
Registration Refresher

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Spring 2026 Registration Dates

- **Course Selection & Ranking Period**
 - Wednesday October 22 – Tuesday, October 28

- **Student Schedules Published**
 - Wednesday, November 12

- **Add/Drop Period**
 - Opens: November 19

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

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Registration Resources

Spring 2026

[EMBA Elective Selection Guide - Spring 2026 \(updated 10/17/25\)](#)

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

Spring 2026 Schedules:

[EMBA-NY Weekend Elective Schedule - Spring 2026](#)

[EMBA-Global Block Weeks - Spring 2026](#)

[EMBA-NY Sat \(27EM\) Term 3 Core - Spring 2026](#)

Spring 2026 Resources:

[EMBA and MBA Heat Maps](#)

Elective Selection Guide

Spring 2026 EMBA Course Selection Guide



IMPORTANT NOTES FOR COURSE SELECTION:

Requisites: Capital Markets & Investments is an enforced pre-/co-requisite for finance electives
 Please note: Courses with low enrollment after course selection may be subject to cancellation.
 Please note: Faculty do not control the registration process, and students will not be enrolled in a course based on faculty suggestion or approval. To register, students must participate in the course selection process in Course Match or during the Add/Drop Period in SSO.

FRIDAY ELECTIVES (MENU A & B) - Class of 2026 Only

Menu A: Friday Electives

Subject Area	Course Title	Credits	Course Number	Faculty	Pre-/Co-Requisites?	Add/Drop Deadline	Notes
Finance	Mergers & Acquisitions	3	FINCB7325-001	Donna Hitscherich	Capital Markets & Investments	Thursday, January 22, 2026	
Management	Power & Influence	3	MGMTB7531-001	Eric Abrahamson		Thursday, January 22, 2026	

Menu B: Friday Electives

Subject Area	Course Title	Credits	Course Number	Faculty	Pre-/Co-Requisites?	Add/Drop Deadline	Notes
Management	Managerial Negotiations	3	MGMTB7510-002	Sandra Matz		Thursday, February 5, 2026	No Class on Jan. 9. Make-up on April 24.
Marketing	The Business of Sustainability	3	MRKTB7654-001	Silvia Bellezza		Thursday, January 22, 2026	
Marketing	GenAI Meets Marketing Data	1.5	MRKTB7670-001	Shawndra Hill		Thursday, January 22, 2026	A-Term: B1 - B6
Management	The Leader's Voice: Communication Skills for Leading Organizations	1.5	MGMTB7538-001	Jeffrey Golde		Thursday, March 26, 2026	B-Term: B7 - B12

SATURDAY ELECTIVES ON FRI/SAT AND SAT CLASS DAYS (MENU C, D) - Class of 2026 Only

Menu C: Saturday Electives

Subject Area	Course Title	Credits	Course Number	Faculty	Pre-/Co-Requisites?	Add/Drop Deadline	Notes
Management	Technology Strategy	3	MGMTB7570-001	Jerry Kim		Thursday, January 22, 2026	
Finance	Applied Value Investing	3	FINCB7373-001	Ehsan Ehsani	Capital Markets & Investments	Thursday, January 22, 2026	
Economics	Financial Markets and the Macroeconomy	3	BUECB7251-001	Frederic Mishkin		Thursday, January 22, 2026	

Menu D: Saturday Electives

Subject Area	Course Title	Credits	Course Number	Faculty	Pre-/Co-Requisites?	Add/Drop Deadline	Notes
Marketing	High Tech Entrepreneurship	3	MRKTB7677-100	Ran Kivetz & Gary Singer		Thursday, January 22, 2026	
Decision, Risk, & Operation	Operations Strategy	3	DROMB7106-001	Medini Singh		Thursday, February 5, 2026	No Class on Jan. 10. Make-up on April 25.
Finance	Strategic Equity Finance	1.5	FINCB7358-001	David Erickson	Capital Markets & Investments	Thursday, January 22, 2026	A-Term: D2 - D7
Management	Entrepreneurship Through Acquisition	1.5	MGMTB7523-001	Carlos Gila		Thursday, April 9, 2026	D8 - D-Makeup. Make-up on April 25

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 A

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**
 - [Starfish](#) & [\(How to book an advising appt\)](#)
 - 26EM- with Jacob
 - 26BA- with Carolina
 - 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 emails!
- **Office of Student Affairs:**
 - osa@gsb.columbia.edu

Course Match & Vergil

Elective Selection

Elective selection for the Spring 2026 term takes place **October 22-28** 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 12.

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>

Elective Selection

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.

