

Bowdoin College 219th Academic Year

Fall 2020	
August 29, Saturday	First Year and Transfer Student arrival day
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 pm
September 2, Wednesday	Fall semester classes begin, 8:30 pm
September 13-19, Sun-Sat.	Explore Bowdoin I
September 24-26, Thurs.-Sat.	Alumni Council, Alumni Fund Directors and BRAVO National Advisory Board meetings
October 2-4, Fri.-Sun.	Homecoming Weekend
October 9, Friday	Fall vacation begins after last class
October 14, Wednesday	Fall vacation ends, 8:30 am
October 15-17, Thurs.-Sat.	Meetings of the Board of Trustees
October 18-24, Sun.-Sat.	Explore Bowdoin II
October 23, Friday	Sarah and James Bowdoin Day
October 23-25, Fri.-Sun.	Family Weekend
November 3, Tuesday	Election Day
November 21, Saturday	College housing closes, 5 pm
November 25, Wednesday	Thanksgiving vacation begins, 8:30 am
November 30, Monday	Thanksgiving vacation ends, 8:30 am
December 11, Friday	Last day of classes
December 12-15, Sat.-Tues.	Reading period
December 16-21, Wed.-Mon.	Fall semester examinations
Dec. 24-Jan. 11, Thurs.-Mon.	College holidays, most offices closed
Spring 2021 (as of 01/21/21)	
February 4-6, Thurs.-Sat.	Meetings of the Board of Trustees
February 5-6, Fri.-Sat.	Move-in timeslots available 9:00 am -6:00 pm each day (tentative)
February 8, Monday	Spring semester classes begin, 8:30 am
March 19, Friday	Spring vacation begins after last class
March 24, Wednesday	Spring vacation ends, 8:30 am
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 13-15, Thurs.-Sat.	Meetings of the Board of Trustees
May 14, Friday	Honors Day
May 18, Tuesday	Last day of classes
May 19-20, Wed.-Thurs.	Reading period
May 21-24, Fri.-Mon.	Spring semester examinations
May 25, Tuesday	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, pm
Jun 3-6, Thurs.-Sun.	Reunion Weekend
August 13-14, Fri.-Sat.	Celebration of 2020 Graduates
Religious Holidays	
<i>not within 20-21 academic year</i>	Eid-al-Adha
September 18-20, Fri.-Sun.	Rosh Hashanah, <i>begins at sundown on Sept. 18 and concludes at sundown on Sept. 20</i>
September 27-28, Sun.-Mon.	Yom Kippur, <i>begins at sundown on Sept. 27 and concludes at sundown on Sept. 28</i>
November 14, Saturday	Diwali
April 2, Friday	Good Friday
March 27-April 4, Sat.-Sun.	Passover, <i>begins at sundown on March 27 and concludes at sundown on April 4</i>
April 4, Sunday	Easter
April 12-May 12, Mon.-Wed.	Ramadan, <i>begins at first light on April 12 and concludes at last light on May 12</i>
May 12-15, Wed.-Sat.	Eid-al-Fitr, <i>begins at sundown on May 12</i>
Federally Recognized Holidays	
September 7, Monday	Labor Day (<i>Classes in session, College holiday, some offices closed</i>)
October 12, Monday	Columbus Day* (<i>Classes not in session - Fall Break, but offices are open</i>)
November 11, Wednesday	Veterans Day (<i>Classes in sessions, offices open</i>)
November 26, Thursday	Thanksgiving (<i>Nov 25-27 are College holidays, most offices closed</i>)
December 25, Friday	Christmas (<i>College holiday, most offices closed</i>)
January 1, Friday	New Year's Day (<i>College holiday, most offices closed</i>)
January 18, Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (<i>College holiday, some offices closed</i>)
February 15, Monday	Presidents' Day (<i>Classes in session, College holiday, some offices closed</i>)
May 31, Monday	Memorial Day (<i>College holiday, many offices closed</i>)
July 5, Monday	Fourth of July holiday observed (<i>College holiday, many offices closed</i>)
<i>*Recognized in Maine as Indigenous Peoples' Day</i>	

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Subject to change. All times listed in eastern time zone.

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