1 Introduction

This document explains how to use the \texttt{brandeis-thesis} class in \LaTeX{} to format your thesis according to the specifications of Brandeis University’s Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

The \texttt{brandeis-thesis} class will do the following for you:

- Create your title, copyright, and abstract pages.
- Ensure your thesis has the correct margins, spacing, and pagination.

2 Usage

2.1 Title Information

The following commands are used to save information that is used to render your title page:

\begin{verbatim}
\title{}
\author{}
\graduationmonth{}
\graduationyear{}
\program{}
\advisor{}
\degreetype{}
\end{verbatim}

For example, including the following in your document:

\begin{verbatim}
\title{LaTeXing Your Thesis}
\author{Deanna Daly}
\graduationmonth{May}
\graduationyear{2021}
\end{verbatim}

\*This document corresponds to \texttt{brandeis-thesis} v3.2, dated 2021/06/29.
would set your thesis to one with a title of "LaTeXing Your Thesis", an author of "Deanna Daly", a graduation time of May 2020, with the advisor "Alan Turing" in the Computer Science program, for a Master of Science Degree.

2.2 Creating Front Matter

The title and copyright pages of your thesis can be created with just one line each:

\maketitlepage
\makecopyright

The abstract is created with the \texttt{thesis-abstract} environment, as in the following example:

\begin{thesis-abstract}
I present a simple explanation of how to LaTeX your thesis.
\end{thesis-abstract}

This will create your abstract page, with the abstract being “I present a simple explanation of how to LaTeX your thesis.”

Table of Contents, List of Figures, etc. can be generated as usual using \LaTeX. You should precede these with \texttt{doublespacing} to make them double spaced.

To end the front matter section of your thesis and begin the body of your thesis, use the command \texttt{startbody}.

The rest of your thesis may be written as normal; margins, spacing, and pagination should be set automatically, with the exception of your bibliography. To make your bibliography single spaced, you should precede it with \texttt{singlespacing}.

3 Example

The below example provides the source code for a simple thesis with no figures or citations.

\documentclass\{red\}\{brandeis-thesis\}
\usepackage\{utf8\}\{inputenc\}

\title{LaTeXing Your Thesis}
\author{Deanna Daly}
\graduationmonth{May}
\graduationyear{2021}
\program{Computer Science}
\advisor{Alan Turing}
\degreetype{Science}

\begin{document}
\maketitlepage
\makecopyright

\begin{thesis-abstract}
I present a simple explanation of how to \LaTeX\ your thesis.
\end{thesis-abstract}

\doublespacing
\tableofcontents

\startbody

\section{Introduction}
Using \LaTeX\ for your thesis is easy.

\section{Body}
You can copy paste this code, and add your own thesis.

\section{Conclusion}
The thesis class should help you with your formatting.

\end{document}