

Bowdoin College 219th Academic Year

Fall 2020	
August 25, Tuesday	First Year arrival day
August 26-29, Wed.-Sat.	Orientation Trips
August 29-Sept. 1, Sat.-Tues.	Orientation
August 30, Sunday	College housing ready for occupancy for upperclass students, noon
September 1, Tuesday	Opening of the College—Convocation, 3:30 p.m.
September 2, Wednesday	Fall semester classes begin, 8:30 a.m.
September 17-20, Thurs.-Sun.	Explore Bowdoin I
September 24-26, Thurs.-Sat.	Alumni Council, Alumni Fund Directors and BRAVO National Advisory Board meetings
September 26, Saturday	Common Good Day
October 2-4, Fri.-Sun.	Homecoming Weekend
October 9, Friday	Fall vacation begins after last class
October 14, Wednesday	Fall vacation ends, 8:00 a.m.
October 15-17, Thurs.-Sat.	Meetings of the Board of Trustees
October 23, Friday	Sarah and James Bowdoin Day
October 23-25, Fri.-Sun.	Family Weekend
November 3, Tuesday	Election Day
November 5-8, Thurs.-Sun.	Explore Bowdoin II
November 25, Wednesday	Thanksgiving vacation begins, 8:00 a.m. * (November 25-27: College holidays, many offices closed)
November 30, Monday	Thanksgiving vacation ends, 8:00 a.m.
December 9, Wednesday	Last day of classes
December 10-13, Thurs.-Sun.	Reading period
December 14-19, Mon.-Sat.	Fall semester examinations
December 20, Sunday	College housing closes for winter break, noon
December 24-31, Thurs.-Thurs.	College holidays, many offices closed
Spring 2021	
January 23, Saturday	College housing available for occupancy, 8:00 a.m.
January 25, Monday	Spring semester classes begin, 8:30 a.m.
February 4-6, Thurs.-Sat.	Meetings of the Board of Trustees
March 12, Friday	Spring vacation begins after last class
March 13, Saturday	College housing closes for spring vacation, noon
March 27, Saturday	College housing available for occupancy, 8:00 a.m.
March 29, Monday	Spring vacation ends, 8:00 a.m.
March 25-27, Thurs.-Sat.	Alumni Council, Alumni Fund Directors and BRAVO National Advisory Board meetings
April 15-17, Thurs.-Sat.	Admitted Student Open House
May 12, Wednesday	Last day of classes; Honors Day
May 13-15, Thurs.-Sat.	Meetings of the Board of Trustees
May 13-16, Thurs.-Sun.	Reading period
May 17-22, Mon.-Sat.	Spring semester examinations
May 23, Sunday	College housing closes for non-graduating students, noon
May 28, Friday	Baccalaureate
May 29, Saturday	The 216th Commencement Exercises
May 29, Saturday	College housing closes for graduating students, 6:00 p.m.
Jun 3-6, Thurs.-Sun.	Reunion Weekend
Religious Holidays	
September 18-20, Fri.-Sun.	Rosh Hashanah, begins at sundown on Sept. 18 and concludes at sundown on Sept. 20
September 27-28, Sun.-Mon.	Yom Kippur, begins at sundown on Sept. 27 and concludes at sundown on Sept. 28
November 14, Saturday	Diwali
March 27-April 4, Sat.-Sun.	Passover, begins at sundown on March 27 and concludes at sundown on April 4
April 2, Friday	Good Friday
April 4, Sunday	Easter
April 13-May 12, Tues.-Wed.	Ramadan, begins at first light on April 13 and concludes at last light on May 12
May 13-15, Thurs.-Sat.	Eid-al-Fitr, begins at sundown on May 12
Federally Recognized Holidays	
September 7, Monday	Labor Day (College holiday, some offices closed)
October 12, Monday	Columbus Day (Classes not in session - Fall Break, but offices are open)
November 11, Wednesday	Veterans Day (Classes in session, offices open)
November 26, Thursday	Thanksgiving (College holiday, many offices closed)
December 25, Friday	Christmas (College holiday, many offices closed)
January 1, Friday	New Year's Day Holiday (College holiday, many offices closed)
January 18, Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (College holiday, some offices closed)
February 15, Monday	Presidents' Day (Classes in session, College holiday, some offices closed)
May 31, Monday	Memorial Day (College holiday, many offices closed)
July 5, Monday	Fourth of July holiday observed (College holiday, many offices closed)