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EMBA-Global Elective Briefing

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- CBS Elective Registration Process & Dates
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Grading Systems

CBS Grade	LBS Grade
H+ (Honors)	A+
H (Honors)	A
HP (High Pass)	B
P1 (Pass)	C
LP (Low Pass)	
F (Fail)	F
IN	IN

CBS uses 10-point scale

Pluses and minuses may be assigned, +/- 1 point

Grade	Point
H	= 10
HP	= 7
P1	= 4
LP	= 1
F	= 0
IN	Incomplete

<https://coursematch.gsb.columbia.edu/gpa/student-gpa-calculator/>

H = 10.0

HP = 7.0

P1 = 4.0

LP = 1.0

F = 0.0

+ = 1.0

- = 1.0

Course	Grade	Points
Financial Accounting	H	10
Leadership & Organizational Change	HP+	8
Managerial Statistics	HP	7
Managerial Economics	P1-	3
Term GPA:	-	(28/4) or 7.000

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Acceptable Academic Performance

Grade	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	

CBS Grades	CBS Distribution: Core	CBS Distribution: Electives
H	25-30%*	No more than 2% H+'s
HP	55-65%	No more than 50% H's
P1**	10-15%	No fewer than 5% P1's or lower***
LP		
F		
IN	N/A	

* No H+ in core

** P1 distinguishes the weighted grade from the unweighted grade of P in Pass/Fail courses

***Recommended

LBS grades	LBS distribution Core	LBS distribution Electives
A+	10%	50%
A	40%	
B	40%	50%
C	10%	
F		

Program Requirements

Term	Course	LBS	CBS
Term 1	Executive Leadership	7	1.5
	Financial Accounting	11	3.0
	Leadership and Organisational Change	11	3.0
	Managerial Economics	11	3.0
	Managerial Statistics	11	3.0
Term 2	Corporate Finance	11	3.0
	Operations Management	6	1.5
	Marketing Strategy	11	3.0
	Business Analytics	6	1.5
	Strategic Management	11	3.0
Term 3	Global Economic Environment	11	3.0
	Class week & block week elective options	-	-
Terms 3-5	Global Experience / International Seminar	11	3.0
	Electives (x10 full credit courses)	110	30.0
	Total Credits	228	61.5

Spring Term (Term 3): January – April

Summer Term (Term 4): May – August

Fall Term (Term 5): Late August – December

1 CBS Course = 3 credits

Half CBS Course = 1.5 credits (not common with block weeks)

EMBA-Global Term 3: Core/Electives

- Dates: January 11 – 17 (at LBS) and February 22 – February 28 (at CBS)
- Global Economic Environment (GEE) - core course, pre-enrolled
- Two electives rotating with GEE:
 - Capital Markets (pre-/co-requisite for all CBS finance electives)*
 - Managerial Negotiations
 - Both taught by CBS faculty
 - You will be pre-enrolled, but these two courses are **not** required. If you do not want to take one or both, you can drop them during CBS Add/Drop.

*Capital Markets exemption exam available on Sept 8– email exemptions@gsb.columbia.edu for exam info

EMBA-Global Block Week Electives

- Weeklong elective (5 consecutive days)
- Options throughout the semester
- Typically scheduled Sunday-Thursday or Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm
- Select at least one block week elective in Spring to have four courses

EMBA-Global Term 3: Suggested Schedule


1. **Global Economic Environment (GEE):** required core class, automatically enrolled
2. **Capital Markets:** optional, automatically enrolled by CBS
3. **Managerial Negotiations:** optional, automatically enrolled by CBS
4. **Select one additional course** at either CBS or LBS: you must follow the School's registration process to enroll



Core Term 3 - LBS								Week 1
CMIS WK 24-25	12-Jan	13-Jan	14-Jan	15-Jan	16-Jan	17-Jan	18-Jan	
Time	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
08:30-11:30 UK		EC10 MN 2/10	EC10 MN 3/10	CL04 GEE 2/10	EC10 MN 5/10	CL04 GEE 3/10	CL04 GEE 5/10	
11:30-13:00 UK	Lunch	ESS Briefing 11:30 - 12:15	Lunch					
13:00-16:00 UK	EC10 MN 1/10	EC79 CMI 1/10	CL04 GEE 1/10	EC10 MN 4/10	EC79 CMI 3/10	CL04 GEE 4/10		
16:00-16:30 UK	Break							
16:30-19:30 UK			EC79 CMI 2/10	Careers Session	EC79 CMI 4/10			

