

BOSS Bidding Crash Course

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BAcc Curriculum

Overview

BACC CURRICULUM

Free Electives

3 Course Units

Any of the SMU electives offered

Core Curriculum

12 Course Units

- Capabilities (6 CUs)
- Communities (4 CUs)
- Civilisations (2 CUs)

Accounting Electives

3 Course Units

Any of the Accounting electives offered

Accounting Core

18 Course Units

- Accounting Courses (11 CUs)
- Business Courses (7 CUs)



SMU Core - Capabilities

BACC CURRICULUM

MODES OF THINKING (1 CU)

Choose 1 course:

- Critical Thinking in the Real World (CTRW)
- Computational Thinking and Programming
- Managing in a Volatile, Uncertain, Complex,
 Ambiguous Context (VUCA)

NUMERACY (1 CU)

Calculus

MANAGING (2 CUs)

Management Communication (MC) AND

Choose 1 course:

- Business, Government and Society (BGS)
- Modeling and Data Analytics
- Capital Markets in China
- Leadership and team Building (LTB)

WRITING AND REASONING (1 CU)

Writing & Reasoning (WR)

INTERNSHIP (1 CU)

• Minimum 10 Weeks

Note: This list is non-exhaustive. Do check on BOSS which offered courses can clear the curriculum requirements.



SMU Core - Communities

BACC CURRICULUM

TECHNOLOGY, SCIENCE AND SOCIETY (1 CU)

Choose 1 course:

- Digital Cultures
- Science, Environment and Empire
- Al and Humanity
- Climate Change: Past, Present and Future
- Science and Technology Studies: Where Science Meets Society

CULTURES OF THE MODERN WORLD (1 CU)

Choose 1 course:

- Urban Cultures
- Film in Southeast Asia
- Singapore: Imagining the Next 50 Years
- Policies of South-East Asia
- Foreign Languages

ECONOMICS AND SOCIETY (1 CU)

Economics & Society (E&S)

COMMUNITY SERVICE (1 CU)

• Minimum 80 Hours

Note: This list is non-exhaustive. Do check on BOSS which offered courses can clear the curriculum requirements.

SMU Core - Communities

BACC CURRICULUM

COMMUNITY SERVICE (1 CU)

• Minimum 80 Hours

Clear your CSP Hours with ASoc!

- ASoc offers two flagship community service projects (CSPs) where you can fulfill your hours!
 - Project Moolah
 - SMU-MCCY Charity Transparency Award Project

These are annual installments, and sign-ups tend to commence at the start of the calendar year – do keep an eye out for sign-up calls in your email!

SMU Core - Civilisation

BACC CURRICULUM

ETHICS AND SOCIAL / CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY (1 CU)

• Ethics and Social Responsibility for Accounting

BIG QUESTIONS (1 CU)

• Big Questions (BQ)

GLOBAL EXPOSURE (Non-credit Bearing)

• Do refer to our Freshmen Guidebook for the different overseas programmes offered by SMU!

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Accounting Core

BACC CURRICULUM

11 ACCOUNTING SUBJECTS

ACCT111 Financial Accounting

ACCT112 Management Accounting

Y1S1

ACCT221 Accounting Information Systems

Y2

ACCT223 Taxation

Y2

ACCT224 Financial Reporting and Analysis

ACCT331 Audit and Assurance

ACCT332 Accounting Thought and Governance

ACCT334 Intermediate Financial Accounting

ACCT335 Advanced Financial Accounting

ACCT336 Valuation

ACCT337 Statistical Programming

7 BUSINESS SUBJECTS

Pre-assigned

OBHR101 Management of People at Work

Y1

LGST101 Business Law

Y1

LGST201 Company Law

COR-STAT1202 Introductory Statistics*

FNCE101 Finance

FNCE102 Financial Markets and Investments

MGMT102 Strategy

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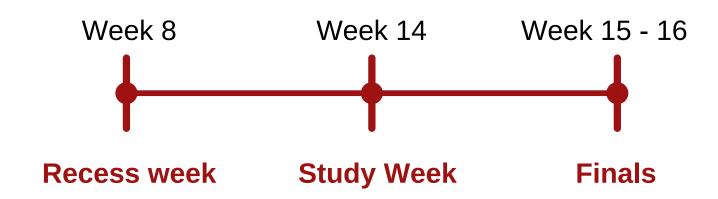
*Commonly taken in Y1

