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EMBA-Global CBS Elective Selection Refresher

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- Review Program Requirements
- F-1 Visa Reminders
- Course Match vs Add/Drop
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

Standard example of how to finish your degree:

Term 3 (Spring, Jan-April):

- GEE (core)
- Capital Markets (Elective #1)
- Managerial Negotiations (Elective #2)
- Block Week (Elective #3)

Term 4 (Summer, May-Aug):

- Elective #4
- Elective #5
- Elective #6
- Elective #7

Term 5 (Fall, Sept-Dec):

- International Seminar/Global Experience
- Elective #8
- Elective #9
- Elective #10

IMPORTANT: CBS International Seminars to Cape Town, Santiago, and Munich count for the Fall term

- You are required to register full- time (12 credits) in your Summer term
 - In your final term (Fall) you are not required to be full-time if you have less than 12 credits remaining to graduate.
- You must have one course that physically takes place in NYC each term (at least one entry into U.S. on F1 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.
 - Check in SSOL/Vergil now
- 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>

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
 - CBS-billed students – it will be reflected in your final term and cannot count towards financial aid eligibility
- 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
- Follows same add/drop and withdrawal policies
- Can be taken at CBS or LBS

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	

CBS Elective Selection

Course Match

CBS elective selection runs in **March 26- April 1** using a system called **Course Match**.

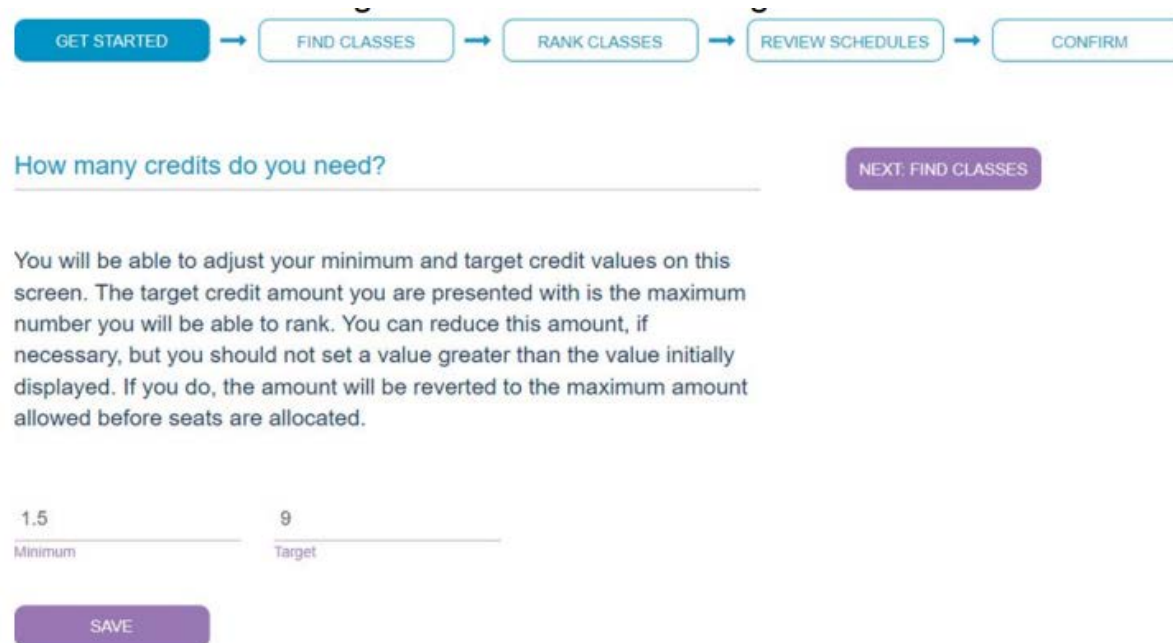
Course Match is an advanced algorithm that assigns classes based on your preferences. The algorithm uses the rankings submitted by you and your classmates to determine the demand for every class. Using that information, it gives you as many of your highly ranked classes at the end of the selection period.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

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>

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

Step #1: After logging in, the first step will be viewing the credits you wish to enroll in. Keep in mind, CBS International Seminars (Shanghai) for which you are already registered will be reflected in the system.



