
Course Match Overview & Demo

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Curriculum

Term 1: Summer 2026	Credits
Financial Accounting	3.0
Leadership & Organizational Change	3.0
Managerial Statistics	3.0
Subtotal credits	9.0

Term 2: Fall 2026	Credits
Foundations of Valuation	1.5
Corporate Finance	1.5
Managerial Economics	1.5
Strategy Formulation	1.5
Marketing Strategy	3.0
Subtotal credits	9.0

Term 3: Spring 2027	Credits
Operations Management	1.5
Business Analytics	1.5
Markets & the Economy	1.5
Global Economic Environment	1.5
Capital Markets or other elective ²	3.0
Subtotal credits	9.0

Term 4 ¹ : Summer 2027	Credits
Elective	3.0
Elective	3.0
Elective	3.0
Elective ³	3.0
Subtotal credits	9.0 - 12.0

Term 5 ¹ : Fall 2027	Credits
Elective	3.0
Elective	3.0
Elective	3.0
Elective ³	3.0
Subtotal credits	9.0 - 12.0

Term 6: Spring 2028	Credits
Elective	3.0
Elective	3.0
Elective	3.0
Elective ³	3.0
Subtotal credits	9.0 - 12.0

¹An International Seminar can be taken in either terms 4 or 5.

²Capital Markets is a co-requisite for finance electives.

³In addition to the Saturday format electives, students take a required international seminar & a block week/weeknight elective

Curriculum – Core & Elective Format, Term 3

Saturday Format

– Four core courses (6 credits)

- First half of the term (A-term):
 - Business Analytics (1.5 credits)
 - Markets & the Economy (1.5 credits)
- Second half of the term (B-term):
 - Operations Management (1.5 credits)
 - Global Economic Environment (1.5 credits)
- Automatically enrolled

– Capital Markets OR Negotiations (3 credits)

- Rotates through the 28EM Saturday timeslots along with core classes
- Happen at the same time – you cannot choose to take both on Saturdays
- Capital Markets also available as a weeknight elective and exemption exam
 - Pre/co-requisite for finance courses
- Not automatically enrolled – you must register through the elective registration process

Curriculum – Core & Elective Format, Term 3

Additional options to consider that ARE related to Course Match

- EMBA-Global Block Week Electives at CBS
 - 5 days in length and typically 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
 - Sunday-Thursday or Mon-Friday
 - LBS visiting students and catering provided
- MBA Electives on Elective Selection Guide
 - Full-time MBA courses (daytime and evening options on space available basis)
 - [MBA Pathways](#) as a resource based on interests
 - Connect with advisor for questions about courses outside of your program

Curriculum – Core & Elective Format, Term 3

Additional options to consider that are **NOT** related to Course Match

- Cross-Registration at CU Graduate Schools
 - [OARR site](#) about cross-registration
 - Must be graduate level course of 4000 or higher
 - Often has registration closer to start of term
 - Combined maximum of 6 credits between independent study and cross-registration
- Independent Study
 - [OARR site](#) about independent study
 - Register by the end of A-term add/drop deadline in the term of the independent study
 - Combined maximum of 6 credits between independent study and cross-registration
- More options in Terms 4-6 (More info at Residence Weekend III)
 - LBS Exchange opportunities
 - International Seminars

Elective Registration Process

Course Selection & Ranking Period

- Takes place in a system called **Course Match**.
 - **October 28 – November 5**
- You will have a week to login and rank order the course(s) you would like to take. **It is not first come, first served.**
 - Schedules are released a few weeks after Course Match closes.
- This is how you will register for Capital Markets or Negotiations
 - You can also take additional courses if you wish!

