

Bowdoin College 223rd Academic Year

Fall 2024 (tentative)	
August 25-26, Sun.-Mon.	First-Year International Student Orientation
August 27, Tuesday	First-Year arrival day
August 28-31, Wed.-Sat.	Orientation Trips
August 31-September 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, 8:00 a.m.
September 12-15, Thurs.-Sun.	Explore Bowdoin I
September 19-21, Thurs.-Sat.	Alumni Council, Alumni Fund Directors and BRAVO National Advisory Board meetings
September 27-29, Fri-Sun.	Homecoming Weekend
October 4, Friday	Fall vacation begins after last class
October 9, Wednesday	Fall vacation ends, 8:00 a.m.
October 18, Fri	Sarah and James Bowdoin Day Ceremony
October 18-20, Fri.-Sun.	Family Weekend
October 24-27, Thurs.-Sun.	Explore Bowdoin II
October 24-26, Thurs.-Sat.	Meetings of the Board of Trustees
November 5, Tuesday	Election Day
November 27, Wednesday	Thanksgiving vacation begins, 8:00 a.m.
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-January 1, Tues.-Wed.	College Holidays, most offices closed
Spring 2025 (tentative)	
January TBD	Sophomore Bootcamp, Career Exploration and Development
January 19, Sunday	College housing available for occupancy, 8:30 a.m.
January 21, Tuesday	Spring semester classes begin, 8:00 a.m.
February 6-8, Thurs.-Sat.	Meetings of the Board of Trustees
March 7, Friday	Spring vacation begins after last class
March 8, Saturday	College housing closes for spring vacation, noon
March 22, Saturday	College housing available for occupancy, 8:30 a.m.
March 24, Monday	Spring vacation ends, 8:00 a.m.
April 3-5, Thurs.-Sat.	Alumni Council, Alumni Fund Directors and BRAVO National Advisory Board meetings
April 10-12, Thurs.-Sat.	Admitted Student Open House
May 2, Friday	Honors Day
May 7, Wednesday	Last day of classes
May 8-10, Thurs.-Sat.	Meetings of the Board of Trustees
May 8-11, Thurs.-Sun.	Reading period
May 12-17, Mon.-Sat.	Spring semester examinations
May 18, Sunday	College housing closes for non-graduating students, noon
May 23, Friday	Baccalaureate
May 24, Saturday	The 220th Commencement Exercises
May 24, Saturday	College housing closes for graduating students, 6:00 p.m.
May 29-June 1, Thurs.-Sun.	Reunion Weekend
Religious Holidays	
<i>not within 24-25 academic year</i>	Eid-al-Adha
October 2-4, Wed.-Fri.	Rosh Hashanah, <i>begins at sundown on Oct. 2 and concludes at sundown on Oct. 4</i>
October 11-12, Fri.-Sat.	Yom Kippur, <i>begins at sundown on Oct. 11 and concludes at sundown on Oct. 12</i>
November 1, Fri.	Diwali
February 28 - March 30, Fri. - Sun.	Ramadan, <i>begins at first light on February 28 and concludes at last light on March 30</i>
March 30-31, Sun.-Mon.	Eid-al-Fitr, <i>begins at sundown on March 30</i>
April 12-20, Sat.-Sun.	Passover, <i>begins at sundown on April 12 and concludes at sundown on April 20</i>
April 18, Friday	Good Friday
April 20, Sunday	Easter
Federally Recognized Holidays	
September 2, Monday	Labor Day (<i>College holiday, some offices closed</i>)
October 14, Monday	Columbus Day* (<i>Classes not in session - Fall Break, but offices are open</i>)
November 11, Monday	Veterans Day (<i>Classes in sessions, offices open</i>)
November 28, Thursday	Thanksgiving (<i>Nov 27-29 are College holidays, most offices closed</i>)
December 25, Wednesday	Christmas Day (<i>College holiday, most offices closed</i>)
January 1, Wednesday	New Year's Day (<i>College holiday, most offices closed</i>)
January 20, Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (<i>College holiday, some offices closed</i>)
February 17, Monday	Presidents' Day (<i>Classes in session, College holiday, some offices closed</i>)
May 26, Monday	Memorial Day (<i>College holiday, many offices closed</i>)
June 19, Thursday	Juneteenth (<i>College holiday, many offices closed</i>)
July 4, Friday	Fourth of July (<i>College holiday, many offices closed</i>)
	<i>*Recognized in Maine and 46 other states as Indigenous Peoples' Day</i>