

First-Year Student Course Registration, Fall 2022

BOWDOIN COLLEGE CATALOGUE and ACADEMIC HANDBOOK

- catalogue.bowdoin.edu
- Academic policies
- Degree requirements
- 2022-2023 version available in July
- Each academic department has “**Information for Incoming Students**” under the Additional Information tab with recommendations for your course selections.

CLASSFINDER

- classfinder.bowdoin.edu
- Course schedule by semester
- Click the 5-digit CRN to expand the course details for more info

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

- Official calendar of the College
- <https://www.bowdoin.edu/academic-affairs/calendar/index.html>

REGISTRAR'S CALENDAR

- Dates and deadlines for academic processes, e.g., course registration
- <https://www.bowdoin.edu/registrar/registrar-calendar/index.html>

Questions?

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

- 📍 1st floor Jewett Hall
- ☎ (207) 725-3521
- ✉ registrar@bowdoin.edu
- 🕒 M-F, 8:30am - 5:00pm

The Registrar's team is here to help you navigate Bowdoin's academic policies and processes. It's our job to manage your academic records and ensure the integrity of the degree.

Make sure to read our emails carefully and **contact us** (info above) with any and all questions as often as you need!

p.s. we pack our website with tons of details, so please visit it regularly:
<https://www.bowdoin.edu/registrar/>

Please remember:

Enrollment Form
due by 5:00 pm on
Monday, August 29!

<https://www.bowdoin.edu/registrar/students/course-registration/enrollment-form.html>

Bowdoin

First-Year
Round 1

- **12:00pm - 5:00pm, Monday, August 29**
- Meet with pre-major academic advisor
- Submit top-choice course *requests* in Polaris
- Get **Advisor Hold** released (mandatory)
- Complete **Enrollment Form** (mandatory)
- Results notification sent tomorrow morning

First-Year
Round 2

- **8:00am - 12:00pm, Tuesday, August 30**
- Meet with pre-major academic advisor
- Submit alternate course *requests* in Polaris
- Results notification sent later today

First-Year
Add/Drop

- **7:30pm - 10:30pm, Tuesday, August 30**
- First-come, first-served (*only time at Bowdoin*)
- Classes/labs may now be dropped/swapped
- Results in Polaris immediately
- *Advisors available for consultation from 7:00-8:00pm in Lancaster Lounge, Moulton Union*

Add/Drop II
(all students)

- **Wednesday, Aug. 31 - Wednesday, September 14**
- Open to **ALL** students at 9:00am on 8/31 - 5:00pm on 9/14
- "Instructor Permission" in Polaris required to add anything
- Results in Polaris immediately

Extended Drop
(all eligible
students)

- **Wednesday, Sept. 14 - Wednesday, October 19**
- Open to **ALL** students at 5:01pm on 9/14 - 5:00pm on 10/19
- See policy info for eligibility and connect with advisor
- <https://www.bowdoin.edu/registrar/faculty/advising/extended-drop.html>
- Advisor must submit the request form on your behalf

Registration Instructions

<https://www.bowdoin.edu/registrar/students/course-registration/index.html>

Guide to Polaris Registration

<https://www.bowdoin.edu/registrar/polaris-guides/registration-guide.html>

Schedule Planning (PDF)

<https://www.bowdoin.edu/registrar/pdf/sched-plan-sheet.pdf>

Weekly Calendar Worksheet (PDF)

<https://www.bowdoin.edu/registrar/pdf/weekly-calendar.pdf>

First-Year Course Schedule (PDF)

<https://www.bowdoin.edu/registrar/course-information/pdf-schedules/fall-semesters/fyws-f22.pdf>

First-Year Writing Seminars (PDF)

<https://www.bowdoin.edu/registrar/course-information/pdf-schedules/fall-semesters/fyws-f22.pdf>

Credit Limitations

Bowdoin courses are worth 0.5 or 1.0 credits each. 32.0 total credits required to earn the degree. **First-year students must take a minimum of 4.0 credits** in the first year and need permission to take fewer. The maximum credits any student may take in a semester is 5.0.

Course Selection

With few exceptions, students take a **first-year writing seminar (FYWS)** in the first semester. These writing intensive courses are numbered 1000 – 1049 and are offered across the curriculum. Students are strongly encouraged to complete all **division and distribution requirements** in the first four semesters.

What is POLARIS?

Polaris is Bowdoin's official student information system, and it is where you will register for classes, change grading modes, view your course schedule and grades, find academic support team contact information, and more! To log in, [navigate to polaris.bowdoin.edu](https://polaris.bowdoin.edu) and enter your Bowdoin username and password.

Here's what you will see on your student page:

My Personal Profile

Summary	Contact Info	Emergency Contact	Parent/Guardian
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Your demographic and contact information as well as any parent/guardian and emergency contact information. This can be updated at the beginning of each semester via the [mandatory Enrollment Form](#) or whenever a change is needed throughout the year via a [Student Biographical Change Form](#).

My Courses

Current Term	Final Exams	Next Term
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Subject, number, title, CRN (5-digit course registration number), instructors, grade mode, credits, division/distribution attributes, and meeting days/times for current term, including final exams two-weeks into the term, and next term during registration.

My Academic Profile

Summary	Placements	Test Scores	Holds
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Your class standing, Catalogue year for degree requirements, any declare major(s) or minor, course placements, any pre-Bowdoin test scores, and any registration holds along with which office to contact to resolve the hold.

My Grades

Fall 2021

Course/Title	Grade (Show)
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After receiving email notification, this is the official location to view the grades you earned for the semester. Click "show" to display.

My Academic Contacts

Instructors	Advisor(s)	Student Dean
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The name, email, phone number, and office location for your current instructors, academic advisor(s), and student dean(s).

My Status

[Show All](#)

Term	Enrollment Status	Academic Standing
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Your enrollment status, e.g., Here/Matric, and academic standing status, e.g., Probation, for each semester you have been at Bowdoin. Click "show all" to display.