Add/Drop & Waitlist Period

- Takes place in Columbia University's main registration system: **Vergil**
- **Add/Drop happens in real-time** and is first come, first served.
- Add or drop courses and add yourself to waitlists for courses that have filled.
- Opens December 2 – December 11; Paused for holidays; Reopens January 4

Resources

EMBA Student Site: Elective Selection

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<https://students.business.columbia.edu/emba-students/academic-essentials/classes/elective-selection>



Course Match Overview

Course Match is an advanced algorithm that assigns classes based on your preferences. The algorithm uses the rankings submitted by you and your classmates to determine the demand for every class. Using that information, it gives you as many of your highly ranked classes as it can. The algorithm was created by Cognomos, based on Nobel prize winning research in economics, and is employed at several peer institutions. For those interested in [the details](#), the Course Match algorithm is a direct application of market design theory.

How to Use Course Match - Ranking and Selection

Access the [Course Match Selection Student Guide](#) and you can review [this one-pager](#) on Course Selection to get started!

Historical Course Match Results

Access [Historical Course Match Results](#).

How to Book an Appointment with an Academic Advisor

You can make an appointment with an academic advisor using [Starfish](#). Please use this [link](#) for more information.

EMBA

Academics

— Elective Selection

Timeline

Resources

LBS Exchange

Cross Registration

EMBA Student Site: Registration Resources

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Registration Resources

Spring 2027

[EMBA-NY Weekend Elective Schedule - Spring 2027](#)

[EMBA-Global Block Weeks - Spring 2027](#)

[EMBA Elective Selection Guide - Spring 2027 \(updated 10/27/26\)](#)

— The elective selection guide is a list of all EMBA electives (weekend electives, block weeks, and LBS electives) that have been given EMBA-designated seats. The elective selection guide lists EMBA courses by meeting time, prerequisites, and relevant add/drop information.

[EMBA-NY Sat \(28EM\) Term 3 Core - Spring 2027](#)

[EMBA and MBA Heat Maps](#)

28EM Course Match Overview Slides *(Coming soon after 10/29 presentation)*

EMBA-NY 2027 Course Match Overview Slides - Spring 2027 *(Coming soon after 10/30 presentation)*

EMBA-Global Elective Briefing [Part I](#) and [Part II](#) - Spring 2027

[Audit Eligible Professors - Spring 2027](#)

Elective Selection Guide

EMBA Saturday Electives for 28EMs						
For 28EM students only.						
Subject Area	Course Title	Credits	Course Number	Faculty	Add/Drop Deadline	Notes
Finance	Capital Markets & Investments	3	FINCB7306-001	Simon Oh	Thursday, January 21	First two classes take place during RWIII
Management	Negotiations	3	MGMTB7510-001	Hannah Waldfogel	Thursday, January 21	First two classes take place during RWIII
Weeknight MBA Sections of Capital Markets						
Subject Area	Course Title	Credits	Course Number	Faculty	Dates	MBA Program Add/Drop Deadline
Finance	Capital Markets & Investments	3	FINCB8306-003	Jeff Saret	MBA Full-term; MW 6:00PM-7:30PM	Friday, January 29 at 9:30pm EST
Finance	Capital Markets & Investments	3	FINCB8306-008	Kevin Yuan	MBA Full-term; T 6:00PM-9:15PM	Friday, January 29 at 9:30pm EST
EMBA Electives for EMBA-Global Class of 2028						
For 2028 Global students only.						
Subject Area	Course Title	Credits	Course Number	Faculty	Add/Drop Deadline	Notes
Management	Negotiations	3	MGMTB7510-300	Malia Mason		EMBA Globals are pre-enrolled
Finance	Capital Markets & Investments	3	FINCB7306-300	Suresh Sundaresan		EMBA Globals are pre-enrolled
EMBA-Global Elective Block Weeks						
EMBA-Global Elective Block Weeks take place on the Manhattanville campus in NYC. They are open to EMBA-Global and EMBA-NY students.						
Subject Area	Course Title	Credits	Course Number	Faculty	Dates	Pre-/Co-Requisites?
Marketing	Pricing Strategies	3	MRKTB7649-100	Asim Ansari	January 25 - 29 (Mon-Fri)	
Finance	Real Estate as an Asset and a Business	3	FINCB7493-100	Christopher Mayer & Ivo De Wit	February 28 - March 4 (Sun-Thurs)	Capital Markets & Investments
Management	Power & Influence	3	MGMTB7531-100	Eric Abrahamson	March 8 - 12 (Mon-Fri)	
Management	Technology Strategy	3	MGMTB7570-100	Stephan Meier	April 11 - 15 (Sun-Thurs)	
Economics	Economics of Strategic Behavior	3	BUECB7216-100	Jacopo Perego	April 18 - 22 (Sun-Thurs)	

