

## Bowdoin College 224th Academic Year: 2025-2026

<b>Fall 2025 (proposed)</b>	
August 24-25, Sun.-Mon.	New international student orientation
August 26, Tues.	New student arrival day
August 27-30, Wed.-Sat.	Orientation trips for new students
August 30-September 2, Sat.-Tues.	Orientation for new students
August 31, Sun.	College housing ready for occupancy for returning students, noon
September 1, Mon.	New student advising and course registration
September 2, Tues.	Opening of the College—Convocation, 3:30 pm
September 3, Wed.	Fall semester classes begin, 8:00 am
September 11-13, Thurs.-Sat.	Alumni Council, Alumni Fund Directors and BRAVO National Advisory Board meetings
September 18-20, Thurs.-Sat.	Explore Bowdoin I
October 3-5, Fri.-Sun.	Homecoming Weekend
October 10, Fri.	Fall vacation begins after last class
October 15, Wed.	Fall vacation ends, 8:00 am
October 16-18, Thurs.-Sat.	Meetings of the Board of Trustees
October 16-18, Thurs.-Sat.	Explore Bowdoin II
October 24, Fri.	Sarah and James Bowdoin Day Ceremony
October 24-26, Fri.-Sun.	Family Weekend
November 26, Wed.	Thanksgiving vacation begins, 8:00 am
December 1, Mon.	Thanksgiving vacation ends, 8:00 am
December 11, Thurs.	Last day of classes
December 12-15, Fri.-Mon.	Reading period
December 16-21, Tues.-Sun.	Fall semester examinations
December 22, Mon.	College housing closes for winter break, noon
December 24-January 4	College Holidays, most offices closed
<b>Spring 2026 (proposed)</b>	
January TBD	College housing available for CXD's Sophomore Bootcamp, 8:00 a.m.
January TBD	Sophomore Bootcamp, Career Exploration and Development
January 18, Sun.	College housing available for occupancy, 8:30 am
January 20, Tues.	Spring semester classes begin, 8:00 am
February 12-14, Thurs.-Sat.	Meetings of the Board of Trustees
March 6, Fri.	Spring vacation begins after last class
March 7, Sat.	College housing closes for spring vacation, noon
March 21, Sat.	College housing available for occupancy, 8:30 am
March 23, Mon.	Spring vacation ends, 8:00 am
March 26-28, Thurs.-Sat.	Alumni Council, Alumni Fund Directors and BRAVO National Advisory Board meetings
April 9-11, Thurs.-Sat.	Bearings in Brunswick for Admitted Students
May 1, Fri.	Honors Day
May 6, Wed.	Last day of classes
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, Sun.	College housing closes for non-graduating students, noon
May 22, Fri.	Baccalaureate
May 23, Sat.	The 221st Commencement Exercises
May 23, Sat.	College housing closes for graduating students, 6:00 pm
May 29-31, Fri.-Sun.	Reunion Weekend
June TBD	Virtual Pre-Orientation for Students Admitted for Fall 2026

<b>The Rachel Lord Center for Religious and Spiritual Life</b>	<u>maintains a calendar of major religious observances</u> to support academic and event planning in our diverse and inclusive community around the variety of religions observed by students, staff, and faculty.
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<b>The Office of Human Resources</b>	<u>maintains the calendar of College holidays and special days off</u> and can provide guidance on the interpretation and recording of work around these events.
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