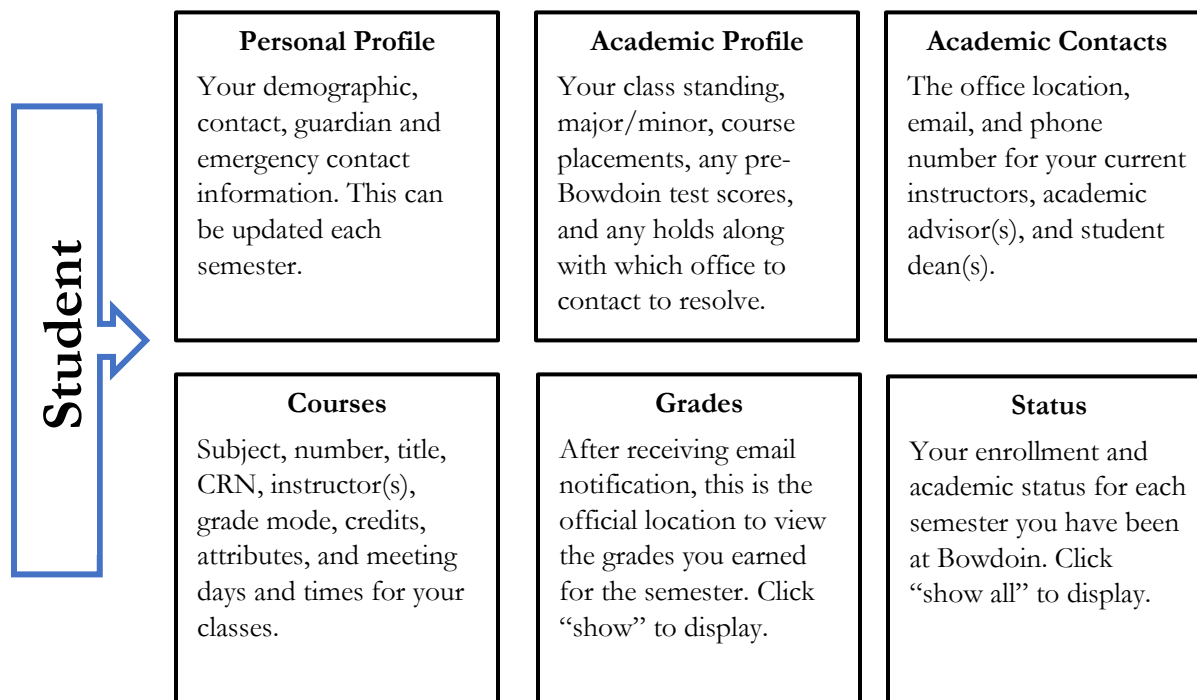# What is Polaris?

Polaris is Bowdoin's official student and course information system.
To log in, navigate to **polaris.bowdoin.edu** and enter your Bowdoin username and password.
Below is an overview of the 4 main tabs students can see:

Student

Personal Profile

Your demographic, contact, guardian and emergency contact information. This can be updated each semester.

Academic Profile

Your class standing, major/minor, course placements, any pre-Bowdoin test scores, and any holds along with which office to contact to resolve.

Academic Contacts

The office location, email, and phone number for your current instructors, academic advisor(s), and student dean(s).

Courses

Subject, number, title, CRN, instructor(s), grade mode, credits, attributes, and meeting days and times for your classes.

Grades

After receiving email notification, this is the official location to view the grades you earned for the semester. Click "show" to display.

Status

Your enrollment and academic status for each semester you have been at Bowdoin. Click "show all" to display.

Class Finder

Detailed information for courses on offer. Searchable by term, subject, number, CRN, credits, title, instructor, curricular categories, college requirements, availability, and meeting day/time. Click on CRN to display additional information, e.g. prerequisites.

Registration

Where you go to request or register for courses during registration and where you go to adjust your schedule during Add/Drop periods.

Grade Mode

Where you go to change the grade mode for a course from Standard Letter to Credit/D/Fail. This is optional and only available during the first 6 weeks of the term.

Contact STS, **Student Technical Services**, at STS@bowdoin.edu or 207-721-5050 with Polaris **access** issues.

Contact the **Office of the Registrar** at registrar@bowdoin.edu, 207-725-3521, or the 1st floor of Jewett Hall with any questions about your information in Polaris.

Student Information Privacy
Your educational records are protected by FERPA, the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Best practice: log out before you leave a computer and never share your password. Note that some Faculty and Staff, depending on the functional needs of their role at the College, also have access to your information.