CBS Course Catalog



Course Catalog >

Course Catalog

Find courses

Filters

Programs **EMBA** ▾ Semester **All** ▾ Course Format **All** ▾ Days **All** ▾ Enrollment **All** ▾ Credit Hours **All** ▾ Centers/Programs **All** ▾

Course Number	Title	Degree Program
B5001	Financial Accounting	EMBA
B5008	Markets and the Economy	EMBA

Note: The CBS Course Catalog contains the most comprehensive listing for all courses being offered in the upcoming semester.

<https://courses.business.columbia.edu/>



Course Catalog

Launch Your Startup

View All Courses

Launch Your Startup focuses on the evaluation, development and potential launch of a new business. Working individually (or on occasion in pairs), students spend the entire term developing an effective and comprehensive presentation of a real business concept by addressing five key issues: in-depth market analysis, product or service design, development of a marketing campaign, assessment of human resource requirements and building a realistic financial forecast. The output will be a comprehensive business plan and a formal presentation of their idea.

Division: Management

Center/Program: Eugene Lang Entrepreneurship Center

Curriculum Pathway: [Entrepreneurship](#)

Prerequisite

Complete ALL of the following Courses

— [B8518 : Foundations of Entrepreneurship](#)

Fall 2024

B8519 - 001

Faculty

[Carly Chase](#)
[Brendan Burns](#)

Part of Term

MBA - Full Term

Section Syllabus

[Download Syllabus](#)

Section Notes

Attendance at the first class is mandatory for all enrolled students and those on a waitlist or who hope to add the class during Add/Drop.

Log In to View Evaluations [↗](#)

Clicking on an individual course in the Course Catalog takes you to a more detailed description of the course.

<https://courses.business.columbia.edu/>

Resources

- EMBA Student Site:
 - <https://students.business.columbia.edu/emba-students/academic-essentials/classes/elective-selection>
- Academic Advising with Jacob (jv2988@gsb.columbia.edu)
 - [Starfish](#) & [How to book an advising appt](#)
 - Questions about curriculum, credits, review rankings, course selection
- Office of Academic Records and Registration (OARR):
 - Questions regarding Course Match tech **functionality and troubleshooting:** coursematch@gsb.columbia.edu
 - They will reach out to you if you have conflicts, are overenrolled, etc. Please pay attention to their automated emails!

Resources

- **Exemption Exams:**
 - <https://students.business.columbia.edu/emba/exemption-exams>
 - exemptions@gsb.columbia.edu
- **Independent Study:**
 - <https://students.business.columbia.edu/records-registration/academic-records-policies/independent-study>
 - independentstudy@mail.gsb.columbia.edu
- **Office of Student Affairs:**
 - osa@gsb.columbia.edu if unsure where to direct your question

Course Match & Vergil

Elective Selection – Course Match

Election selection for the Spring 2027 term takes place October 28 – November 5 using a system called **Course Match**.

Course Match is an advanced algorithm that assigns classes based on your preferences. The algorithm uses the rankings submitted by you and your classmates to determine the demand for every class. Using that information, it gives you as many of your highly ranked classes at the end of the selection period. Course Match is not a first-come, first-served system, and you'll receive your results on November 17.

The algorithm is a direct application of market design theory. If you are interested in the details, the publication of the study can be found via this link:

<https://pubsonline.informs.org/doi/pdf/10.1287/opre.2016.1544>

Columbia University Financial Responsibility Agreement

You will need to agree to the Columbia University Financial Responsibility Statement to access Course Match. Login with your uni to <https://vergil.columbia.edu/vergil/show-frs?term=20262>. After you agreed, click OK to continue to set your Course Match access.



