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 under-standing 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.

-Please note that courses repeated by the student are labeled "Y" in the "Repeat" column; this includes the first attempt. All attempts are included in the GPA.

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
NC	no credit earned
NG	no grade
S	in progress and satisfactory
TR	transfer credit awarded
W	withdrew with permission after course drop deadline; counted in attempted courses starting Spring 2025
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

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.

Restriction on Release of Information: This transcript has been issued in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. This record may not be disclosed or released to any other party without the written consent of the student.

Security and Authenticity Features: This transcript is official and authentic when it carries the Global Sign Certificate (e-transcript only) and a watermark of the College seal is visible on the front side.

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: As of Fall 2016, titles for courses transferred from other institutions will be recorded on the Bowdoin transcript. As of Fall 2025, non-Bowdoin courses carry the subject, course number and title of the issuing institution; prior to that the subject and course number are placeholders due to system conversion.

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

Previous Grading Systems:

Spring 2020:
Due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak, mandatory Credit/No Credit grades were in effect in Spring 2020 for all courses. CRD, Credit, student met course learning goals; NCR, No Credit, student did not meet course learning goals

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.

Previously Used Grading Symbols:

AP	advanced placement credit
P	passed
SAT	satisfactory (credit)
SAT#	satisfactory (credit)
UN#	unsatisfactory (no credit)
^ or *	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." *" grade is excluded from GPA calculations;" ^" grade is included in the GPA calculation when the grade is a standard letter grade. [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.
^^	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.

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 project

Founded in 1794, Bowdoin College is an independent, nonsectarian, co-educational, residential, undergraduate, liberal arts college located in Brunswick, Maine. The College offers a Bachelor of Arts (A.B.) degree in departmental and interdisciplinary majors. Bowdoin College is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education.

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