

# SLOAN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

**COURSE BIDDING**  
**<http://Sloanbid.mit.edu>**



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# WHY DO WE BID?

## Some courses fill to capacity

- Sloan courses cap the class size to maintain classroom dynamics
- Sloan classrooms are at a premium! Relocating classes after the term begins is not feasible

## Bidding allows students to:

- Rank their top choices
- Indicate how much they want a particular class over another



# BID SCHEDULE

## **Students bid in the Fall and Spring for Sloan classes**

- December 1<sup>st</sup> – Spring term bidding begins
- May 1<sup>st</sup> – Fall term bidding begins

## **Course bidding is broken up into several rounds.**

- Round I
- Round II
- Add/Drop
- Waitlist



# MECHANICS OF BIDDING

## Course bidding is based on **Priority**, then **Points bid**

- A student of priority '1' will always get a seat over a student of priority '2'
- Between the same priority, the higher bid will be successful
- Between same priority and bid amount, the seat will be allocated randomly



# MECHANICS OF BIDDING

Everyone receives **1000** points to spend:

- Minimum Bid: 1 point
- Maximum Bid: 1000 points

You can modify your bids and enrollment while the round is open

All bids are resolved after the close of each round

Add/Drop is the only time-sensitive round



# MECHANICS OF BIDDING

- **Plan ahead! The bid system can create a conflicting schedule**
  - Do not bid for courses that conflict with your Core courses
- **Note the number of seats filled vs. capacity**  
*(25/100)*
- **Some courses are restricted to specific programs.**
- **Bid early in the round to allow time for questions**



See [Sloan Course Notes](#)



# ACCESSING SLOANBID

1. Go to [Sloanbid.mit.edu](https://sloanbid.mit.edu)
2. Click “Bid for Courses”
3. Use your **MIT Kerberos and Password** to login
4. Find your course
5. Enter your bid amount in the box next to the course
6. Click the “bid” button to confirm your bid





# MIT Sloan Course Bidding

Test Test  
 PROGRAM/YEAR: MBA 2016  
 REMAINING BID CREDITS: 54.0  
 BID POINT BALANCE: 1000.0

Click to sort

16 result(s) found

results per page: 250

- Home
- Search Course Catalog
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- Spring 2015 Course Schedule
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Area	Course Number	Title	Term	Time	Faculty	Actions
Special Studies	<b>ES.160</b>	Breakthrough Thinking: A Visual Arts Workshop for Business Leaders (Restricted to MBAs) 2.0 Units 24/24 Capacity(Full)	2014-2015, Spring SIP	Meets at the SMFA, M 8:30-6:00pm, T 8:30-4:30pm, W 9:00-12:00pm in E62-221	Shapira, Allison St. Francis Decky, S. McLellan, C.	<input type="text" value="526"/> bid
Special Studies	<b>ES.174</b>	Improvisation and Influence: An Experiential Leadership Lab 2.0 Units 16/16 Capacity(Full)	2014-2015, Spring SIP	Meets in Cambridge Residence Inn, Compton Room	Giardella, Daena	<input type="text"/> bid
Special Studies	<b>ES.189</b>	China/ India Lab (restricted to students in China/ India Lab) 2.0 Units 83/60 Capacity(Full)	2014-2015, Spring SIP	Restricted to students enrolled in China/India Lab	Jester, Michellana	<input type="text"/> bid
Special Studies A	<b>ES.227</b>	Study Tour 2.0 Units 23/35 Capacity	2014-2015, Spring SIP	Restricted to students enrolled in 15.228	Pittore, Roberta	<input type="text"/> no alternate bid
Special Studies B	<b>ES.227</b>	Study Tour 2.0 Units 23/35 Capacity	2014-2015, Spring SIP	Restricted to students enrolled in 15.228	Kelly, Christine	<input type="text"/> no alternate bid
Special Studies C	<b>ES.227</b>	Study Tour 2.0 Units 24/35 Capacity	2014-2015, Spring SIP	Restricted to students enrolled in 15.228	Hartman, Neal	<input type="text"/> no alternate bid
Special Studies	<b>ES.559</b>	Israel: When Challenges Become Opportunities 2.0 Units 17/35 Capacity	2014-2015, Spring SIP	M T W (SIP) 9:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eiran, Ehud	<input type="text"/> bid

1. Find your course
2. Enter bid amount
3. Click "bid"





# MECHANICS OF BIDDING

## Sectioned Classes

### The bid system resolves each section individually

- Bid for the section (time) you prefer the most
- You will see two options:
  - **Any Section:** If you do not get into your preferred section, the system will place you in the other section if seats remain available
  - **No Alternate:** You are only considered for the section of your preference



# VIEWING RESULTS

Results become available on [Sloanbid.mit.edu](https://sloanbid.mit.edu) at the start of the next round

Click '[Current bids and bid results](#)' on Sloanbid to view results

**Check results carefully!**

- You may not have received your first choice
- The bid system will allow you to create a conflicting schedule



# ROUND II REFUNDS

## If you win seat in Round I

- **You will be charged the minimum bid amount to gain a seat in the class:**
  - Your bid – Minimum bid = Round II Refund
  - 500 points (your bid) – 200 points (minimum bid) = 300 point refund

## If you did not win a seat in Round I

- **Your points bid for that class will be refunded for use in Round II**



# ADD/DROP ROUND

Use the **Add/Drop round** to adjust your Sloan course schedule

- You may **DROP** electives won earlier during the bid process
- You may **ADD** electives listed as “**OPEN**”, no bid points necessary
- You will not be able to add courses that closed (filled) or application-only electives
- A list of closed Sloan classes will be posted on Sloanbid at the end of Round II.



# WAITLIST ROUND

## How do I join the waitlist for a closed (full) class?

Students bid for waitlist positions in closed courses during the waitlist round

1. A list of closed Sloan classes will be posted on Sloanbid
2. Your bid points are reset to 1000 for waitlist bidding
3. Bid on as many waitlist positions as you want, no limit
4. Waitlist use is at faculty discretion



# SECTION SWAPPING

**Bid for the section you want to attend during the term.**

**If you wish to swap sections, DO NOT drop the course!**

- To change your section assignment, contact the instructor or TA at the start of term to request a swap
- Swaps are generally managed on a first-come/first-served basis
- Classes *usually* honor section swaps first before accepting new students from the waitlist.



# FALL REGISTRATION

**Enrollments from Sloan bidding will be automatically populated on your term registration**

- See <https://registration.mit.edu>

**Further schedule adjustments, including non-Sloan MIT and cross-registered Harvard courses, are managed via the online add/drop system after the term begins.**

- [MIT Online Add/Drop System](#)
- [Harvard Cross-Registration Deadlines](#)



# RESOURCES

Click the **'Course Information Resources'** tab on Sloanbid:

Sloan Course Notes

- (<https://sloanbid.mit.edu>)

MIT Course Catalog

- (<http://student.mit.edu/catalog>)

Sloan faculty directory and bios

- (<http://mitsloan.mit.edu/faculty-and-research/faculty-directory/>)

Syllabi - 'Search Course Catalog' tab

- (<https://sloanbid.mit.edu>)

Course Evaluations

- (<http://web.mit.edu/subjectevaluation>)





# QUESTIONS?

**For questions about your program, requirements or class selection, please contact your program advisor.**

## **Bidding process questions:**

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