Fall 2021

General time block rules:

1. If no note exists, the time block is open for general usage.
2. Departments must use all available daytime (8:00 am – 4:15 pm) start times (*MWF 10:10 and MW/WF/MF at 10:05 are one start time*) once before using them a second time (and use them all a second time before reusing them a third time, *ad infinitum*).
   - “Available” blocks are those that are permissible for a department’s course offerings. If none of the department’s offerings can meet the rules governing the use of a time block, they are (obviously) not required to use that block. Once they have used all of the other daytime blocks, they may start reusing those blocks without using the unavailable block.
   - There are several evening blocks available for course scheduling, but their use is not required.
3. Departments may request permission to depart from rule #2. To obtain a waiver, a department must submit a short justification of the pedagogical need to courses@bowdoin.edu by March 19. We would be happy to talk with you to answer any questions you may have about whether a waiver would be appropriate for part of your curriculum.

Rules governing specific time blocks for the fall semester:

1. Block 1 (MTWRF 8 – 8:55 am) is reserved for:
   - any course that takes place 4 or 5 days a week; or
   - any course that is offered 3 days a week and has multiple sections in the semester schedule (such courses should have one section scheduled here); or
   - any entry-point language course.
2. Block 2 (TR 8:30 am): Any course offered 2 days a week that has multiple sections in the semester schedule should have one section scheduled here.
3. Block 5 (MW or WF or MF 10:05 – 11:30), Block 7 (TR 11:40 am – 1:05 pm), and Block 13 (TR 2:50 - 4:15 pm) are open to two groups of courses:
   - FYWS;
   - courses with prerequisites or restrictions that disallow first years.