Summer 2015 Bidding Info Session
Business Online Selection System (BOSS)

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Academic FAQs:

• 60 credits required for graduation
• 54 credits must be from the Business School
• Up to 6 credits can be from Independent Study, Cross-Registration, Global Business Project, or Cross Cultural Seminar
• You can take up to 18 credits each term (more in second year)
• Degree Audit in SSOL
Sample Second Semester Schedule

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1.5 credits of core

9 credits of full-term electives

4.5 credits of half-term electives

Students bid on 15 credits (including the 1.5 core, you have 16.5 credits) You can go up to 18 credits during the add/drop rounds You can have any combination of 1.5 and 3 credit courses to get to 18 credits
Use BOSS for:

- Registering for classes (both through bidding and add/drop)
- Bidding schedules (MBA & EMBA)
- Bidding guides
- Bidding statistics
- Core and Elective schedules (including EMBA electives)

- Detailed course information
- Exam Schedules
- Independent Study Information
- Cross-Registration Information
- Academic Calendar
Bidding Information

- Dutch Auction System (based on the Dutch tulip auction)
- Awarded 14,000 lifetime bid points
- Elective bonus points: 200 points/3 credit class, 100 points/1.5 credit class (but, students do not get bonus points for electives taken in their first semester, only 2nd and 3rd semester)
- Students who exempt out of the 2nd semester core class will get 500 additional bid points. No additional bid points for exempting out of 1st semester core classes are distributed.
- Bidding rounds are static. Students may drop during the first 24 hours of a bidding round and get a point refund. As a result, available capacity in a course may change in the first 24 hours.
- Add/Drop rounds are real-time
Bidding Information, cont.

- Core requirements must be met in the Summer 2015 semester
- Check for conflicts on your schedule
- BOSS allows choice. You are able to bid on conflicting classes.
- Make sure you are aware of/and meet all pre-requisite and co-requisite requirements
- Tip - try to avoid using round numbers when submitting bids
- Refer to the bidding round statistics for the most up to date information after the end of each round
- Historical bidding data is a good guide, but is not a guarantee of how high or low to bid
Bidding Information, cont.

• Once a round is closed, no further action can be taken in that round

• ‘Resolve’ takes place in between rounds

• Bidding statistics posted to BOSS

• In between rounds, BOSS can look a little strange. Bid points are often off – do not worry!

• Contact OSA and ITG if you have a technical issue. **Do not wait until the last minute!**
Bidding Schedule

Round 1 – Bidding for electives
Thursday, April 9 (10 am) – Monday, April 13 (4 pm)

Round 2 – Bidding for electives
Thursday, April 16 (10 am) – Monday, April 20 (4 pm)
*Students may drop electives courses received during Round 1 in the first 24 hours of the round

Round 3 – Bidding for electives
Thursday, April 23 (10 am) – Monday, April 27 (4 pm)
*Students may drop electives courses received during Rounds 1 and 2 during the first 24 hours of the round - last chance for bid point refunds
Waitlist Rounds

There are two waitlist rounds. These take place after bidding is over.

Round 1: Tuesday, May 19 (10 am) – Friday, May 22 (4 pm)
(Add/drop Round 1 in between - May 26 - June 1)
Round 2: Monday, June 1 (10 am) – Tuesday, June 2 (10 am)

• Waitlist Rounds work like bidding rounds, except they are for FULL classes, as well as any EMBA classes for which we didn’t receive biddable seats.

• Bids are organized from highest to lowest. You use your lifetime bid points.

• Students may bid on as many credits of waitlist courses as they like; the only limitation is your bid points.

• Should someone drop a seat of a course with a waitlist during the add/drop round, BOSS will automatically promote the highest bidder on the waitlist into the course. You will receive an email from BOSS to confirm this.
Full schedule, including waitlist and add/drop rounds, located on the BOSS homepage

Questions?

Stop by Uris 105 anytime or e-mail us at osa@gsb.columbia.edu.