

# Bowdoin College Transcript Guide

## Current Grading System:

- A** student has mastered the material of the course and has demonstrated exceptional critical skills and originality
  - B** student has demonstrated a thorough and above average understanding of the material of the course
  - C** student has demonstrated a thorough and satisfactory understanding of the material of the course
  - D** student has demonstrated a marginally satisfactory understanding of the basic material of the course
  - F** student has not demonstrated a satisfactory understanding of the basic material of the course (failing)
- Plus (+) modifier may be added to the B and C grades.  
 Minus (-) modifier may be added to the A, B, and C grades.

## Other Grading Symbols:

- CR** credit (C- or better grade for courses taken with the elective Credit/D/Fail grading option [matriculants in 2004 to present]; D or better grade for courses taken with the Credit/Fail grading option [matriculants prior to 2004])
- INC** incomplete
- NG** no grade
- S** in progress and satisfactory
- W** withdrew with permission after course drop deadline
- WM** withdrew due to military service
- #** following a grade indicates that the course was only offered with the Credit/D/Fail (formerly Credit/Fail) grading option
- ^** following a grade indicates no credit awarded either because the student exceeded the limit of performance courses allowed or because the student previously received credit for the same course. When the grade is a standard letter grade, it is included in GPA calculations.
- ^^** following a grade indicates a repeated course for which credit is awarded. When the grade is a standard letter grade, it is included in GPA calculations.

**Grade Point Average (GPA):** When calculating a student's grade point average, these point values are assigned:

- A = 4.0    B = 3.0    C = 2.0    F = 0.0
- A- = 3.7    B- = 2.7    C- = 1.7
- B+ = 3.3    C+ = 2.3    D = 1.0

Grade point average was not computed for students who matriculated prior to Fall 1991.

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**Academic Calendar:** Bowdoin College operates under a semester system, with two semesters each academic year.

**Credit:** Credit is awarded by the course unit. Each credit is equivalent to four semester hours or six quarter hours. The normal semester course load is four credits. No additional credit is awarded for a course that requires laboratory work. Thirty-two credits are required for the degree.

**Transfer Credit:** With the exception of courses taken through the Colby-Bates-Bowdoin Off-Campus Study Programs, titles and grades for courses transferred from other institutions are not recorded on the Bowdoin transcript; only credit is listed.

**Class rank is not computed.**

## Current Course Numbering System:

1000 - 1049	First-year writing seminars
1050 - 1099	Courses intended for non-majors
1100 - 1999	Introductory courses
2000 - 2969	Intermediate courses and seminars
2970 - 2999	Intermediate independent and collaborative studies
3000 - 3999	Advanced courses and seminars
4000 - 4029	Advanced independent and collaborative studies
4040 - 4049	Senior projects
4050 - 4079	Honors projects

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## Previous Grading Systems:

- Fall 1991–Spring 2002: A, B, C, D, F.
- Fall 1967–Spring 1991: HH, high honors (excellent); H, honors (good); P, pass (satisfactory); F, failing (unsatisfactory).
- Fall 1954–Spring 1967: A+, 97–100; A, 94–96; A-, 90–93; B+, 87–89; B, 84–86; B-, 80–83; C+, 77–79; C, 74–76; C-, 70–73; D+, 67–69; D, 64–66; D-, 60–63; F, less than 60.
- Prior to Fall 1954: A, 90–100; B, 80–89; C, 70–79; D, 60–69; F, less than 60.
- Spring 2020: CRD, Credit, student met course learning goals; NCR, No Credit, student did not meet course learning goals

## Previously Used Grading Symbols:

- AP advanced placement credit
- NC no credit
- P passed
- SAT satisfactory (credit)
- SAT# satisfactory (credit)
- UN# unsatisfactory (no credit)
- \* following a grade indicates no credit awarded either because the student exceeded the limit of performance courses allowed or because the student previously received credit for the same course. This grade is excluded from GPA calculations. [Prior to 1990, \* indicates a year-long course; the end-of-year grade is the grade for both semesters.]
- \*\* following a grade indicates a repeated course for which credit is awarded. This grade is excluded from GPA calculations.

## Previous Course Numbers (Fall 1986–Spring 2013):

010 - 199	First-year seminars, courses intended for non-majors, and introductory courses
200 - 289	Intermediate courses and seminars
290 - 299	Intermediate independent and collaborative studies
300 - 399	Advanced courses and seminars
400 - 452	Advanced independent and collaborative studies, senior projects, and honors projects

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