• Business Online Selection System (BOSS)

boss.gsb.columbia.edu
• Use Boss for:
  – MBA bidding schedule
  – Bidding guides (FAQ, video)
  – Core and Elective schedule
  – A/B Term and Final Exam Schedules
  – Independent Study Information
  – Cross-Registration Information
  – Bidding Statistics (current and historical)
• Use Boss for (cont.)
  – Detailed MBA course information (including links to most course syllabi)
  – MBA Academic Calendar
  – EMBA course schedule and bidding information
Second Semester

**First Half**
- Global Economic Environment I
- Decision Models
- Managing Marketing Programs
- Elective 1
- Elective 2

**Second Half**
- Menu 1: Organizations
- Menu 2: Performance
- Menu 3: Markets

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**4.5 credits**

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Can go up to 18 credits during add/drop round.
MBA Spring 2011 - Bidding Schedule

- **Round 1A**: October 29 at 10AM - November 2 at 4PM, 2nd-year students ONLY
- **Round 1B**: November 5 at 10AM - November 9 at 4PM, 2nd-year students ONLY
  Students may drop elective courses for points refund for first 24 hours of the round

- **Round 2**: November 12 at 10AM - November 15 at 4PM, All students may bid for elective courses. Students may drop elective courses for points refund for first 24 hours of the round

- **Round 3A**: November 18 at 10AM - November 22 at 4PM, Flex Core enrollment round - 1st-year students ONLY
- **Round 3B**: November 29 at 10AM - November 30 at 4PM, Flex Core enrollment round - 1st-year students ONLY. Flex Core courses may not be dropped in this round; students who wish to switch Flex Core sections will have an opportunity to do so during the Add/Drop period.

- **Round 4**: December 3 at 10AM - December 6 at 4PM, All students may bid for elective courses. Students may drop elective courses for points refund for first 24 hours of the round. *Last opportunity to drop courses AND receive a bid points refund.*
• **Swap Round**: December 8 at 10AM - December 9 at 4PM

• **Waitlist Round**: January 3 at 10AM - January 6 at 4PM

• **Block Week A Add/Drop Round**: January 7 at 10AM - January 9 at noon, Students may add or drop both Block Week A (Jan. 10-14) and Block Week B (Jan. 18-24) courses.

• **Block Week B Add/Drop Round**: January 14 at 10AM - January 16 at noon, Students may add or drop Block Week B courses only.

• **Add/Drop Round**: January 25 at 8AM to February 1 at 4PM, Students will be able to add and drop electives and FlexCore courses. **Withdrawal deadline for A-Term/Full Term courses is February 15.**

• **B-Term Add/Drop Round**: March 21 at 8AM to March 23 at 4PM
Students will be able to add and drop B-Term electives and Flex Core courses. **Withdrawal deadline for B-Term courses is April 8.**
Bidding Information

- Awarded 12,000 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 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} semester)
- Dutch Auction System
- Flex core round – 300 points, separate from lifetime bid points
- Bidding rounds are static. The first 24 hours of a bidding round, ‘drop’ is live. There is no ‘early mover advantage’ during a round. Your bid is considered equally by Boss whether submitted at the start or end of a round.
- Add/Drop rounds are real-time.
- 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.
Bidding Information, cont.

• Capacities are set, and do not change once bidding has started.

• MBA and EMBA classes available for bidding. Also note any classes that require an application (new this year – law school classes available by application only).

• Students who exempt out of 2nd semester core classes will get 500 additional bid points per class. No additional bid points for exempting out of 1st semester core classes are distributed.

• In between round, 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 FAQ

• Flex-core requirements must be met in the spring 2011 semester. You must have one course from each menu on your schedule.
• Check for conflicts with your fixed core and flex core classes and elective choices.
• 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.
• Can bid on up to 16.5 credits. If you get to 15 credits, you will only see 1.5 credit classes available for bidding.
• To make changes to your schedule – in Boss, go to: Select Courses -> View sections.
• 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.
• Note the start and end of each round.
• Historical bidding data is a good guide, but is not a guarantee of how high (or low) to bid.
Questions?

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