

BSU Dual Enrollment Program Orientation

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- Welcome back for the Fall 2022 semester. As we get underway, the more than two years of experience we have managing the pandemic will guide our efforts as we continue to implement best practices to protect the health and well-being of the campus community. Drawing on guidance from university and county health officials, we have been highly successful in limiting transmission of COVID-19 on campus since the initial stages of the pandemic. Advances in vaccines and treatments provide even more resources to help prevent the serious negative effects of the virus.
- Everyone on campus has an important role to play to assure that Bowie State continues to maintain a low instance of positive cases. Each member of the campus community must take personal responsibility to monitor your own health and report any exposure to the disease.
- Based on our current knowledge of the virus and its variants, in addition to guidance from public health officials, the following campus protocols are currently in place:

COVID-19 Protocols for Spring 2023 Return to Campus

Symptom Screening and Testing:

Monitor your personal health daily for the following symptoms and get tested each time they occur. In-person [Testing Locations](#) are available on campus and local communities. Free self-test kits are available at the Student Center ticket window, Police Station in McKeldin Gym, and Thurgood Marshall Library in room 270 and the IT help desk.

To stay safe, follow these three steps:

1. Check for Symptoms

Do you have:

- **Cough**
- **Runny nose**
- **Fever**
- **Headache**
- **Body aches**
- **Sore throat**
- **Nausea**
- **Diarrhea**
- **Shortness of breath**

2. Get Tested & Mask

If you or anyone you have come into close contact with have COVID-19 symptoms, you should:

- Get tested
- Wear a high-quality mask until you receive a negative test result

3. Isolate & Retest

If you test positive:

- Contact Wellness Center at 301-860-4170
- Stay home and isolate from others for at least 5 days
- Inform professors or supervisor
- Wear a high-quality mask if you must be around others at home
- Do not travel
- If you have trouble breathing or other serious symptoms, seek medical care immediately
- Retest after day 5 of isolation. If you test positive, restart the isolation process.

We will continue to monitor public health conditions on our campus, in the Prince George's County Area as well as nationally and adjust these protocols as needed.

Welcome back to a new academic year. Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation as we continue to work together to keep our community safe. Please continue to check your email for updates and regularly check the [Coronavirus Information webpage](#) for the latest information. If you have questions, please email covid19@bowiestate.edu



What to Do first

- Create a password for your username. Wait at least a day before attempting to log in
- Log into Bulldog Connection
 - Check your registration.
 - Familiarize yourself with its abilities
- Log into the BSU Wellness Portal.
 - Wellness Portal is primarily for students but during the COVID-19 pandemic, the portal will be open to employees as well.
 - Please upload your [Required Immunization & COVID19 Vaccine Record\(s\)](#)
 - Please allow 24-48 hours for our Wellness staff to review your COVID-19 vaccination submission. Following review, we will update the COVID badge with a COVID-19 testing frequency of 30 days.
- Log into Blackboard to check to see if there is information on your class
 - The course may not be posted until the first day of class, so do not panic.
 - If you need assistance with your username, please contact the Help Desk (helpdesk@bowiestate.edu or 301 860-4357)
 - If you need assistance with Blackboard, please contact the Help Desk which will work with the Office of Academic Computing to resolve issues with Blackboard.



- ▶ Sign up for BEES the university's exit messaging service

- ▶ You may come to campus to have your Bulldog Card made in the Bulldog Office located in the Student Center.



The Bill – But Not

- ▶ When a student registers for a course, a bill, corresponding to the number of credits, is generated. Participants in this program will not have to pay the tuition portion of the bill. PGCPS will pay the tuition. You will still see the complete bill.
 - ▶ A code is placed in the system alerting the business office that PGCPS will pay the tuition.
 - ▶ For FARMS students, an additional code is placed into the system indicating that PGCPS will pay the fees and purchase books.
- ▶ The tuition and fees will remain on the student's account until BSU receives payment of charges.
 - ▶ When BSU receives the tuition funds, the tuition charges come off of the account
 - ▶ PGCPS is not billed until after the end of the second registration period each term



Username and password

- ➤ The username and password is a part of our Information Technology (IT) system. Students call the system Bulldog Connection and staff and faculty call it PeopleSoft.
- ➤ If you have problems with your password or your username – Contact the Help Desk. The activation of your username with password is not instantaneous. It may take up to 24 hours depending on when you set your password.
 - ➤ helpdesk@bowiestate.edu
 - ➤ 301-860-HELP (4357)
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Unfortunately, I cannot resolve IT issues. I do not have access nor capability



Registration

- ▶ The Office of Continuing Education will handle your registration
 - ▶ All students who are not in a degree programs are classified as Non-Degree (CNED) students.
 - ▶ This is a temporary designation and is only viable for a term or semester.
 - ▶ The Continuing Education Office has the capability of waiving prerequisites. For instance, students who take MATH 125 must have earned a particular score on the Accuplacer. Degree seeking students have this on their accounts from our Testing Center. Non-Degree students do not take the test on campus so a waiver has to be made.
 - ▶ We have to report registration, changes to registrations and grades to PGCPs each term in order for them to provide that information to the schools of the students. Only Dual Credit courses will be listed on the High School transcript. You may always order a BSU college transcript which will reflect all of the courses take.



Calendar and Handbook

- ▶ The University is very calendar driven. We adhere to specific dates.
 - ▶ Pay close attention to the calendar.
 - ▶ For Instance, If action is needed on registration, and a date has passed, there may be consequences.
 - ▶ The Handbook is filled with information on both the program and the university. We are trying to provide a resource to be helpful in navigating through your studies at Bowie.



Take Advantage!

- ▶ Visit professors and learn more about the different areas they teach and have studied
- ▶ Make friends with other students to learn more about them, where they come from and their academic and professional plans
- ▶ Join clubs and organizations – become involved
- ▶ Participate in activities from Homecoming to lectures and plays
- ▶ Remember – You Are A College Student – Take advantage of being one

Vaccination:

Residential students and athletes must be fully vaccinated. Vaccination and booster shots are strongly recommended for all other members of the campus community when eligible as the most effective measure in preventing serious COVID-19 cases, and decreasing the risk of hospitalization. [Learn more about vaccine options and eligibility on the CDC Website.](#)

Masks:

Masks are strongly encouraged on campus, especially for large indoor activities and for individuals whose health status places them at high risk. Your respect and support of community members who choose to wear masks is an important component of taking-responsibility to protect yourself and others.

Free masks are available to members of the campus community at the Student Center ticket window, police station in McKeldin Gym and Thurgood Marshal Library in room 270 and the IT Help desk.