OK



Course Registration Resources

Course Add/Drops: SSOL



GPA Calculator



Course Match Information



Note: You may see this screen when accessing Course Match for the first time. If so, please follow the steps below to access Course Match

- 1) Click the link in the paragraph above OK
- 2) You will be redirected to Vergil, wait a moment for a pop-up.
- 3) Review and agree to the financial responsibility statement.
- 4) Once you have submitted, please return to the Course Match screen. Hit "OK"
- 5) The page will refresh and you will now see a button that says "**CBS Spring 2027**"-click there to enter Course Match

Elective Selection – Course Match

Course Match is accessed via <https://coursematch.gsb.columbia.edu/>

After logging in, the first step will be deciding the minimum number of credits you wish to enroll in and the target credit value. Keep in mind, you will already be taking **6 credits of core**, so you'll have the ability to enroll in 9 more credits, although most of you be taking an additional 3-6 credits.

The screenshot displays the Course Match interface. At the top, a horizontal flow of buttons indicates the process: GET STARTED (highlighted in dark blue), FIND CLASSES, RANK CLASSES, REVIEW SCHEDULES, and CONFIRM. Below this, a section titled "How many credits do you need?" features a text input field and a "NEXT: FIND CLASSES" button. A detailed paragraph explains the ranking process for Spring 2027, including the start and end dates, the firm deadline, and rules for credit increments and conflicts. At the bottom, there are two input fields for "Minimum" and "Maximum" credits, both with the value "9" entered. A "SAVE" button is located at the bottom left.

- **Minimum Credits:** minimum credits you wish to be enrolled in
- **Maximum Credits:** maximum number of credits you will be assigned, determines how many credits to rank (capped at 9 credits)

Elective Selection – Course Match

GET STARTED

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FIND CLASSES

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RANK CLASSES

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REVIEW SCHEDULES

 →

CONFIRM

Find classes

ADD AT LEAST 24 MORE CREDITS TO CONTINUE

Search by course name, instructor, or number. Check the term, days, times, and credits before adding a course. Adding a course does not rank it. You will do that on the next page. If you do not see a course, it either conflicts with another course or you do not meet the requirements or program restrictions. You are responsible for confirming you meet any prerequisites.

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Type name, description or instructor...

All dates

Filter classes by date range

Meeting days (any selected day)

☐ MON ☐ TUE ☐ WED ☐ THU ☐ FRI ☐ SAT ☐ SUN

STARTS AT OR AFTER

--:-- --

ENDS AT OR BEFORE

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Shows courses with at least one meeting matching all selected day, time and date filters. Other meetings may fall outside your filters. No days selected means any day. Times use the course schedule, not your device's time zone.

[Clear schedule filters](#)

<div>BUECB5216-001-20211-MBA</div>	<div>Economics of Strategic Behavior</div> <div>Extended Description [+]</div>	<div>Maria Laura Doval</div>	<div>Th 2:00 PM-5:15 PM</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>ADD</div>
<div>BUECB5216-002-20211-MBA</div>	<div>Economics of Strategic Behavior</div> <div>Extended Description [+]</div>	<div>Maria Laura Doval</div>	<div>Th 8:30 AM-11:45 AM</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>ADD</div>
<div>BUECB5216-003-20211-MBA</div>	<div>Economics of Strategic Behavior</div> <div>Extended Description [+]</div>	<div>Jacopo Perego</div>	<div>Sun M T W Th 9:00 AM-5:00 PM</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>REMOVE</div>

Reminder: You must select at least double your maximum credits.

Doing so helps the algorithm work most efficiently.

You will not be assigned more than your maximum credits.

Elective Selection – Course Match

Term 3: Course Match Credit Limits

- Course Match helps students generate a schedule of up to 15 total credits.
- You are pre-enrolled in 6 core credits.

6 pre-enrolled core credits + up to **9** credit Course Match electives = **15** credit schedule.

