

Bowdoin College 218th Academic Year

Fall 2019	
August 27, Tuesday	First Year arrival day
August 28-31, Wed.-Sat.	Orientation Trips
August 31-Sept. 3, Sat.-Tues.	Orientation
September 1, Sunday	College housing ready for occupancy for upperclass students, noon
September 3, Tuesday	Opening of the College—Convocation, 3:30 p.m.
September 4, Wednesday	Fall semester classes begin, 8:30 a.m.
September 19-21, Thurs.-Sat.	Alumni Council, Alumni Fund Directors and BRAVO National Advisory Board meetings
September 19-22, Thurs.-Sun.	Explore Bowdoin I
September 21, Saturday	Common Good Day
October 4-6, Fri.-Sun.	Homecoming Weekend
October 11, Friday	Fall vacation begins after last class
October 16, Wednesday	Fall vacation ends, 8:00 a.m.
October 17-19, Thurs.-Sat.	Meetings of the Board of Trustees
October 25, Friday	Sarah and James Bowdoin Day
October 25-27, Fri.-Sun.	Family Weekend
November 5, Tuesday	Election Day
November 7-10, Thurs.-Sun.	Explore Bowdoin II
November 27, Wednesday	Thanksgiving vacation begins, 8:00 a.m. * (November 27-29: College holidays, many offices closed)
December 2, Monday	Thanksgiving vacation ends, 8:00 a.m.
December 11, Wednesday	Last day of classes
December 12-15, Thurs.-Sun.	Reading period
December 16-21, Mon.-Sat.	Fall semester examinations
December 22, Sunday	College housing closes for winter break, noon
December 24-31, Tues.-Tues.	College holidays, many offices closed
Spring 2020	
January 19, Sunday	College housing available for occupancy, 8:00 a.m.
January 21, Tuesday	Spring semester classes begin, 8:30 a.m.
February 6-8, Thurs.-Sat.	Meetings of the Board of Trustees
March 6, Friday	Spring vacation begins after last class
March 7, Saturday	College housing closes for spring vacation, noon
March 21, Saturday	College housing available for occupancy, 8:00 a.m.
March 23, Monday	Spring vacation ends, 8:00 a.m.
April 2-4, Thurs.-Sat.	Alumni Council, Alumni Fund Directors and BRAVO National Advisory Board meetings
April 16-18, Thurs.-Sat.	Admitted Student Open House
May 6, Wednesday	Last day of classes; Honors Day
May 7-9, Thurs.-Sat.	Meetings of the Board of Trustees
May 7-10, Thurs.-Sun.	Reading period
May 11-16, Mon.-Sat.	Spring semester examinations
May 17, Sunday	College housing closes for non-graduating students, noon
May 22, Friday	Baccalaureate
May 23, Saturday	The 215th Commencement Exercises
May 23, Saturday	College housing closes for graduating students, 6:00 p.m.
May 28-31, Thurs.-Sun.	Reunion Weekend
Religious Holidays	
September 29-October 1, Sun.-Tues.	Rosh Hashanah, begins at sundown on Sept. 29 and concludes at sundown on Oct. 1
October 8-9, Tues.-Wed.	Yom Kippur, begins at sundown on Oct. 8 and concludes at sundown on Oct. 9
October 27, Sunday	Diwali
April 8-16, Wed.-Thurs.	Passover, begins at sundown on April 8 and concludes at sundown on April 16
April 10, Friday	Good Friday
April 12, Sunday	Easter
April 24-May 23, Fri.-Sat.	Ramadan, begins at first light on April 24 and concludes at last light on May 23
May 24-26, Sat.-Tues.	Eid-al-Fitr, begins at sundown on May 23
Federally Recognized Holidays	
September 2, Monday	Labor Day (College holiday, some offices closed)
October 14, Monday	Columbus Day (Classes not in session - Fall Break, but offices are open)
November 11, Monday	Veterans Day (Classes in session, offices open)
November 28, Thursday	Thanksgiving (College holiday, most offices closed)
December 25, Wednesday	Christmas (College holidays, most offices closed)
January 1, Wednesday	New Year's Day Holiday (College holiday, many offices closed)
January 20, Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (College holiday, some offices closed)
February 17, Monday	Presidents' Day (Classes in session, College holiday, some offices closed)
May 25, Monday	Memorial Day (College holiday, many offices closed)
July 3, Friday	Fourth of July holiday observed (College holiday, many offices closed)