The screenshot shows a five-step process flow: GET STARTED (highlighted in blue), FIND CLASSES, RANK CLASSES, REVIEW SCHEDULES, and CONFIRM. Below this, a form titled "How many credits do you need?" is displayed. It includes a text input field with a value of 1.5, a "Minimum" label, and a "Target" label with a value of 9. A "NEXT: FIND CLASSES" button is visible to the right of the input field. At the bottom of the form is a "SAVE" button.

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

Step #2: Find and select classes.

Reminder: You must select at least double your target credits. Doing so helps the algorithm work most efficiently.

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 to filter courses

All dates

Filter classes by date range

Name	Description	Instructor	Time	Credits	
DROMB8148-001-20211-MBA	The Analytics Advantage Extended Description [+]	Carri 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 Extended Description [+]	Carri 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 Extended Description [+]	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 Extended Description [+]	Mania Laura Doval	Th 2:00 PM-5:15 PM	3	ADD
BUECB8216-002-20211-MBA	Economics of Strategic Behavior Extended Description [+]	Mania Laura Doval	Th 8:30 AM-11:45 AM	3	ADD



Step #3: 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*

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 Zeides	Sun M T W Th 9:00 AM-5:00 PM	3	
DROP HERE					

Great

Name	Description	Instructor	Time	Credits	
MRKT8625-001-20211-MBA	Entertainment Marketing & The Crafting of Celebrity Businesses	Jamod Moses	M 3:50 PM-7:05 PM	1.5	
MGMT88512-001-20211-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	
MRKT88646-001-20211-MBA	A Strategic Marketing Approach To Private Equity In Emerging Markets	Marco Viola	T 2:00 PM-5:15 PM	1.5	

Step #4: The next step is to review potential schedules that Course Match might assign at the end of the selection period.

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.

Step #5: The last step is to hit confirm. You can make changes and confirm again up until the selection round ends.



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.

Add/Drop & Waitlist Period

- Opens April 23
- Moving to Vergil
 - New guide and more information coming soon
- Add and drop courses in real time
- Join waitlist for courses that filled during the elective selection period

- EMBA Student Site: Elective Selection
 - <https://students.business.columbia.edu/emba-students/academic-essentials/classes/elective-selection>

Registration Resources

[Spring 2025 EMBA-NY Friday/Saturday Elective Menus](#)

[Spring 2025 EMBA-NY Saturday Elective Menus](#)

[2026EM Term 3 Core/Elective Schedule](#)

[Spring 2025 EMBA-Global Block Weeks](#)

[Spring 2025 Elective Selection Guide](#)

- The elective selection guide is a list of all EMBA electives (weekend electives, block weeks, and LBS exchange courses) and all full-time MBA courses that have been given EMBA-designated seats. The elective selection guide lists EMBA courses by menu and includes dates, instructors, co and pre-requisites, and relevant add/information.

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!



Elective Selection Guide

Summer 2025 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 Vergil.

FRIDAY ELECTIVES (MENU A & B)

