

Bowdoin College 222nd Academic Year

Fall 2023 (tentative)	
August 20-21, Sun.-Mon.	First-Year International Student Orientation
August 22, Tuesday	First-Year arrival day
August 23-26, Wed.-Sat.	Orientation Trips
August 26-29, Sat.-Tues.	Orientation
August 27, Sunday	College housing ready for occupancy for upperclass students, noon
August 29, Tuesday	Opening of the College—Convocation, 3:30 p.m.
August 30, Wednesday	Fall semester classes begin, 8:00 a.m.
September 7-10, Thurs.-Sun.	Explore Bowdoin I
September 21-23, Thurs.-Sat.	Alumni Council, Alumni Fund Directors and BRAVO National Advisory Board meetings
October 6, Friday	Fall vacation begins after last class
October 11, Wednesday	Fall vacation ends, 8:00 a.m.
October 13-15, Fri.-Sun.	Homecoming Weekend
October 19-21, Thurs.-Sat.	Meetings of the Board of Trustees
October 19-22, Thurs.-Sun.	Explore Bowdoin II
October 27, Friday	Sarah and James Bowdoin Day Ceremony
October 27-29, Fri.-Sun.	Family Weekend
November 7, Tuesday	Election Day
November 22, Wednesday	Thanksgiving vacation begins, 8:00 a.m.
November 27, Monday	Thanksgiving vacation ends, 8:00 a.m.
December 8, Friday	Last day of classes
December 9-12, Sat.-Tues.	Reading period
December 13-18, Wed.-Mon.	Fall semester examinations
December 19, Tuesday	College housing closes for winter break, noon
December 22-Jan 1, Fri.-Mon.	College Holidays, most offices closed
Spring 2024 (tentative)	
January TBD	Sophomore Bootcamp, Career Exploration and Development
January 20, Saturday	College housing available for occupancy, 8:30 a.m.
January 22, Monday	Spring semester classes begin, 8:00 a.m.
February 8-10, Thurs.-Sat.	Meetings of the Board of Trustees
March 8, Friday	Spring vacation begins after last class
March 9, Saturday	College housing closes for spring vacation, noon
March 23, Saturday	College housing available for occupancy, 8:30 a.m.
March 25, Monday	Spring vacation ends, 8:00 a.m.
April 4-6, Thurs.-Sat.	Alumni Council, Alumni Fund Directors and BRAVO National Advisory Board meetings
April 11-13, Thurs.-Sat.	Admitted Student Open House
May 3, Friday	Honors Day
May 8, Wednesday	Last day of classes
May 9-11, Thurs.-Sat.	Meetings of the Board of Trustees
May 9-12, Thurs.-Sun.	Reading period
May 13-18, Mon.-Sat.	Spring semester examinations
May 19, Sunday	College housing closes for non-graduating students, noon
May 24, Friday	Baccalaureate
May 25, Saturday	The 219th Commencement Exercises
May 25, Saturday	College housing closes for graduating students, 6:00 p.m.
May 30-June 2, Thurs.-Sun.	Reunion Weekend
Religious Holidays	
<i>not within 23-24 academic year</i>	Eid-al-Adha
September 15-17, Fri.-Sun.	Rosh Hashanah, <i>begins at sundown on Sept. 15 and concludes at sundown on Sept. 17</i>
September 24-25, Sun.-Mon.	Yom Kippur, <i>begins at sundown on Sept. 24 and concludes at sundown on Sept. 25</i>
November 12, Sun.	Diwali
March 10-April 9, Sun.-Tues.	Ramadan, <i>begins at first light on March 10 and concludes at last light on April 9</i>
March 29, Friday	Good Friday
March 31, Sunday	Easter
April 9-10, Tues.-Wed.	Eid-al-Fitr, <i>begins at sundown on April 9</i>
April 22-30, Mon.-Tues.	Passover, <i>begins at sundown on April 22 and concludes at sundown on April 30</i>
Federally Recognized Holidays	
September 4, Monday	Labor Day (<i>Classes in session, College holiday, some offices closed</i>)
October 9, Monday	Columbus Day* (<i>Classes not in session - Fall Break, but offices are open</i>)
November 10, Friday	Veterans Day holiday observed (<i>Classes in sessions, offices open</i>)
November 23, Thursday	Thanksgiving (<i>Nov 22-24 are College holidays, most offices closed</i>)
December 25, Monday	Christmas Day (<i>College holiday, most offices closed</i>)
January 1, Monday	New Year's Day (<i>College holiday, most offices closed</i>)
January 15, Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (<i>College holiday, some offices closed</i>)
February 19, Monday	Presidents' Day (<i>Classes in session, College holiday, some offices closed</i>)
May 27, Monday	Memorial Day (<i>College holiday, many offices closed</i>)
June 19, Wednesday	Juneteenth (<i>College holiday, many offices closed</i>)
July 4, Thursday	Fourth of July (<i>College holiday, many offices closed</i>)
	*Recognized in Maine and 46 other states as Indigenous Peoples' Day