A residential college adds significantly to the education of students when it provides the opportunity for a distinctive and dynamic learning community to develop. In such a community, Bowdoin students are encouraged, both directly and indirectly, to engage actively in a quest for knowledge both inside and outside the classroom, and to take responsibility for themselves, for others, and for their community. They are challenged to grow personally by constant contact with new experiences and different ways of viewing the world. Simultaneously, they are supported and encouraged by friends, faculty, staff, and other community members and find opportunities for spontaneous as well as structured activities. Such a community promotes the intellectual and personal growth of individuals and encourages mutual understanding and respect in the context of diversity.

The programs and services provided by the Division of Student Affairs exist to support students and the College in developing and maintaining the learning community. Staff throughout the Division of Student Affairs assist students with their studies, their leadership and social growth, their well-being, and their future. The Bowdoin College Student Handbook online provides comprehensive information about student life and the programs and services of the Division of Student Affairs. Additional information is available on the Bowdoin College Web site: http://www.bowdoin.edu.

THE ACADEMIC HONOR AND SOCIAL CODES

The success of the Academic Honor Code and Social Code requires the active commitment of the College community. Since 1964, with revisions in 1977 and 1993, the community pledge of personal academic integrity has formed the basis for academic and social conduct at Bowdoin. The institution assumes that all Bowdoin students possess the attributes implied in the codes. Bowdoin College expects its students to be responsible for their behavior on and off the campus and to assure the same behavior of their guests.

The Academic Honor Code plays a central role in the intellectual life at Bowdoin College. Students and faculty are obligated to ensure its success. Uncompromised intellectual inquiry lies at the heart of a liberal education. Integrity is essential in creating an academic environment dedicated to the development of independent modes of learning, analysis, judgment, and expression. Academic dishonesty is antithetical to the College’s institutional values and constitutes a violation of the Honor Code.

The Social Code describes certain rights and responsibilities of Bowdoin College students. While it imposes no specific morality on students, the College requires certain standards of behavior to secure the safety of the College community and ensure that the campus remains a center of intellectual engagement.

Individuals who suspect violations of the Academic Honor Code and/or Social Code should not attempt to resolve the issues independently, but are encouraged to refer their concerns to the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs. The college reserves the right to impose sanctions on students who violate these codes on or off campus. A thorough description of the Academic Honor Code, the Social Code, and the disciplinary process is included in the Bowdoin College Student Handbook online.
RESIDENTIAL LIFE

The Office of Residential Life is responsible for the management of the residential life program, support for the College House System, and the maintenance of a healthy and safe community. These responsibilities include planning educational and social programs; connecting students with support networks and resources on campus; mediating conflicts between students as they arise; intervening in crisis situations; and providing a direct administrative link between College House leaders, the Office of Residential Life, and the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

The Office of Safety and Security provides 24-hour service and protection to the Bowdoin community. Committed to ensuring the safest possible campus environment, the office’s primary focus is the health and safety of the student body. The campus is patrolled by uniformed officers in vehicles, on foot, and on bicycle. The 24-hour communications center answers emergency and routine service calls and monitors an extensive network of security cameras and life safety alarm systems. The Shuttle Program operates during peak evening hours, seven days a week, transporting students to and from destinations within a one-mile radius of campus. Additionally, officers monitor visitors and operations at the recently renovated Museum of Art. Security staff can be reached at:

- Emergencies - Ext. 3500 or 725-3500
- Non-Emergencies - Ext. 3314 or 725-3314
- Business - Ext. 3458 or 725-3458

Comprehensive information about the Office of Safety and Security is available online at www.bowdoin.edu/security, and in the Bowdoin College Student Handbook online.

BOWDOIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT

The Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) is the a democratically elected, autonomous body that advocates for the student body by engaging in issues and policy, and providing services and programming for students. BSG consists of twenty-seven students, including a president, five vice presidents, and treasurer (Student Activities Funding Committee Chair) elected by the student body, two elected representatives from each class, two at-large representatives elected by the student body, the president and vice president of the Inter-House Council, a representative from the Captain’s Council, a representative from the E-Board, and six members appointed by the president and vice presidents.

