

Bowdoin College Office of the Registrar

Course Registration Instructions for First-Year Students

The materials you need for course registration are in this packet. They are the First-Year Seminar Offerings for the 2011-2012 Academic Year (*blue paper*), a printed copy of the Schedule of Course Offerings for First-Year Students for Fall 2011 (*ivory paper*), a printed copy of the online First-Year Seminar Request Form (*gray paper*), and a Course Registration Card (*yellow card*). The Schedule of Course Offerings changes frequently. Check Bearings (<http://bearings.bowdoin.edu>) or the Registrar's website (www.bowdoin.edu/registrar) for the most up-to-date information.

Monday, August 29

12:00 NOON – 2:45 P.M.

First-Year Seminar Registration

Meet with your advisor and register online for a first-year seminar. Use the printed copy of the online First-Year Seminar Request Form to prepare for this meeting. Come with a ranked list of up to FIVE seminars that interest you. An email sent late in the day will notify you of the outcome of your seminar registration. Remember: Students are required to take a first-year seminar during their first year at Bowdoin. While seminars are offered in both semesters (fall and spring), we strongly encourage you to make selections for the fall. If you will not be attempting to enroll in a seminar for the fall semester, be sure to submit the online Request Form anyway; answer the question at the top of the form to decline requesting a fall seminar, and click the Submit button.

Tuesday, August 30

8:00 A.M. – 12:00 NOON

Phase I Course Registration

Meet with your advisor to complete your course registration card. Be sure your advisor signs your card, and be sure your student ID number is on the card.

12:45 P.M.

Your Course Registration Card must be turned in to the Office of the Registrar in the Moulton Union by 12:45. **This is a firm deadline.**

Wednesday, August 31

11:30 A.M.

Schedule Notification

You will receive notification of your schedule in your Smith Union mail box. Contact your advisor if you need assistance before Phase II registration.

12:30 – 3:00 P.M.

Phase II Course Registration

If you do not get into four courses or you need to adjust to your schedule, go to Room 101 in Kanbar Hall. Faculty and deans will be available for consultation.

Thursday, September 1

Classes begin. Add/drop period begins. Add/drop forms are available outside the Office of the Registrar in the Moulton Union.

Wednesday, September 14

Add period ends at 5:00 P.M. You will not be able to add a course to your schedule after this date.

Thursday, October 13

Drop period ends for new students at 5:00 P.M. Deadline for changing courses from graded option to Credit/D/F option (or vice versa) is 5:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE:

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DROPPING AND ADDING YOUR OWN COURSES. ALSO, MAKE IT A HABIT TO CHECK YOUR RECORDS IN BEARINGS PERIODICALLY, AND REPORT ANY PROBLEMS TO THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR.