

# MAJOR AND CAREER WAYPOINTS

Charting your own course through Brandeis means reflecting on your academic and career goals. Along the way, you'll come across multiple waypoints—opportunities to stay on your current path or change direction. As you reach each waypoint, consider the questions below, explore the resources provided, and connect with faculty or staff members who can help you make informed decisions. *You might encounter these in any order.*

Waypoints	You Might Have Questions	Brandeis Resources	Who To Talk To (and Why)
<b>Start Here</b>	<p>How can I explore my academic and professional interests?</p> <p>What purpose does a major serve?</p> <p>What majors does Brandeis offer?</p>	<p><a href="#">Majors + Career: Finding Your Fit</a> How to explore majors and careers.</p> <p><a href="#">Recommended First Courses</a> Take courses to explore your interests.</p>	<p><a href="#">Connect with Hiatt</a> Talk about your interests, goals and ideas for the future.</p> <p><a href="#">Meet Your Academic Advisor</a> Discuss academic exploration and planning.</p>
<b>Exploring Majors</b>	<p>What do I know about each major?</p> <p>What career paths am I considering?</p> <p>What is the relationship between my major and career?</p> <p>How are factors like my values, interests, and strengths weighing into my decision?</p>	<p><a href="#">Majors + Minors</a> Learn about your options.</p> <p><a href="#">What Can I Do With This Major?</a> Major profiles with information on common career paths.</p>	<p><a href="#">Chat with a Roosevelt Fellow</a> Ask a peer academic advisor how they approached choosing a major.</p> <p><a href="#">Speak to an Undergraduate Departmental Representative (UDR)</a> Find peer advisors for help with academic information.</p>
<b>Declaring a Major</b>	<p>What is the major declaration process?</p> <p>How will the major's requirements contribute to my learning?</p>	<p><a href="#">Major/Minor Declaration</a> Declare by your fourth semester. You can always make changes later!</p> <p><a href="#">University Bulletin</a> Review each major's requirements.</p>	<p><a href="#">Visit the Undergraduate Advising Head (UAH)</a> Speak with a faculty advisor to learn about their field and how majors are structured.</p>
<b>Considering:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changing a Major</li> <li>• Adding a Major</li> <li>• Adding a Minor</li> </ul>	<p>What new information or experiences are influencing my decision?</p> <p>Am I concerned about my employability or academic success?</p> <p>Do I feel pressure to have more than one major?</p> <p>Will adding another major help or hinder my ability to meet my goals?</p>	<p><a href="#">Gain Experience</a> How to gain skills through internships, research, jobs, clubs, and more.</p> <p><a href="#">Find Where Brandeisians Go</a> See how other programs add to your experiences.</p> <p><a href="#">Major/Minor Change Request Form</a> How to submit an official change.</p>	<p><a href="#">Speak to the UDR</a> Connecting with a peer can provide support and introduce you to faculty.</p> <p><a href="#">Visit the UAH</a> Learn what you need to do to major in that field from faculty.</p> <p><a href="#">Meet Your Academic Advisor</a> Understand the major/minor process.</p> <p><a href="#">Connect with Hiatt</a> See how career and academic goals align.</p>



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<b>Gaining Experience On Campus</b>	What skills do I want to develop? How do I get an on-campus job? How can I meet people with similar interests?	<a href="#">On-Campus Jobs</a> All hourly student jobs are posted in Workday.  <a href="#">Campus Clubs / Groups</a> Campus clubs allow you to try out and gain experience in new areas of interest.	<a href="#">Visit Student Financial Services</a> Gain support with all aspects of on-campus employment.  <a href="#">Speak to Your International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO) Advisor</a> Ensure you remain in valid immigration status as an international student.
<b>Growing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic Research</li> <li>• Teaching Experience</li> </ul>	How do I get research experience? How can I find a professor or lab to work with?	<a href="#">Undergraduate Research</a> Pursue original research or a creative project with faculty.  <a href="#">Teaching Assistants (TAs)</a> Teaching Assistants are invaluable to the learning experiences of Brandeis students.	<a href="#">Explore the Undergraduate Research and Creative Collaborations Office (URCC)</a> Learn about topics, mentors, and funding.  <a href="#">Meet the Fellowships Office</a> Receive guidance on applying for funded, short-term academic opportunities.
<b>Diving Into Majors</b>	What goals do I want to work toward? How can I build skills and gain experience? How can I go beyond required coursework to deepen my learning? What opportunities do I have to apply my learning outside of class?	<a href="#">Engage with Academic Resources</a> Academic support resources exist to help you excel in your studies.  <a href="#">Study Abroad</a> Learn in a new cultural context.  <a href="#">Independent Instruction Courses</a> Go in depth with an independent study, peer assistantship, or thesis.	<a href="#">Visit the UAH</a> Discuss course planning and opportunities related to your major with faculty.  <a href="#">Speak to the UDR</a> Learn how to get involved in the department.  <a href="#">Meet Your Academic Advisor</a> Find other academic opportunities.
<b>Exploring</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internships</li> <li>• Jobs</li> <li>• Graduate School</li> </ul>	How do I start? I know what I want to do, how do I find opportunities? How would graduate school help me work towards my career goals? Am I making assumptions based on incomplete information?	<a href="#">Hiatt Career Hubs</a> Resources around industries and interests.  <a href="#">Resumes and Cover Letters</a> The basics of application materials.  <a href="#">Graduate + Law School</a> How to decide where and when.	<a href="#">Connect with Hiatt</a> Talk about interests, goals, and strategy.  <a href="#">Attend Faculty Office Hours</a> Learn about career fields, graduate studies and professional opportunities.  <a href="#">Speak with Your ISSO Advisor</a> Ensure experiences meet visa regulations.
<b>Preparing For Life After Brandeis</b>	What do I do when I'm on my own? How do I make a budget, pay bills, pay off loans?	<a href="#">Life After College</a> There are some skills that you may not learn in the classroom that are essential in your post-Brandeis life.  <a href="#">iGrad Financial Literacy Platform</a> Money management and budgeting tools.	<a href="#">Connect with Hiatt</a> Learn about life after college resources and talk about your plans.  <a href="#">Build a Mentor Relationship</a> Talk with alumni, faculty, staff, peers who have been in your position.

