

General Information

<u>Y</u>	Common Application
<u>Y</u>	Application Fee - \$65 (see note)
<u>N</u>	JST/CLEP/ DSST Accepted
<u>N</u>	Online Credit Accepted
<u>Y</u>	Yellow Ribbon
<u>N</u>	Veteran Center / Military Web Page

Application Deadlines –

<u> </u>	Fall – Freshman – Early I – November 15
<u> </u>	Fall – Freshman – Early II – January 1
<u> </u>	Fall – Freshman – Regular – January 1
<u> </u>	Fall – Transfer – March 1

College Admission Policy - Freshman

<u>Y</u>	SAT / ACT – (see notes)
<u>N</u>	Required GPA – 3.5 minimum
<u>Y</u>	Personal Statement / Essay
<u>Y</u>	Résumé - optional
<u>Y</u>	Official High School Transcripts
<u>Y</u>	Letters of Recommendation (LOR)
<u>Y</u>	High School College Prep Courses
<u>Y</u>	Personal Interview
<u>Y</u>	Counselor Letter
<u>Y</u>	Secondary School Report

College Admission Policy – Transfer

Credit Required to Transfer –

<u>Y</u>	SAT / ACT – (see notes)
<u>Y</u>	Required GPA – 3.5 minimum
<u>Y</u>	Official College Transcripts
<u>Y</u>	Official High School Transcripts
<u>Y</u>	Letters of Recommendation (LOR)
<u>Y</u>	Personal Statement / Essay
<u>Y</u>	Personal Interview
<u>Y</u>	Transfer Registrar Report
<u>Y</u>	Résumé - optional

College Notes – Bowdoin welcomes Marines with athletic ability; few transfers less than 20 a year; Bowdoin’s military history starts with the War of 1812 and famously includes Civil War General Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain who commanded at Little Round Top during the Battle of Gettysburg; Chamberlain was also Bowdoin College’s President; Bowdoin is actively seeking to bring in qualified veterans.

- **Application Deadlines** – Please review deadlines on Web site for any changes
- **Application Advice** - When filling out the Application for Admission, please complete sections which do not seem directly relevant to your personal, academic, and military experiences to the best of your ability. For example, the application asks about your extracurricular activities, awards, and honors. Veteran applicants should feel free to include military experiences and distinctions, high school experiences, and any other post-

secondary experiences in these sections. At times, some schools welcome you to attach /upload/copy and paste a résumé or CV to explain your non-academic experiences more thoroughly.

- **Transfer and Freshman Apply at** – www.commonapp.org / Freshman can use Coalition Application <https://www.mycoalition.org/public/info/bowdoin>
- **Veteran Interview** – <https://admissions.bowdoin.edu/register/veteran-interview-request> - all candidates should submit this form as Bowdoin wants to interview you!
- **Application Fee / Waiver for Veterans** - \$65 – waiver if you are a first-generation college student or applying for financial aid through the Common and Coalition application process
- **Tuition** – most students are offered scholarships and grants; Bowdoin does not offer loans
- **GPA minimum does not equate to competitive GPA** – Average Freshman GPA 3.8+; transfer 3.7+
- **Essay / Personal Statement**–Times New Roman, 12-point font, MLA Format – Common Application Personal Statement AND the Bowdoin Supplemental Essay - Your essays are a key component of review
- **SAT / ACT** – SAT CR 690 – 765 +M 685 – 770 +WR 690 – 770 ; ACT Composite 31 – 34 – Bowdoin is the oldest test optional school, and 30% or more of applicants will choose not to submit their test scores. ~~but almost every student submits scores~~
- **Transferable Credit / Online Credit** - generally means liberal arts / science / math credit (e.g. general education) from a regionally accredited 2-year or 4-year, traditional institution; subject to strict review by Bowdoin's Registrar; online credit is occasionally accepted based on guidelines above
- **JST/DSST/CLEP credit** – none; no online or non-traditional credit is usually accepted
- **Letters of Recommendation** –
 - **Transfer** – One letter from Dean or Advisor of current school (Transfer Registrar Report) and 2 academic letters – can supplement with letters of reference from employer
 - **Freshman** – 1 instructor and 1 other evaluation + Mid-year Report and Counselor Recommendation. We recommend a letter from someone in your chain of command and/or work center in addition to an instructor, if that is available to you.
- **Transfer Student Requirements** - **fewer than 20 accepted in a year – a transfer student is anyone who has fully matriculated at a degree-granting institution at the college level– requirements are the same for transfer and freshman. We welcome student veterans to apply as a first-year even if they have taken college credits depending on the experience they want to have in college.**
- **High School / College Prep Courses – Freshman Candidates** (These are recommended, although not required) - looking for rigor in your course selection
 - **English** – 4 years grammar, writing, literary review
 - **Foreign Language** – 4 years same language
 - **Mathematics** – 4 years increasingly rigorous / challenging courses through pre-calculus / calculus at minimum
 - **Social Science** – 4 years with U.S. and world history coursework
 - **Laboratory Science** – 3 to 4 years – mix of science coursework
- **Personal Interview** –
 - **Transfer / Freshman** – must schedule an interview with an Admissions Officer ~~Senior intern~~ – highly suggested and offered June 1 – February 28; suggest a call to Admissions to secure an interview time to best accommodate your schedule or register online (<https://admissions.bowdoin.edu/register/veteran-interview-request>)

- **Veteran Center / Information** – <https://www.bowdoin.edu/admissions/apply/veterans/index.html>
 - history of military connection; small cohort of student veterans on campus