

## 2019-2020 Requirements and Important Dates for Second-Year SID Students

These deadlines are meant to help students to produce a quality master's paper. Forms and documents needed to comply with these dates can be found in the handbook's Appendices and on the [Resources](https://heller.brandeis.edu/students/) page of the Heller website (<https://heller.brandeis.edu/students/>).

Fall 2019–Spring 2020 **Advanced study** coursework: minimum 12 credits per semester

**Dual degree:** please follow program guidelines for specific dual degree requirements.

**Concentration:** please follow program guidelines for specific requirements and the guidelines for the practicum (concentrations students will complete a three-month (not six-month) practicum; otherwise, the requirements for completing a practicum are the same.

**Practicum** from September to the end of February; minimum six months/full-time

- **International students** who are fulfilling the practicum requirement in the United States are required to have work authorization; this is done by obtaining [Curricula Practical Training](#) (CPT) through Brandeis University's [International Students and Scholars Office](#) (ISSO). CPT is issued in conjunction with enrollment in the Fall/Spring SID Field Practicum course. Students cannot begin their practicums until their CPT has been approved. They should allow at least two weeks for ISSO to process the [Faculty/Staff Recommendation for F-1 Curricular Practical Training](#) form.
- International students may complete a six-month international practicum and still be eligible for post-completion [Optional Practical Training](#) (OPT). To qualify for post-completion OPT, international students completing an international practicum must adhere to the following requirements:
  - Register for HS230a SID Field Practicum for the Fall and Spring semesters of their second year and remain active in Sage.
  - Complete an [ISSO check-in](#) each semester while on practicum
  - Apply for OPT 90 days prior to their program end date. Students must be in the United States to apply for this benefit. They cannot apply while on practicum abroad.

Practicum students should provide their faculty advisers with monthly updates on their practicum.

Faculty advisers and their students will work out a reasonable **timeframe to review draft sections** of the master's paper.

November 19

Overview and Q&A on the master's paper with Professor Dassin (practicum students can join via Zoom)

February 10, 2020

**Practicum students:** Final practicum evaluation form sent directly to field supervisor.

April 6, 2020	Complete quality draft of the master's paper due to faculty adviser
April 20, 2020	Deadline to submit faculty approved master's paper to the SID program for review and final approval
May 8-9, 2020	SID Capstone presentations
May 17, 2020	The Heller School and Brandeis commencement ceremonies

**Summary of Important Dates for the MA/SID Second-Year**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Deliverable</b>
August 1	Second-year proposal due to SID program (students submit proposal via LATTE)
August 28	Program notifies students of their faculty advisers
August 28	First day of instruction for in-residence students
November 19	Overview and Q&A on the master's paper with Professor Dassin
February 10	Final performance evaluations are sent to practicum students' field supervisors
April 6	Quality drafts of master's papers are due to faculty advisers
April 19	Deadline to submit faculty-approved master's paper to the SID program for review and final approval
May 1	Deadline for practicum students to complete practicum exit survey
May 8-9	SID Capstone presentations
May 17	The Heller School and Brandeis commencement ceremonies

## **URLs Used in Hyperlinks**

Curricular Practical Training

<https://www.brandeis.edu/isso/current/employment/curricular-practice-training.html>

Faculty/Staff Recommendation for F-1 Curricular Practical Training

<https://www.brandeis.edu/isso/documents/current/employment/curricular-practical-training/advisor-recommendation.pdf>

International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO)

<https://www.brandeis.edu/isso/>

ISSO Check-in

<https://www.brandeis.edu/isso/current/check-in.html>

Optional Practical Training

<https://www.brandeis.edu/isso/current/employment/optional-practical-training/index.html>