Remember:

- Rank 2x your Course Match maximum in elective credits.
- Any maximum set above 9 will be automatically reduced before seat allocation.

Total Number of Credits You Want to Take for the Term (Core + Electives) ➡	Set Course Match Max to (For Electives) ➡	Rank at Least This Amount of Elective Credits
9 credits	3 credits	6 credits
12 credits	6 credits	12 credits
15 credits	9 credits	18 credits

Elective Selection – Course Match

EXAMPLE 1

- You plan to take your pre-enrolled 6 core credits on Saturdays
- You want to take Capital Markets for 3 credits on Saturdays
- Your total credits for the term will be 9

Total Number of Credits You Want to Take for the Term (Core + Electives)	Set Course Match Max to (For Electives)	Rank at Least This Amount of Elective Credits
9 credits	3 credits	6 credits

EXAMPLE 2

- You plan to take your pre-enrolled 6 core credits on Saturdays
- You want to take Capital Markets for 3 credits on Saturdays
- You want to take a weekday MBA elective for 3 credits
- Your total credits for the term would be 12

Total Number of Credits You Want to Take for the Term (Core + Electives)	Set Course Match Max to (For Electives)	Rank at Least This Amount of Elective Credits
12 credits	6 credits	12 credits

Elective Selection – Course Match

GET STARTED

→

FIND CLASSES

→

RANK CLASSES

→

REVIEW SCHEDULES

→

CONFIRM

Rank your selections

SUBMIT RANKINGS

Rankings not yet saved

You must submit your rankings for them to be saved

Rank the classes you chose according to your interest. The higher up you place a class, the harder the system will work to assign you that class. The first class on your list should be your favorite class, descending from there. The different sections (favorite; great; good; acceptable) are for distinct differentiation between classes, while the ranking within each section is for smaller adjustments and preferences between them. You do not have to place classes in every section. In some cases, you may wish to enroll in only one of a group of classes, even if you have ranked them all highly. Communicate this to Course Match using the Rules feature at the very bottom of the page. A rule is a list of classes that says how many of those classes you would like to take – as few as one and as many as three.

Favorite

Name	Description	Instructor	Time	Credits	
ECMRB8744-001-20211-MBA	The Psychology and Economics of Consumer Finance	Eric Johnson,Stephen Zeldes	Sun M T W Th 9:00 AM-5:00 PM	3	
DROP HERE					

Great

Name	Description	Instructor	Time	Credits	
MRKTB8629-001-20211-MBA	Entertainment Marketing & The Crafting of Celebrity Businesses	Jarrod Moses	M 3:50 PM-7:05 PM	1.5	
MGMTB8512-001-20211-MBA	Advanced Organizational Change	Todd Jick	M T W Th F 9:00 AM-5:00 PM	3	
DROP HERE					

Good

Name	Description	Instructor	Time	Credits	
FINCB8461-001-20211-MBA	Practice of Wealth Management for High-Net-Worth Clients	Maria Brisbane,Alex Zachary	W 5:40 PM-8:55 PM	3	
MRKTB8646-001-20211-MBA	A Strategic Marketing Approach To Private Equity In Emerging Markets	Marco Viola	T 2:00 PM-5:15 PM	1.5	

After adding your classes, you will then rank them in order of importance. You can add them to the following buckets: Favorite, Great, Good, Acceptable.

You can only rank one Favorite. The other buckets have no restrictions.

