

# COLLEGE CALENDAR

## Bowdoin's 222<sup>nd</sup> Academic Year: 2023-2024

Date	Event
<b>Fall 2023</b>	
Aug. 20-21, Sun. – Mon.	New international student orientation
Aug. 22, Tues.	New student arrival day
Aug. 23-26, Wed. – Sat.	Orientation trips for new students
Aug. 26-29, Sat. – Tues.	Orientation for new students
Aug. 27, Sun.	College housing ready for occupancy for upperclass students, noon
Aug. 29, Tues.	Opening of the College – Convocation, 3:30 p.m.
Aug. 30, Wed.	Fall semester classes begin, 8:00 a.m.
Sept. 7-9, Thurs. – Sat.	Explore Bowdoin I
Sept. 21-23, Thurs. – Sat.	Alumni Council, Alumni Fund Directors, and BRAVO National Advisory Board meetings
Oct. 6, Fri.	Fall vacation begins after last class
Oct. 11, Wed.	Fall vacation ends, 8:00 a.m.
Oct. 12-14, Thurs. – Sat.	Meetings of the Board of Trustees
Oct. 14, Sat.	Inauguration of Bowdoin's 16th President
Oct. 13-15 Fri. – Sun.	Homecoming Weekend
Oct. 19-21, Thurs. – Sat.	Explore Bowdoin II
Oct. 27, Fri.	Sarah and James Bowdoin Day Ceremony
Oct. 27-29, Fri. – Sun.	Family Weekend
Nov. 22, Wed.	Thanksgiving vacation begins, 8:00 a.m.
Nov. 27, Mon.	Thanksgiving vacation ends, 8:00 a.m.
Dec. 8, Fri.	Last day of classes
Dec. 9-12, Sat. – Tues.	Reading period
Dec. 13-18, Wed. – Mon.	Fall semester examinations
Dec. 19, Tues.	College housing closes for winter break, noon
Dec. 22-Jan. 7	College holidays, most offices closed
<b>Spring 2024</b>	
Jan. 16, Tues.	College housing available for students participating in CXD's Sophomore Bootcamp, 8:00 am
Jan. 17-19, Wed. – Fri.	Sophomore Bootcamp, Career Exploration and Development
Jan. 20, Sat.	College housing available for occupancy, 8:30 a.m.
Jan. 22, Mon.	Spring semester classes begin, 8:00 a.m.
Feb. 8-10, Thurs. – Sat.	Meetings of the Board of Trustees
March 8, Fri.	Spring vacation begins after last class
March 9, Sat.	College housing closes for spring vacation, noon

March 23, Sat.	College housing available for occupancy, 8:30 a.m.
March 25, Mon.	Spring vacation ends, 8:00 a.m.
April 4-6, Thurs. – Sat.	Alumni Council, Alumni Fund Directors, and BRAVO National Advisory Board Meetings
April 11-13, Thurs. – Sat.	Bearings in Brunswick for Admitted Students
May 3, Fri.	Honors Day
May 8, Wed.	Last day of classes
May 9-11, Thurs. – Sat.	Meetings of the Board of Trustees
May 9-12, Thurs. – Sun.	Reading Period
May 13-18, Mon. – Sat.	Spring semester examinations
May 19, Sun.	College housing closes for non-graduating students, noon
May 24, Fri.	Baccalaureate
May 25, Sat.	The 219th Commencement Exercises
May 25, Sat.	College housing closes for graduating students, 6:00 p.m.
May 30-June 2, Thurs. – Sun.	Reunion Weekend
June 10-14, Mon. – Fri.	Virtual Pre-Orientation for Students Admitted for Fall 2024

### Religious Holidays and Observances:

In recognition of Bowdoin's commitment to a diverse and inclusive student body and the variety of religions observed and practiced by our students, faculty are encouraged to avoid conflicts between academic coursework and major religious holidays. The Rachel Lord Center for Religious and Spiritual Life maintains a calendar of major religious observances (<https://www.bowdoin.edu/diversity-inclusion/spiritual-life/religious-accommodations.html>) of the officially recognized religious groups at Bowdoin. In addition, the multifaith calendar from the Harvard Divinity School (<https://hds.harvard.edu/community-life/religious-and-spiritual-life/multifaith-calendar/>) is a valuable resource regarding many other religious observances that may be of significance to members of the Bowdoin community. Students or faculty who have any questions regarding how best to balance the academic calendar alongside religious observances are encouraged to consult with the Director of Religious and Spiritual Life (<https://www.bowdoin.edu/profiles/staff/o.goodrich/>).

### College Holidays and Observances:

Human Resources maintains the calendar of College holidays and special days off (<https://www.bowdoin.edu/hr/our-workplace/college-holidays-and-special-days-off.html>) and can provide guidance on the interpretation and recording of work around these events. HR encourages staff, students, and faculty to reference the U.S. Office of Personnel Management's calendar of federal holidays (<https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/federal-holidays/#url=2023>) as the official source for those dates and observances.