Degree Requirements for Students in the Class of 2010 or later

Name ______________________________ Date________________________

Students are responsible for tracking their own degree progress through the use of Polaris. Please track your degree requirements by updating this form at the end of every semester (if you are in the class of 2009 or earlier, please contact the Registrar for the degree requirement worksheet associated with your class). You do not need to submit this form but should keep a copy for your records. If you have questions, please contact the Office of the Registrar or your academic advisor.

Answer the following questions about the College’s degree requirements:

1. How many total credits have you earned so far? You must successfully pass 32 full-credit courses or the equivalent to graduate. A student may elect the Credit/D/Fail grading option for up to four courses within the 32 credits required for graduation. A student may transfer a cumulative total of no more than four credits from study in summer programs at four-year accredited colleges/universities. A maximum of four pre-matriculation credits may be earned from Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or pre-matriculation transfer credit (*Note, students who matriculated prior to Fall 2013, are grandfathered under the old rules and may earn a maximum of eight pre-matriculation credits.)

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2. Have you fulfilled the residency requirement? You must spend four semesters, and successfully pass 16 full-credit courses or the equivalent, in residence, at least two semesters of which have been during the junior and senior years. No student will ordinarily be permitted to remain at Bowdoin for more than nine semesters of full-time work.

   YES / NO

3. Have you taken a first-year seminar? A first-year seminar is required during your first year in college. Class of 2012 or later: A first-year seminar must be taken for a regular letter grade to meet this requirement; it may not be taken Credit/D/Fail.

   YES / NO

4. Have you completed a major? Students may choose one of six basic patterns to satisfy the major requirement: a departmental major, two departmental majors (a double major), a coordinate major, an interdisciplinary major, a student-designed major, or any of the preceding with a departmental minor. If you have questions about your major requirements, please contact your academic advisor.

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5. **Check off the DISTRIBUTION requirements you have fulfilled so far.** By the end of your fourth semester, you should have completed at least one credit in each of the following five distribution areas. Class of 2012 and later: Only courses taken for regular letter grades may fulfill distribution requirements; they may not be taken Credit/D/Fail. See additional information below.

- [ ] Mathematical, Computational or Statistical Reasoning (MCSR)
- [ ] Inquiry in the Natural Sciences (INS)
- [ ] Exploring Social Differences (ESD)
- [ ] International Perspectives (IP)
- [ ] Visual and Performing Arts (VPA)

6. **Check off the DIVISION requirements you have fulfilled so far.** You must complete at least one credit in each of the following three divisions of the curriculum. Class of 2012 and later: Only courses taken for regular letter grades may fulfill division requirements; they may not be taken Credit/D/Fail. See additional information below.

- [ ] Natural Science and Mathematics (a)
- [ ] Social and Behavioral Sciences (b)
- [ ] Humanities (c) (must be fulfilled with a different course than the one that fulfills the Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) distribution requirement in question 5 above)

**Additional Information about Distribution and Division Requirements:**

With one exception, a division requirement and a distribution requirement may both be met with one course. For example, the natural science and mathematics (a) and the social and behavioral sciences (b) division requirements are often met by taking a course that has a corresponding distribution requirement assigned to it. The exception: You may not fulfill the VPA distribution requirement and the humanities division requirement with the same course; they must be fulfilled by two separate courses. A course that has “c - VPA” assigned to it will always be used to fulfill the VPA distribution requirement first because there are more humanities (c) courses than visual and performing arts (VPA) courses.

If a course has two distribution designations, that course will fulfill only one distribution requirement. For example, if a course has “b - ESD, IP” assigned to it, the course will meet the social and behavioral sciences (b) division requirement as well as either the exploring social differences (ESD) distribution requirement OR the international perspectives (IP) distribution requirement. At the end of the semester, this course will randomly fall under one of the distributions assigned to it in your Degree Progress on Polaris. Until you take another ESD or IP course, the course will remain under the one which your degree audit randomly selected. Therefore, if your Degree Progress selected this course as fulfilling IP, but you want it to count for ESD, once you take another IP course the first course will then fall under the ESD requirement being met. Division and distribution requirements may not be fulfilled with transfer, Advanced Placement, or International Baccalaureate credit; they must be fulfilled with courses taken at Bowdoin.