



Brandeis University Transfer Agreement with Honors Transfer Council of California

PURPOSE

The purpose of this agreement is to maintain collaboration between Brandeis University and members of the Honors Transfer Council of California in order to facilitate the smooth transition, according to standards consistent with the Brandeis University transfer policy, of exceptional students from member community colleges to Brandeis University for completion of students' bachelor's degrees.

MEMBERSHIP

This agreement includes all member colleges of the HTCC.

GOALS

- Encourage exceptional HTCC honors students to enroll at Brandeis University.
- Assist transfer students in the transition from HTCC honors programs to academic degree programs at Brandeis University.
- Promote student academic preparation and transfer planning.
- Support and promote the value and benefits of community college transfer.
- Expedite baccalaureate degree completion by HTCC honors students.

COMMITMENT BY BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

As part of this agreement, Brandeis University will:

1. Offer campus visits.
2. Consider a transfer applicant's completion of an honors program at an HTCC-member community college to be evidence of enhanced rigor in academic preparation for transfer.
3. Students will be given full consideration for any need-based financial aid that is available as determined by the Office of Student Financial Services and based upon timely submission of the FAFSA and CSS Profile forms.

4. Provide accepted students with information about housing availability before any deposit is due and allow students to participate in the housing lottery after their first year on campus. International and out-of-state students have priority for on-campus housing.
5. With the announcement of admission, provide a preliminary evaluation of transferable credit.
6. Allow HTCC transfer students to participate in the departmental honors programs at Brandeis University if applicable.
7. Provide orientation for newly enrolled transfer students.
8. Designate admissions liaison to HTCC and member colleges. The initial liaison will be Associate Director of Admissions, Rebecca Simons.
9. Work with the HTCC Chair of Transfer Relations toward the goal of articulating course patterns that would enable HTCC students to fulfill the lower-division portion of Brandeis University's graduation requirements to the greatest extent possible before transfer.

COMMITMENT BY PARTICIPATING HTCC COLLEGES

As part of this agreement, participating HTCC community colleges will:

1. Provide an organized structure for development and offering of honors courses. Such a program will be represented in each member college's governance structure and will be directed or coordinated by a member of the college's instructional faculty.
2. Identify an honors/scholar counselor from each member college to serve as primary liaison between Brandeis University and student members of HTCC honors programs.
3. Work with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at Brandeis University to ensure the completeness of each applicant's admission file.
 - a. For international students, this will include TOEFL or IELTS scores.
 - b. Prospective transfer students who wish to major in business or creative writing are strongly encouraged to contact Hagit Weihs in business or Stephen McCauley in creative writing, as there is an additional application process for each of these majors.
4. Encourage periodic review of the transfer curriculum to ensure that it is feasible for its honors students to transfer to Brandeis University. HTCC member colleges will ensure that their eligible honors graduates have (a) fulfilled their college requirements with a GPA of 3.5 or above, and (b) completed the honors program with at least 15 units of an honors curriculum involving intensive writing and critical thinking.
5. Provide Brandeis University with opportunities to recruit honors students on their campus.
6. Provide students in its own honors program with information about Brandeis University requirements, so that those students can consider the advantages of selecting classes with the objective of successful transfer through this partnership.

COMMITMENT BY THE HONORS TRANSFER COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

1. Require the Chair of Transfer Relations to be continually available in order to facilitate communication among Brandeis University, the HTCC, and HTCC member colleges.
2. Require the Chair of Transfer Relations to annually review the lines of communication and accuracy of the contact information of all parties to this agreement.
3. Require the Chair of Transfer Relations to work with Brandeis University toward the goal of articulating course patterns that would enable HTCC students to fulfill Brandeis University's General Education requirement to the greatest extent possible before transfer.

AGREED:


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Andrew Fligel

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Brandeis University

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Jodi Balma

President

Honors Transfer Council of California

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