What is Polaris?

Polaris is Bowdoin’s official student and course information system. To log in, navigate to polaris.bowdoin.edu and enter your Bowdoin username and password. Below is an overview of the 4 main tabs students can see:

**Personal Profile**
Your demographic, contact, guardian and emergency contact information. This can be updated each semester.

**Academic Profile**
Your class standing, major/minor, course placements, any pre-Bowdoin test scores, and any holds along with which office to contact to resolve.

**Academic Contacts**
The office location, email, and phone number for your current instructors, academic advisor(s), and student dean(s).

**Courses**
Subject, number, title, CRN, instructor(s), grade mode, credits, attributes, and meeting days and times for your classes.

**Grades**
After receiving email notification, this is the official location to view the grades you earned for the semester. Click “show” to display.

**Status**
Your enrollment and academic status for each semester you have been at Bowdoin. Click “show all” to display.

**Class Finder**
Detailed information for courses on offer. Searchable by term, subject, number, CRN, credits, title, instructor, curricular categories, college requirements, availability, and meeting day/time. Click on CRN to display additional information, e.g. prerequisites.

**Registration**
Where you go to request or register for courses during registration and where you go to adjust your schedule during Add/Drop periods.

**Grade Mode**
Where you go to change the grade mode for a course from Standard Letter to Credit/D/Fail. This is optional and only available during the first 6 weeks of the term.

Contact STS, Student Technical Services, at STS@bowdoin.edu or 207-721-5050 with Polaris access issues.

Contact the Office of the Registrar at registrar@bowdoin.edu, 207-725-3521, or the 1st floor of Jewett Hall with any questions about your information in Polaris.

**Student Information Privacy**
Your educational records are protected by FERPA, the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Best practice: log out before you leave a computer and never share your password. Note that some Faculty and Staff, depending on the functional needs of their role at the College, also have access to your information.