The full text of the revised Bowdoin Student Government Constitution is in the Bowdoin College Student Handbook online.

The constitution is always available on the BSG Web site at http://bsg.bowdoin.edu/bsg/pdf/constitution.pdf.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

More than eighty clubs and organizations present an array of programs, services, and activities for the College community and important extra and co-curricular leadership opportunities for students. Membership in these organizations is open to all students. Among the oldest groups are the Bowdoin Bugle (yearbook), the Outing Club, the Orient (campus newspaper),
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and Masque and Gown (a student-run dramatic organization). Between five and ten new student organizations or clubs are formed each year. For a complete list and description of student organizations, please consult the Student Activities Web site: www.bowdoin.edu/student-activities.

The David Saul Smith Union, which houses the Student Activities Office, exemplifies a small neighborhood block by providing services, conveniences, amenities, programs, and activities for the Bowdoin College community. It is not just a campus center; it is a venue for lectures, concerts, dances, and information, and a place that responds to the needs of all members of the College community.

The Smith Union contains the Campus Information Desk, the Student Activities Office, a game room/recreation area, Jack Magee’s Grill, a TV room, student organizations resource room, student mailboxes, the campus mail center, and several lounges. Also located in the Union are the campus bookstore, the Café, and the convenience store.

JOSEPH MCKEEN CENTER FOR THE COMMON GOOD

At the opening of Bowdoin College in 1802, President Joseph McKeen declared that

...literary institutions are founded and endowed for the common good, and not for the private advantage of those who resort to them for education. It is not that they may be enabled to pass through life in an easy or reputable manner, but that their mental powers may be cultivated and improved for the benefit of society. If it be true, that no man should live to himself, we may safely assert, that every man who has been aided by a public institution to acquire an education, and to qualify himself for usefulness, is under peculiar obligations to exert his talents for the public good.

Encouraging students to live up to McKeen’s vision is a central mission of the College as a whole, and the Joseph McKeen Center for the Common Good has the responsibility to initiate, support, coordinate, and acknowledge efforts across the campus to achieve this aspiration. The College and the Center have the special challenge to enable students to discover the ways in which their unique talents, passions, and academic pursuits can be used for the “benefit of society.”

Although housed in Banister Hall, the McKeen Center supports work that takes place across the campus, in local communities, and at selected locations around the world. The Center assists student-led volunteer organizations that provide service to the local community through activities such as mentoring, visiting with senior citizens, volunteering at the local homeless shelter, and working with immigrant populations in nearby Portland. Fostering student initiative and leadership, the Center provides opportunities for students to propose and lead alternative spring break trips that connect their peers with community organizations in places ranging from Mississippi and Washington, D.C., to Guatemala and Peru. The McKeen Center also encourages students to reflect upon their public engagement and connect these experiences to curricular and vocational interests. In coordination with other departments, the Center administers summer fellowships for students interested in non-profit internships and provides grants for international service. It assists students in finding community partners with whom to engage in community-connected independent research and honors projects and helps identify courses at the College that provide context for the issues students address through their community work. The McKeen Center assists faculty in developing and teaching
community-based courses that take students out of the classroom to conduct interviews, record oral histories, build Web sites, develop curriculum for schools, and collect scientific data in conjunction with community partners.

The Center also encourages and helps sponsor campus-wide events that challenge students, faculty, and staff to examine the varied meanings of public service and the “common good.” These events include an annual series of symposia or lectures on “Seeking the Common Good” and the annual Common Good Day, a day of service that connects the Bowdoin campus to the local community.

ATHLETICS

Bowdoin is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), sponsoring one of the largest athletic programs in the country. Intercollegiate teams compete on the Division III level. In Division III, financial aid is need-based. The athletic experience is a wonderful complement to students’ academic experience.

