GENERAL INFORMATION

Bowdoin is an independent, nonsectarian, coeducational, residential, undergraduate, liberal arts college located in Brunswick, Maine, a town of approximately 20,000 situated close to the Maine coast, twenty-five miles from Portland and about 120 miles from Boston.

Terms and Vacations: The College holds two sessions each year. The dates of the semesters and the vacation periods are indicated in the College Calendar (https://catalogue.bowdoin.edu/calendar/).

Accreditation: Bowdoin College is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

Enrollment: The student body numbers 1,777 students (49 percent men, 51 percent women; last two classes: 49/51 and 49/51 percent); nearly 300 students study away one or both semesters annually; 93 percent complete the degree within five years.

Faculty: Student/faculty ratio 8:1; the equivalent of 209 full-time faculty in residence, 100 percent with PhD or equivalent; twenty-two full-time head athletic coaches.

Geographic Distribution of Students: New England, 35 percent; Middle Atlantic states, 21 percent; Midwest, 8 percent; West, 15 percent; Southwest, 4 percent; South, 9 percent; international, 8 percent. Fifty states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, and forty-seven foreign countries are represented. Minority and international enrollment are 43 percent.

Statistics: As of June 2021, 41,915 students have matriculated at Bowdoin College, and 33,486 degrees in academic programs have been awarded. In addition, earned master’s degrees have been awarded to 274 postgraduate students. Living alumni include 21,392 graduates, 2,178 non-graduates, and 117 honorary degree holders (31 alumni, 86 non-alumni).

Offices and Office Hours: The Admissions Office is located in Burton-Little House. The Offices of the President and Dean for Academic Affairs are located in the west side of Hawthorne-Longfellow Library. The Treasurer’s Office is located at 82 Federal Street. The Controller’s Office is located at 80 Federal Street, and the Human Resources Office is located at 216 Maine Street. The Development and Alumni Relations offices are located at 83 and 85 Federal Street and in Copeland House. The Office of the Registrar is located in Jewett Hall. The Division of Student Affairs and the Office of Career Exploration and Development are in the Moulton Union. The Counseling Service is located at 32 College Street. The Department of Facilities Management and the Office of Safety and Security are in Rhodes Hall.

In general, the administrative offices of the College are open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Telephone Switchboard: Bowdoin College uses an automated call processing system on its main number, 207-725-3000. A live operator can be reached twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, by pressing “0.” Further information about telephone numbers can be found at bowdoin.edu/directory (https://www.bowdoin.edu/directory/).

Bowdoin College Website: bowdoin.edu (https://www.bowdoin.edu/).