph.D.) to file Application for Degree. See application for details.
Thursday, December 17, 2009	Final day for faculty to certify that February master's candidates have completed degree requirements, including language(s) and theses, and PhD candidates have defended dissertations.
Friday, January 15, 2010	Final day for February graduate degree candidates to electronically deposit their dissertations or theses.
Monday, March 1, 2010	Last day for May graduate degree candidates (certificates, final and continuing master's and PhD) to file Application for Degree. See application for details.
Thursday, April 22, 2010	Final day for faculty to certify that May master's candidates have completed degree requirements, including language(s) and theses, and PhD candidates have defended dissertations.
Thursday, May 6, 2010	Final day for May degree candidates to electronically deposit their dissertations or theses.
Tuesday, June 1, 2010	Last day for August graduate degree candidates (certificates, final and continuing Master's and PhD) to file Application for Degree. See application for details.
Friday, July 30, 2010	Final day for faculty to certify that August master's candidates have completed degree requirements, including language(s) and theses, and PhD candidates have defended dissertations.
Friday, August 13, 2010	Final day for August degree candidates to electronically deposit their dissertations or theses.