The College is a charter member of the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC), an eleven-member league of similar schools committed to academic excellence and athletics with the student-athlete’s best interests at heart. NESCAC includes Amherst, Bates, Bowdoin, Colby, Connecticut College, Hamilton, Middlebury, Trinity, Tufts, Wesleyan, and Williams. These schools are also linked in efforts to provide safe, productive environments for students to learn and grow while engaging in rigorous academic pursuits.

NESCAC Statement Regarding Alcohol

In addition to being partners in athletic competition, the eleven colleges and universities comprising the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) are united in efforts to provide safe environments in which students may mature intellectually and socially.

Recognizing that social life plays a role in the college experience, each campus has increased its efforts to encourage students to make responsible choices. Each school takes a strong stand against substance abuse, including alcohol. While the vast majority of students at NESCAC institutions who choose to drink alcohol do so responsibly, each school has disciplinary and educational programs in place for students who misuse alcohol and other substances.

Additionally, all of the member schools expressly prohibit hazing.

Intercollegiate and Club Programs

Bowdoin’s athletic program complements students’ academic experience and encourages participation by maximizing the number and variety of athletic opportunities in varsity, club, and intramural sports. Over thirty intercollegiate teams, three levels of intramural competition in ten sports, and over twenty physical education courses are all a part of the athletic program. The scheduling of practice and intercollegiate contests is planned to minimize conflict with the scheduling of classes, laboratories, or other academic exercises. If and when conflicts do occur, students are responsible for consulting with their instructors well in advance. Excusing students from academic obligations may occur solely at the discretion of the faculty.

Bowdoin gives equal emphasis to men’s and women’s sports, and the desired quality of competition is similar in all sports. The following intercollegiate and club programs are available to men and women. (Junior varsity teams may be available in some sports depending on participation and opportunities for competition.)
Men: Baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, ice hockey, lacrosse, rowing, rugby, skiing, soccer, squash, swimming, tennis, track (winter and spring), volleyball, water polo.

Women: Basketball, cross country, field hockey, golf, ice hockey, lacrosse, rowing, rugby, skiing, soccer, softball, squash, swimming, tennis, track (winter and spring), volleyball, water polo.

Coed: Sailing, equestrian, ultimate frisbee.

Coaching and Athletic Facilities
Bowdoin supports students in their efforts to reach high levels of performance by providing them with first-class coaching, superior facilities, and appropriate competitive opportunities with students from within NESCAC and in New England.

Bowdoin’s coaches are excellent resources for students, providing athletic guidance and instruction, and personal and academic support and encouragement. Coaches focus on skill development, teamwork, the pursuit of individual and team excellence, the values of fair play, and the development of important leadership skills.

Students are encouraged to use the athletic facilities for recreational or free play. Seasonal schedules and schedule changes are posted on gymnasium and field house bulletin boards. Intercollegiate teams, classes, and intramurals have priority in the use of these facilities.

The facilities include Morrell and Sargent gymnasiums; the new Sidney J. Watson Arena; the new Peter Buck Center for Health and Fitness; a multipurpose aerobics room; 8 hard court tennis courts; a 400–meter, 6–lane outdoor track; Farley Field House, which houses a 6–lane, 200–meter track and four regulation tennis courts; Greason Pool, a 16–lane, 114–foot by 75–foot swimming pool with two 1–meter and one 3–meter diving boards; the Lubin Family Squash Center with 7 international squash courts; 35 acres of playing fields; the Howard F. Ryan Astroturf Field; and locker room and training room facilities.

Physical Education
The Department of Athletics offers an instructional program in a variety of activities utilizing campus and off-campus facilities. These activities have been selected to provide the entire on-campus Bowdoin community (students, faculty, and staff) with the opportunity to receive basic instruction in various exercises and leisure-time activities in the hope that these activities will become lifelong commitments. The program will vary from year to year to meet the interests of the Bowdoin community.