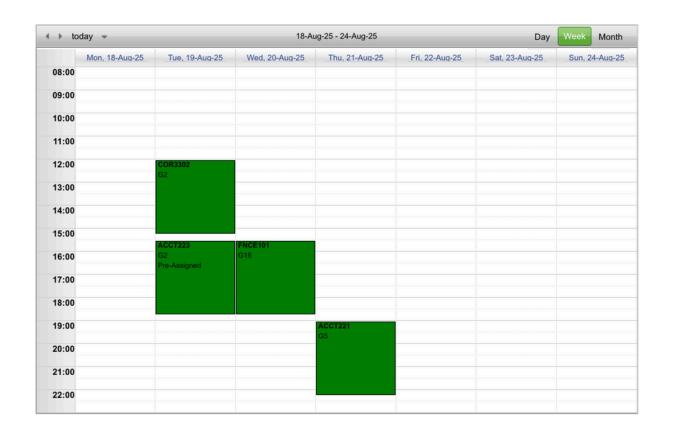
SMU Academic Timeline

BACC CURRICULUM

GENERAL TIMELINE (PER SEMESTER)

16 weeks per semester, inclusive of:





WHAT TO EXPECT IN A SEMESTER

Typical Components of a Module:

- 1. Class Participation
- 2. Group Project/ Presentation
- 3. Mid-term Examination
- 4. Final Examination

Average Number of Mods Taken:

- Most 1.0 CU modules will have 3 hours' worth of seminar lesson every week
- Most students opt for **4 or 5** modules per semester
 - **BUT** overloading to 6 modules is possible

What is BOSS?

SMU Bidding Online System

WHAT IS BOSS?

What is BOSS?

- A bidding system for SMU Undergraduate students to enrol in classes.
- Students are given e-dollars (e\$) to bid for modules and the highest bidders are enrolled into each class.

How the system works:

- There are multiple rounds and windows.
- The minimum bid amount for any class is **e\$10**.
- In the event there is one seat left, a ballot will be done if both bids are the same as a tie-breaker.

For Freshmen ONLY!

- Certain modules are pre-assigned to freshmen based on the basket they are randomly allocated to (Refer to "Pre-assigned Modules").
- Most freshmen would bid for 1 or 2 additional modules **OR** do not bid at all for their first year, depending on their own academic planning.

Bidding Credits (e\$)

WHAT IS BOSS?

Effective from AY 24/25:

• All students will receive e\$115 per semester, regardless of the number of modules you are required to take.

Bonus bidding credits (Term 2 onwards):

- e\$10 for End-of Term Course Feedback
- e\$5 for SMUSA Student Survey (SSS)
- e\$3 for Students Pulse Survey (SPS)

*For AY 24/25, SSS and SPS has been combined, hence a total of e\$8 will be given for the completion of a single survey.

Any unused e\$ will be carried over to the subsequent terms, with the exception of Term 3 (Summer Term).

For Freshmen ONLY!

- All freshmen will receive e\$115 in their first term, as they have not done any surveys.
- The above allocation of e\$ will only be applicable from Term 2 onwards.

Pre-assigned Modules

WHAT IS BOSS?

- Freshmen are <u>randomly divided into 2 baskets</u> for pre-assigned modules
- They are **not allowed to drop** any pre-assigned modules (i.e. you cannot choose your professors / timings for your pre-assigned modules).
- e\$20 will be deducted per pre-assigned course.

Pre-assigned Accounting modules for ALL BAcc Freshmen:

- In Year 1: ACCT111 Financial Accounting (Term 1) and ACCT112 Management Accounting (Term 2)
- In Year 2: ACCT223 Taxation and ACCT224 Financial Reporting and Analysis



Pre-assigned Modules

WHAT IS BOSS?



TERM 1

- ACCT111 Financial Accounting
- COR1100 Writing & Reasoning
- COR2100 Economics & Society
- COR3001 Big Questions



- ACCT111 Financial Accounting
- COR1201 Calculus
- LGST101 Business Law
- OBHR101 Management of People at work

TERM 2

- ACCT112 Management Accounting
- COR1201 Calculus
- LGST101 Business Law
- OBHR101 Management of People at work
- ACCT112 Management Accounting
- COR1100 Writing & Reasoning
- COR2100 Economics & Society
- COR3001 Big Questions

The courses (except those highlighted in red) will be "flipped over" in Semester 2.

• ACCT111 / ACCT112 are compulsory modules to take for all BAcc Freshmen (subject to exemption) to take together in the same semester.