The screenshot shows a progress bar at the top with five steps: GET STARTED (highlighted in blue), FIND CLASSES, RANK CLASSES, REVIEW SCHEDULES, and CONFIRM. Below the progress bar, the question "How many credits do you need?" is displayed. A purple button labeled "NEXT FIND CLASSES" is positioned to the right of the question. Below the question, there is a paragraph of text: "You will be able to adjust your minimum and target credit values on this screen. The target credit amount you are presented with is the maximum number you will be able to rank. You can reduce this amount, if necessary, but you should not set a value greater than the value initially displayed. If you do, the amount will be reverted to the maximum amount allowed before seats are allocated." Below this text, there are two input fields: "Minimum" with the value "1.5" and "Target" with the value "9". A purple "SAVE" button is located at the bottom left of the form.

- **Minimum credits:** minimum credits you wish to be enrolled in
- **Target/Maximum credits:** maximum number of credits you will be assigned, determines how many credits to rank (capped at 15 credits)

Elective Selection

GET STARTED →
 FIND CLASSES →
 RANK CLASSES →
 REVIEW SCHEDULES →
 CONFIRM

Find classes NEXT: RANK CLASSES

Only courses in which there are seats available to your program AND for which you have fulfilled prerequisites will be available for you to select. For a full listing of courses, please visit the Courses at Columbia Business School webpage: <https://www8.gsb.columbia.edu/courses/>. Course-specific instructions/rules are included in the +Extended Description section.

🔍 Type name, description or instructor...

Type name, description or instructor to filter courses

All dates x

Filter classes by date range

Name	Description	Instructor	Time	Credits	
DROMB8148-001-20211-MBA	The Analytics Advantage <small>Extended Description [+]</small>	Cami Chan,Paul Glasserman,Daniel Guetta,Ciamac Moallemi,Garrett Van Ryzin,Assaf Zeevi	T 8:30 AM-11:45 AM	1.5	ADD
DROMB8148-002-20211-MBA	The Analytics Advantage <small>Extended Description [+]</small>	Cami Chan,Paul Glasserman,Daniel Guetta,Ciamac Moallemi,Garrett Van Ryzin,Assaf Zeevi	T 2:00 PM-5:15 PM	1.5	ADD
BUECB8215-001-20211-MBA	Economics of Organizational Strategy <small>Extended Description [+]</small>	Ann Bartel	M W 12:10 PM-1:40 PM F 12:10 PM-1:40 PM	1.5	REMOVE
BUECB8216-001-20211-MBA	Economics of Strategic Behavior <small>Extended Description [+]</small>	Maria Laura Doval	Th 2:00 PM-5:15 PM	3	ADD
BUECB8216-002-20211-MBA	Economics of Strategic Behavior <small>Extended Description [+]</small>	Maria Laura Doval	Th 8:30 AM-11:45 AM	3	ADD
BUECB8216-003-20211-MBA	Economics of Strategic Behavior <small>Extended Description [+]</small>	Jacopo Perego	Sun M T W Th 9:00 AM-5:00 PM	3	REMOVE

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

Doing so helps the algorithm work most efficiently.

Elective Selection



Rank your selections

SUBMIT RANKINGS

You must submit your rankings for them to be saved

Rankings not yet 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	
MRKTB8648-001-20211-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.

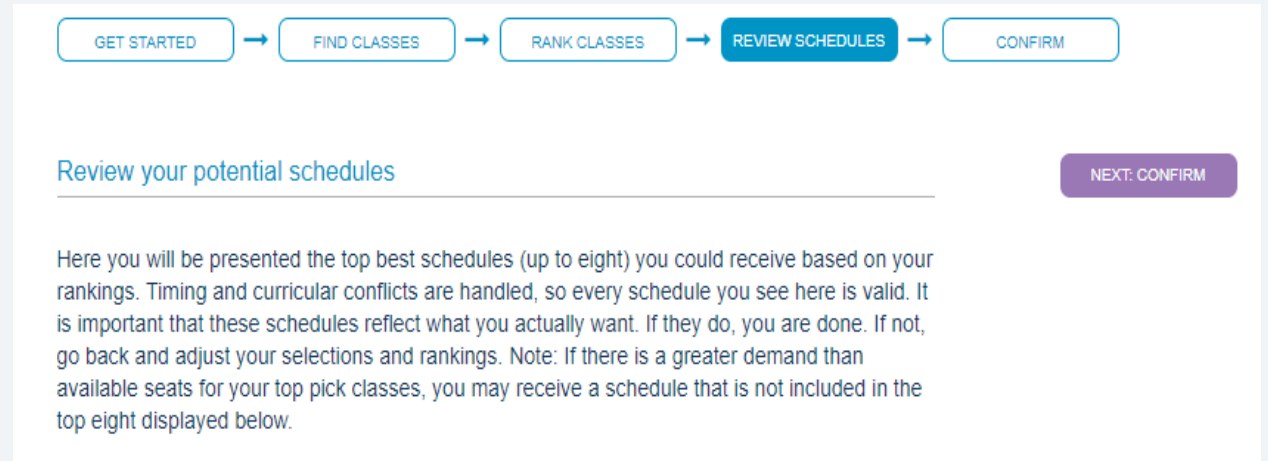
Note: Placing a course as your Favorite does not guarantee a seat in the course

Elective Selection

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.



