The Bowdoin College Catalogue and Academic Handbook

Please note, a number of the policies reflected in this Catalogue and Academic Handbook may have been adjusted due to the COVID-19 emergency. Please refer to the COVID-19 site (https://www.bowdoin.edu/covid-19/) for any temporary policy adjustments.

Bowdoin College has produced a general Catalogue since 1807, when a single broadsheet listed the president, two professors and two tutors; the graduates in 1806 (six students) and 1807 (three students); and the total current student body (forty-two). As the College has grown and evolved, so too has the Catalogue.

The Bowdoin College Catalogue and Academic Handbook of today serves as the authoritative source of information about Bowdoin—a comprehensive snapshot in time of the College. It contains primarily academic information, including department and program descriptions, major/minor requirements, and course descriptions, in addition to the College’s calendar, mission statements, information about expenses and governance, and details about educational resources and facilities.

The Bowdoin College Catalogue and Academic Handbook is overseen by the Office of the Dean for Academic Affairs and the Office of the Registrar. The information it contains is updated annually and is accurate as of August 1, 2020.

Past editions of the Bowdoin College Catalogue and Academic Handbook can be found on the College’s website by clicking here (https://www.bowdoin.edu/registrar/course-information/catalogue-archive.html).