January - LBS

Core Term 3 - CBS								Week 2
CMIS WK 30-31	23-Feb	24-Feb	25-Feb	26-Feb	27-Feb	28-Feb	1-Mar	
Time	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
08:30-11:30 NY	EC79 CMI 6/10	CL04 GEE 8/10	EC79 CMI 7/10	EC10 MN 7/10		EC10 MN 9/10	EC10 MN 10/10	
11:30-13:00 NY	Lunch							
13:00-16:00 NY	CL04 GEE 6/10	CL04 GEE 9/10	EC10 MN 6/10	EC79 CMI 8/10	EC10 MN 8/10	EC79 CMI 9/10	EC79 CMI 10/10	
16:00-16:30 NY	Break							
16:30-19:30 NY	CL04 GEE 7/10	CL04 GEE 10/10		HOLD PO EVENT	HOLD PO EVENT			

 Columbia Business School Executive MBA					Mon - Fri October 23 - 27 2023
B7513-100 Personal Leadership & Success <i>Professor Hitendra Wadhwa</i>					
Time	Mon 10/23	Tue 10/24	Wed 10/25	Thu 10/26	Fri 10/27
Classroom	Geffen 490	Geffen 490	Geffen 490	Geffen 490	Geffen 490
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
9:00 AM - 12:15 PM	Class	Class	Class	Class	Class
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
1:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Class	Class	Class	Class	Class
		Block Week Reception 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Geffen 540			
*Classroom Location: Geffen 490 - Mon (10/23) - Fri (10/27) *Breakfast/Lunch Location: Geffen 540 - Mon (10/23) - Fri (10/27) *Block Week Reception Geffen 540 - Tue (10/24) at 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM					

Additional options for Terms 4 & 5 at CBS:

- EMBA-NY Weekend Electives
- Non-EMBA Registration:
 - Full-time MBA evening, daytime, and block week courses (space available basis)
 - Independent study
 - Cross registration at other CU Graduate Schools

CBS Elective Selection – only applies to CBS electives

Course Selection & Ranking Period

- Takes place in a system called **Course Match**.
- 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 your fourth course in Term 3.
- We will review this process during your October class week.

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.
- If you do not want to take Capital Markets and/or Managerial Negotiations, you can drop these classes at this time.
- Other changes to schedule can also happen at this time, including adding yourself to waitlists.

CBS Elective Selection Timeline: Spring 2026 Courses

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- Wednesday, October 15 (TBC)

Course Selection & Ranking Period

- October 22 – October 28

Schedules Published

- Wednesday November 12

Add/Drop & Waitlist Period

- Opens Wednesday, November 19
- If you do not want to take Capital Markets and/or Managerial Negotiations, you can drop at this time

- **EMBA Student Site**
 - <https://students.business.columbia.edu/emba-students/academic-essentials/classes/elective-selection>
 - Tentative Spring courses
- **Course Catalog**
 - <https://courses.business.columbia.edu/>
 - Historical course offering
- **CBS Academic Advising**
 - Book appointment with Carolina in [Starfish](#)
 - In Starfish--> EMBA Academic & Student Affairs

Credits beyond graduation requirement

- One additional course without incurring additional tuition fees
- Meant to assist those who have failed an elective course
- Must be taken during the standard terms of your program – cannot be taken after you graduate
- It is treated as any other course – you will receive a grade, it will be counted towards your GPA, you will register for it in the same way
- Can be taken at CBS or LBS

- Space must be available in the course & you must receive permission from professor
- Professors are not required to allow auditors, it is at their discretion
- No official registration/academic credit, no tuition charged, no grade
- Access to Canvas page
- Cannot later take the course for credit
- More information: <https://students.business.columbia.edu/records-registration/auditing>

- You must register for **4 courses** (12 credits) each term to maintain fulltime status
 - Only exception is your final term (Fall 2026)
- You must have one course that physically takes place in NYC each term (**at least one entry into U.S. on F-1 status**)
 - A CBS International Seminar does not count since you will not enter the U.S.
- Health and/or financial **holds will prevent you from registering**
- You are **eligible for OPT** (Optional Practical Training), but it does take advanced planning:
 - <https://isso.columbia.edu/content/f-1-opt-optional-practical-training-after-your-degree-program>

LBS Elective Briefing

- Thursday, September 4

Global Experience/International Seminar Briefing

- Thursday, September 11 (Zoom)

CBS Elective Briefing Part II

- During October class week
- Step-by-step Overview of Course Match
 - How the algorithm works
 - How to rank
- Best practices for selecting classes & building your schedule

Questions?