BOWDOIN OUTING CLUB AND SCHWARTZ OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP CENTER

The Bowdoin Outing Club (BOC) offers students the opportunity to explore the outdoors that surround the campus and the natural wonders throughout the state. Not just for extremists, the BOC coordinates trips for all comfort levels, experiences, and ambitions, and boasts more than 300 members. Student leaders in the BOC plan more than 100 excursions a year that focus on hiking, sea and white-water kayaking, canoeing, Telemark skiing, and rafting. The Schwartz Outdoor Leadership Center, the 5,300-square-foot campus headquarters for the BOC, contains a large inventory of outdoor gear for student use. Staffed by three full-time professionals, the BOC offers instructional classes and professional certification in white-water paddling and Telemark skiing, and through the Leadership Training Program, prepares students to lead their peers in group expeditions.
RESOURCE CENTER FOR SEXUAL AND GENDER DIVERSITY

The Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity provides support, resources, safe space and education for Bowdoin College students identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer (LGBTQ) as well as allies. The Center director serves openly LGBTQ students, as well as those in all stages of the coming out process, and provides education and outreach about LGBTQ issues to the larger Bowdoin community. Student organizations such as the Bowdoin Queer Straight Alliance (BQSA) and Q, a queer literary magazine, are advised by the director of the Center. Additional offerings include OUTweek, GAYpril, a weekly dinner series for LGBTQ and questioning students, and a monthly dinner discussion for men. The Center also maintains a resource library that includes materials from Gay and Lesbian Studies courses, classic and contemporary gay fiction and non-fiction, DVDs, CDs and current LGBTQ-themed periodicals.

WOMEN’S RESOURCE CENTER

The Women’s Resource Center (WRC) is a welcoming and comfortable place for students to meet and study. It is located at the corner of Coffin and College streets (24 College Street). The WRC sponsors speakers, gatherings, workshops, and discussions, many of which draw together students, faculty, staff, and community members. It also sponsors off-campus trips to selected conferences and events. The WRC houses a resource collection of books and current periodicals on women’s and gender issues. Each March the WRC sponsors programming in celebration of Women’s History Month. The director of the WRC advises student organizations, including BWA (Bowdoin’s Women’s Association), BodySpeak, WYSE (Women and Youth Supporting Each Other), and V-Day, and collaborates with BWIB (Bowdoin Women in Business), Safe Space, and BMASV. The WRC’s Web site posts contact information, an up-to-date listing of events, links to other resources at Bowdoin, and information on WRC history.

BOWDOIN CAREER PLANNING

Bowdoin Career Planning complements the academic mission of the College. One goal is to introduce students to the process of career planning, which includes self-assessment, career exploration, goal setting, and the development of an effective job search strategy. Students are encouraged to visit Bowdoin Career Planning early in their college years for counseling and information on internships and summer jobs. The staff assists seniors and recent graduates in their transition to work or graduate study and prepares them to make future career decisions.

A dedicated, professionally trained staff is available for individual career counseling. Workshops and presentations provide assistance in identifying marketable skills, writing resumes, preparing for interviews, networking, using the Internet as a job search tool, and refining job-hunting techniques. Alumni panel discussions and informational meetings throughout the year are designed to broaden students’ awareness of their post-graduate career options and to enhance their understanding of the job market. Programming and advising related to graduate and professional school study are offered as well. In counseling style and program content, Bowdoin Career Planning addresses the needs of students realizing that they have diverse interests, values, and expectations.
Each year, nearly 80 private sector and non-profit employers and 100 graduate and professional schools participate in Bowdoin’s program. An additional 60 employers participate in interviewing consortia in Boston and New York City. The office maintains a comprehensive Web site; houses informational materials on nearly 1,000 summer, semester, and January internships; and provides access to over 2,000 online job leads and nearly 7,000 internship listings through participation in the Liberal Arts Career Network and experience.com. In addition, Bowdoin Career Planning uses cutting-edge technology to manage job leads and target outreach to students. The office also has a database with directory information on over 1.7 million organizations in the United States.