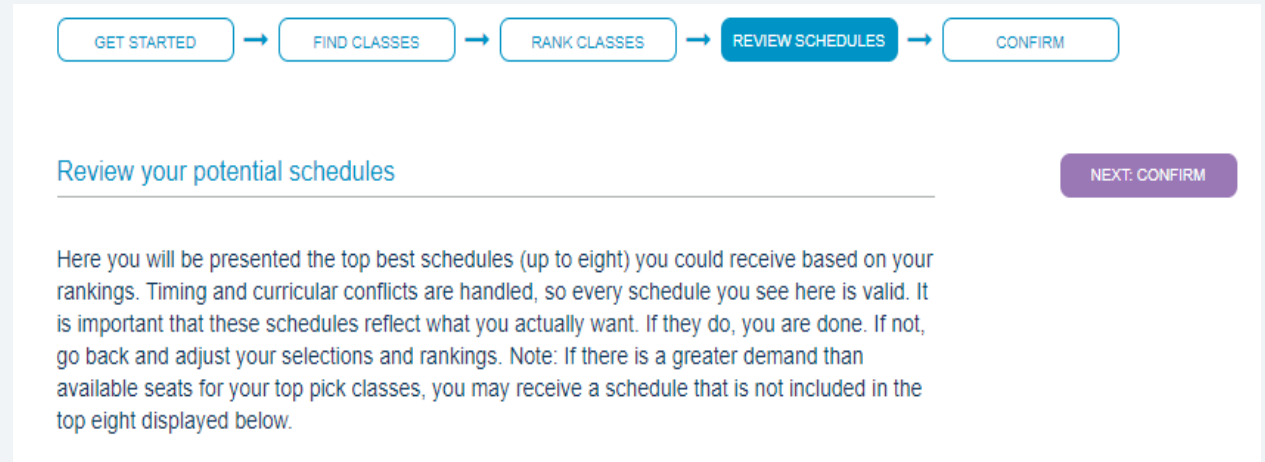
Note: Placing a course as your Favorite does not guarantee a seat in the course

Elective Selection – Course Match

The next step is to review potential schedules that course match may give.

Please keep in mind that if there is a greater demand than available seats for your top pick classes, you may receive a schedule not in the potential schedules.

The last step is to hit confirm and you are all done. You can go back and make changes and confirm again, until the selection round ends.



Elective Selection – Vergil (Add/Drop & Waitlist)

The screenshot displays the Vergil system interface for course selection. The top navigation bar includes "Course Search", "My Planner", and "My Schedule / Registration". The user is logged in as Naika Baptiste (nb3201). The interface shows a list of courses, with "Financial Accounting ACCT5001B" selected. The course details section shows the class identifier (ACCT5001BD03), school (GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS (SBUS)), department (ACCOUNTING (ACCT)), subject (ACCOUNTING (ACCT)), session (Full Term), and instructor (test4763 test4763 (test4763) primary). The enrollment status is "Open 100 / 100".

Annotations on the screenshot indicate the following actions:

- Add the Class to your Planner for current and Future Term Planning:** Points to the "+ Add to Plan" button.
- Register for the Class:** Points to the "Register..." button.
- Remove the Class from your Planner:** Points to the "- Remove from Plan" button.
- Submit Materials to join a wait list where you may be considered and Approved to take the Class:** Points to the "Apply for Wait List..." button.
- Class Status:** Points to the "Open 100 / 100" enrollment status.

The right sidebar shows the "My Planner" section with a progress bar and a list of registered classes, including "EARNINGS QUAL & FUND ANALYSIS ACCT7100B".

Add/Drop & Waitlist Period

- Adding and Dropping Courses is done in Vergil
 - Vergil Quick Guide available [here](#)
- Add and drop courses in real-time
- Join the waitlist for courses that filled during the elective selection period
- Find the Add/Drop timetable of deadlines online [here](#)

Spring 2027 Registration Dates

- **Course Selection & Ranking Period (Course Match)**
 - October 28 – November 5
- **Student Schedules Published (Course Match)**
 - November 17
- **Add/Drop Period (Vergil)**
 - December 2 – December 11
 - Paused for holidays
 - Reopens January 4

Course Match Demo

Important Takeaways

- Don't forget to rank!
- Don't wait until the last minute!
- Yes, you must rank double the amount of credits you would like to take (your max credits).
- Ranking is the first phase of registration. **You *will* have the chance to adjust your schedule during add/drop.**
- Have a question? Review the email from Jacob from yesterday!
- Need an appointment? Schedule with Jacob using [Starfish](#):