Menu A: Friday Electives							
Subject Area	Course Title	Credits	Course Number	Faculty	Pre-/Co-Requisites?	Add/Drop Deadline	Notes
Finance	Capital Markets & Investments	3	FINCB7306-001	Mark Zurack			
Finance	Private Equity Finance	3	FINCB7343-001	Aamir Rehman	Capital Markets & Investments		
Management	People Analytics and Strategy	1.5	MGMTB7590-001	Bo Cowgill			Class meetings: A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, A-5, A-6
Management	The Leader's Voice	1.5	MGMTB7538-002	Rachel Rubinstein			Class meetings: A-7, A-8, A-9, A-10, A-11, A-12
Menu B: Friday Electives							
Subject Area	Course Title	Credits	Course Number	Faculty	Pre-/Co-Requisites?	Add/Drop Deadline	Notes
Management	Foundations of Entrepreneurship	3	MGMTB7518-001	Geraldine Wu			No Class on B-1 make-up on 8/15
Accounting	Financial Statement Analysis and Valuation	3	ACCTB7009-001	Benjamin Segal			
Decision, Risk and Operations	Applied Regression Analysis	1.5	DROMB7114-001	David Juran			Class meetings: B-7, B-8, B-9, B-10, B-11, B-Makeup

SATURDAY ELECTIVES ON FRI/SAT AND SAT CLASS DAYS (MENU C, D, E)

Menu D: Saturday Electives							
Subject Area	Course Title	Credits	Course Number	Faculty	Pre-/Co-Requisites?	Add/Drop Deadline	Notes
Management	Executive Ethics	3	MGMTB7583-001	Adam Galinsky			No Class on C-12 make-up on 8/16
Management	Foundations of Entrepreneurship	3	MGMTB7518-002	Steven Winshel			
Finance	Private Equity Finance	3	FINCB7343-002	Aamir Rehman	Capital Markets & Investments		
Menu D: Saturday Electives							
Subject Area	Course Title	Credits	Course Number	Faculty	Pre-/Co-Requisites?	Add/Drop Deadline	Notes
Finance	Capital Markets & Investments	3	FINCB7306-002	Mark Zurack			
Management	Corporate Growth & Development	3	MGMTB7508-001	Kathryn Harrigan			



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 >

Course Catalog

Find courses

Filters

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

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

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

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



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Supply Chain Management

[View All Courses](#)

Supply chain management entails managing the flow of goods and information through a production or distribution network to ensure that the right goods are delivered to the right place in the right quantity at the right time. Two primary objectives are to gain competitive edge via superior customer service and to reduce costs through efficient procurement, production and delivery systems. Supply chain management encompasses a wide range of activities from strategic activities, such as capacity expansion or consolidation, make/buy decisions and initiation of supplier contracts, to tactical activities, such as production, procurement and logistics planning, to, finally, operational activities, such as operations scheduling and release decisions, batch sizing and issuing of purchase orders.

Division: Decision, Risk and Operations
Programs/Center:

Prerequisites

No prerequisites

Corequisites

No corequisites

[View Course Evaluation](#)

“LBS Sync”

- The LBS and CBS add/drop systems do not talk to each other
- Manual updates 2-3 times a month
- LBS Registration will appear in SSOL/Vergil shortly after add/drop opens

Call Number	Course	Section	Title	Credits
19342	MGMT5927B >	301	New Venture Development	3.00
19344	MGMT5930B >	301	Managing Corporate Turnarounds	3.00
16812	MGMT7513B >	100	Personal Leadership & Success	3.00

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- Course Catalog
 - <https://courses.business.columbia.edu/>
- Academic Advising
 - Starfish: <https://gsbcolumbia.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/session/casLogin.html>
 - [How to Sign Up for Advising](#)
 - You can sign up for an appointment with Carolina or Susan. Appointments available throughout course match ranking period.
- CBS EMBA Academic Advising Team
 - AskEMBA-Global@gsb.columbia.edu

- **Course Selection & Ranking Period**
 - Wednesday, March 26- April 1
- **Schedules Published**
 - Wednesday, April 16
- **Add/Drop & Waitlist Period**
 - Opens Wednesday, April 23

Frequently Asked Questions



- How do I know if my class rankings were successfully submitted in Course Match?
- Can I resubmit my class rankings?
- Can I rank full-time MBA courses at CBS?
- I missed the window for Course Match Ranking. How do I proceed?
- I want to add/drop a block week, but the initial Add/Drop & Waitlist Period has finished. Is it too late to make changes to my schedule?