Bowdoin Career Planning continually updates an extensive alumni/ae advisory network and a resource library located on the first floor of the Moulton Union. Weekly industry e-newsletters publicize events and programs in addition to featuring internship, fellowship, and job opportunities.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ADVISING
The Office of Health Professions Advising provides students and recent graduates information and guidance regarding a wide range of opportunities in healthcare. First-year students interested in the health professions are encouraged to attend an introductory meeting during orientation. A variety of informational programs and workshops are offered throughout the year in addition to occasional panel discussions with healthcare providers and presentations by admissions officers. The department strives not only to make students aware of the options available to them and the requirements for entry into the different fields, but also to help each individual who aspires to a future in healthcare identify, prepare for, and attain a realistic goal. The director is available to meet with students in scheduled appointments, and offers assistance with such issues as the selection of courses, the pursuit of relevant experience outside the classroom, and the application process.

Advisory networks of healthcare professionals in the Brunswick area and of alumni/ae in the health professions nationwide afford opportunity for career exploration. Bowdoin graduates who are currently enrolled in health professions programs are a helpful resource, as well. In addition, the Health Professions Advising Web site at www.bowdoin.edu/healthprofessions/ contains information, advice, and links to professional associations.

HEALTH SERVICES
The Bowdoin College Health Center, Ext. 3770, offers primary and acute care services to students while classes are in session. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except Wednesdays when office hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 2:00 p.m. Students are seen by appointment. Acute care needs can usually be scheduled for the same day. Gynecological services, comprehensive physical exams, and travel medicine consultations may be scheduled a week or two out.

The Health Center is a fully equipped primary care medical office. It is staffed by board-certified physician assistants and nurse practitioners, a registered nurse, and contracted physicians.

Emergency and after hours coverage is provided through two local hospitals. Mid Coast Hospital (207-729-0181) and Parkview Hospital (207-373-2000) both operate 24-hour, fully
staffed emergency rooms and in-patient care facilities. Security will arrange for transportation when needed, and can be reached at Ext. 3314.

The Health Center also serves as an international travel immunization center for the State of Maine, providing consultation in travel medicine and vaccinations, including yellow fever. These services are offered to Bowdoin students, faculty, and staff, as well as to the community at large. To schedule a travel clinic appointment, please call Ext. 3770.

Most primary and acute care services offered to students at the Health Center are covered by general College fees. Questions about covered services, medical claims, and insurance issues may be referred to the Student Health Insurance Coordinator at Ext. 4284.

The staff of Student Health Services is committed to promoting the health and well being of the Bowdoin College community through the provision of quality primary and acute care and educational outreach services. Our approach is comprehensive, holistic, and personally attentive, and emphasizes health promotion, disease prevention, and individual self-advocacy. Our goal is to foster wellness, in the broadest sense, within the College community as a whole, and for every individual student in particular. We are happy to discuss any health-related issues with students, and to offer support and resources to health-promoting groups on campus.

COUNSELING SERVICE

The Counseling Service is staffed by experienced mental health professionals (psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, counselors) who are dedicated to helping students resolve personal, social, and academic difficulties and maximize their psychological and intellectual potential. During the course of a typical academic year, approximately 20 percent of Bowdoin students take advantage of the opportunity to work individually with a counselor. Counseling staff members assist students who have concerns such as anxiety, depression, academic pressure, family conflicts, roommate problems, alcohol and drug abuse, sexual assault, eating disorders, intimate relationships, and many other matters. Counselors also conduct programs and workshops for the Bowdoin community and consult with campus peer support/education groups. Psychiatric medication consultations are also available. The Counseling Service maintains a particularly strong commitment to enhancing multicultural awareness and dialogue within an increasingly diverse community and to providing mind/body stress reduction programs such as yoga, Tai Chi, Chi Gong, and meditation.

Students may schedule counseling appointments by calling 725–3145 or stopping by the office in person. Regular hours are Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For student concerns requiring immediate attention, an emergency hour is available each weekday from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. After hours and on weekends, students may reach an on-call counselor for emergency consultation by calling Security (Ext. 3500). The Counseling Service does not provide services to students during College vacation periods. Information disclosed by a student to his or her counselor is subject to strict confidentiality. The Counseling Service offices are located at 32 College Street.