The screenshot displays a five-step process flow: GET STARTED → FIND CLASSES → RANK CLASSES → REVIEW SCHEDULES → CONFIRM. The 'REVIEW SCHEDULES' step is highlighted in blue. Below the flow, the 'Review your potential schedules' screen is shown. It features a purple button labeled 'NEXT: CONFIRM' and a text block explaining that users will see up to eight top schedules based on their rankings, with a note about potential seat availability issues.

GET STARTED → FIND CLASSES → RANK CLASSES → REVIEW SCHEDULES → CONFIRM

Review your potential schedules

NEXT: CONFIRM

Here you will be presented the top best schedules (up to eight) you could receive based on your rankings. Timing and curricular conflicts are handled, so every schedule you see here is valid. It is important that these schedules reflect what you actually want. If they do, you are done. If not, go back and adjust your selections and rankings. Note: If there is a greater demand than available seats for your top pick classes, you may receive a schedule that is not included in the top eight displayed below.

Elective Selection – Vergil (Add/Drop & Waitlist)

The screenshot shows a registration portal for a user named Nalka Baptiste. The main content area displays a list of courses, with 'Financial Accounting ACCT500IB' selected. The interface includes search filters on the left, a course details section, and a 'My Planner' sidebar on the right. Five callout boxes provide instructions on how to interact with the course listing:

- 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.
- Class Status:** Points to the 'Open 100 / 100' enrollment indicator.
- 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.

Section	Title	Call Number	Method of Instruction	Grading Mode	Credits	Enrollment	
D03	Financial Accounting	14552	In-Person	Standard	3	Open 100 / 100	
R01	Financial Accounting	14553	LECTURE	In-Person	Standard	3	Open 100 / 100

Course Match Demo

EMBA-NY Graduation and Degree Conferral

Academic Standards

Cumulative GPA Requirement	Status
GPA \geq 5.500	Good Academic Standing
GPA $<$ 5.500 and \geq 3.700	Academic Probation
GPA $<$ 3.700	Academic Dismissal
Graduation: GPA greater than or equal to 5.500	

Free Credits over the Program Requirement of 60

- You may take up to 9 credits over the EMBA program requirement of 60 for free.
- **These additional credits follow the same add/drop and registration policies as all other courses. They will be factored into your GPA.**
- Additional credits must be taken by the end of your final term as a student. **They cannot be taken after you graduate.**
- Students will be billed for all of the credits they are registered for each term. Once a student reaches 60 credits (the final term of the program), if they choose to take additional courses, the tuition for up to 9 free credits over 60 will be backed out from the tuition bill.
- Please note that **free courses (over 60 credits) cannot count towards federal financial aid eligibility in a given term.**
 - Students must not have exceeded more than 54 completed credits in their penultimate term, as six degree-required credits minimum must be on a student's transcript to be eligible for federal aid in their final term.

Dean's Graduation Honors

- Dean's Honors: top 25% of the class based on cumulative GPA
- Dean's Honors and Distinction: top 5% of the class based on cumulative GPA

Resources

Viewing Attempted Credits in Vergil

- Go to Vergil--> Academic Records--> Enrollment & Program Summary
- Attempted credits is a combined total of credits you have completed (received a grade) and are enrolled in.
- You need **60 credits** to complete the degree.

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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CUMULATIVE GPA ↻

36.00

COMPLETED
CREDITS ⓘ

36.00

COMPLETED
COLUMBIA
CREDITS

48.00

ATTEMPTED
COLUMBIA
CREDITS

Master of Business Administr., EXECUTIVE MBA PROGRAM (BUEMB1)

Business Department

Resources

- Application for Degree Conferral in Vergil/SSOL
 - Required for degree to be conferred by Columbia University
 - Finishing coursework in Spring 2026 will lead to degree conferral in May 2026.

Save the Date

- **EMBA-NY & MBA Recognition Ceremony**
 - Saturday, May 16, 2026, 12PM-3PM
- **Columbia University Commencement**
 - Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Q&A