

Brandeis Undergraduate Admissions

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Brandeis has a test-optional policy and no longer requires citizens and permanent residents of the US or Canada to submit SAT or ACT scores. This policy allows applicants to decide for themselves whether their test results accurately reflect their academic ability and potential and is consistent with recommendations from the National Association for College Admissions Counseling.

Eligible applicants can choose one of the following three submission options:

Option 1: Submit SAT with writing or ACT with writing

Option 2: Submit three exams [from the approved list](#). One exam must be from a Science or Math discipline, one exam must be from an English or Social Science discipline, and the third exam may be from a discipline of the student's choice.

Option 3: Submit an academic portfolio through the Common Application, Universal College Application, or Brandeis Application, including:

- One graded analytical writing sample* from 11th or 12th grade, including the grades and comments for the paper. Examples of acceptable writing samples include expository writing, essay exams, or research papers. We cannot accept creative writing.
- One additional recommendation written by an academic teacher from an 11th or 12th grade course.

**For files larger than 500KB you may submit your graded analytical paper by uploading it through your [DEISconnect account](#) (this account is not created until after submitting your application).*

Brandeis Codes:

SAT: 3092

ACT:1802

Some applicants are not eligible for the test-optional policy and are required to submit standardized test scores.

- **Home-schooled applicants** and candidates applying from secondary schools that provide written evaluations rather than grades are required to submit the SAT or the ACT test with the writing section.
- **International applicants** who are not US/Canadian citizens or permanent residents must submit either the SAT or the ACT test with the writing section. *Additionally, international students for whom English is not a native language should submit results from either the TOEFL or IELTS. Applicants who, for four or more years, have attended a high school where the primary language of instruction is English may request to waive this requirement on their [DEISConnect page](#).*

Please note: Because standardized test results are used for Brandeis's ongoing research into the relationship between standardized testing and success at Brandeis, all entering first-year students must submit scores over the summer prior to matriculating at Brandeis.