Pre-assigned Modules

WHAT IS BOSS?

MUTUAL CLASS SWAP

From AY 24/25 onwards:

- Students may apply to swap their pre-assigned course(s) section of the **same course** but with a <u>different date</u> and/or timing during the swap window before the start of the course bidding exercise.
- Students can choose a maximum of 2 choices during the Swap window before the start of bidding.
- All the class swaps are done <u>anonymously</u> and will go through processing to find an <u>exact match</u>.

SUCCESSFUL

- Swaps will only be successful if there is a corresponding match to the students' swap request.
- The match will be allocated **randomly** if the swap demands are more than the available supply.
- Students will be notified of the swap outcome one working day before Round 1 commences.

UNSUCCESSFUL

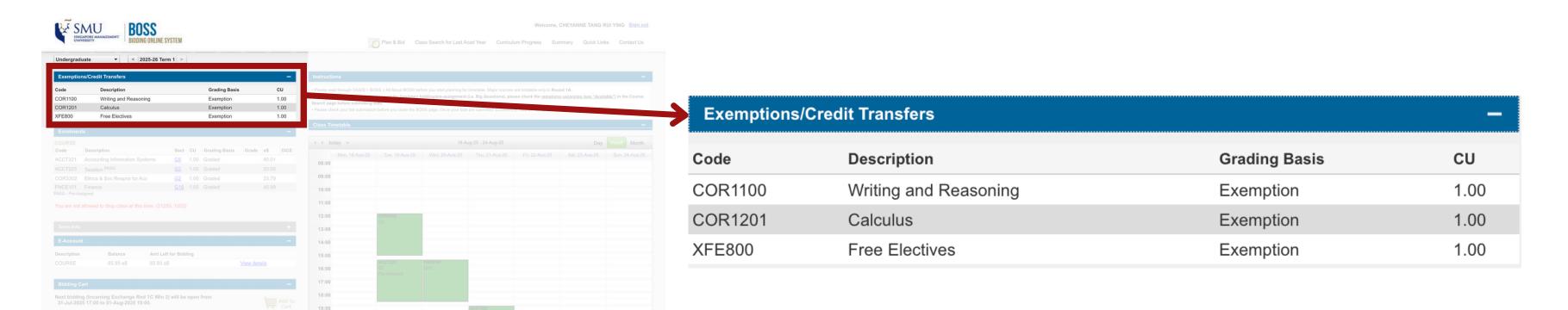
• If there is no exact matching swap request, the swap will be unsuccessful.

Exemptions

WHAT IS BOSS?

- Not all freshmen will be pre-assigned 4 modules per semester due to exemptions.
- To check your exemptions, click <u>Course Exemptions Calculator for Undergraduate Studies</u>
- You can also retrieve your list of exemptions via BOSS "Summary" / "Plan & Bid" pages:

OASIS > BOSS > Plan & Bid / Summary

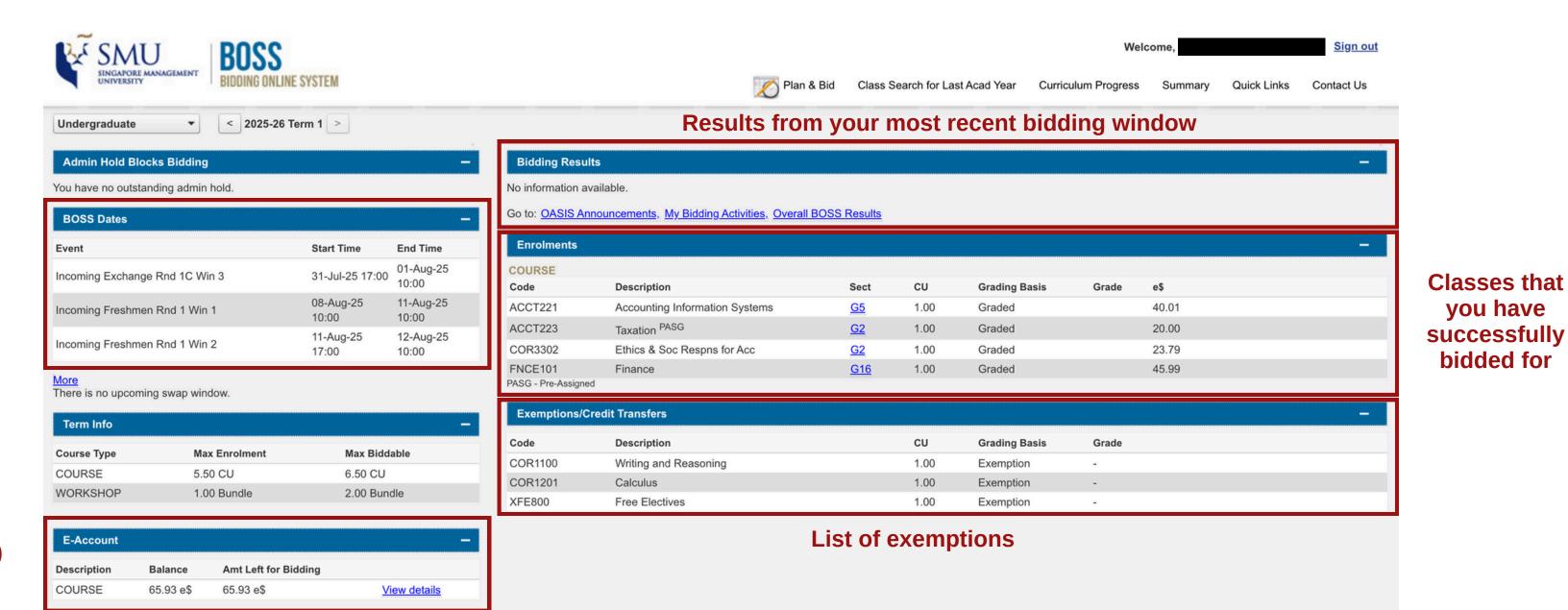


BOSS Interface

WHAT IS BOSS?

you have

HOME / SUMMARY



e-dollar (e\$) status

Upcoming

bidding

windows

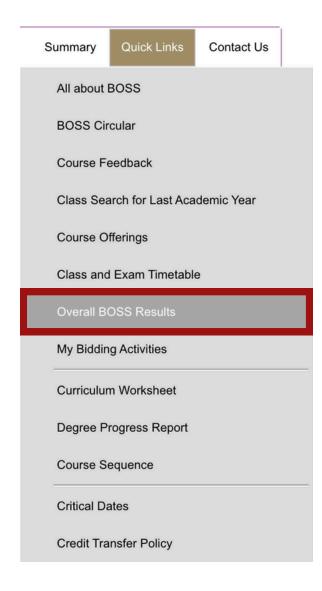
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BOSS Features

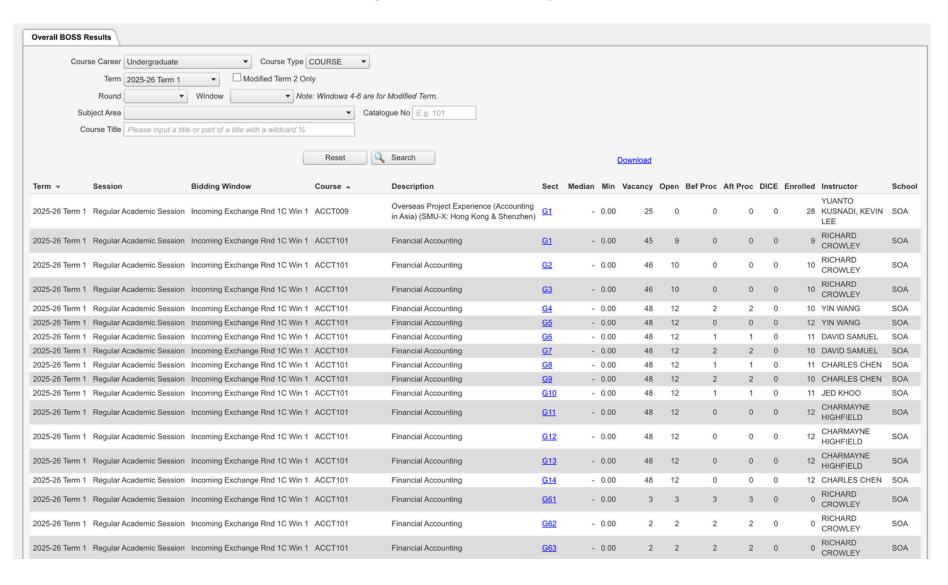
OVERALL BOSS RESULTS

 Review past bidding results and serves as a guide for upcoming bidding rounds.

STEP 1: Go under Quick Links > Overall BOSS Results



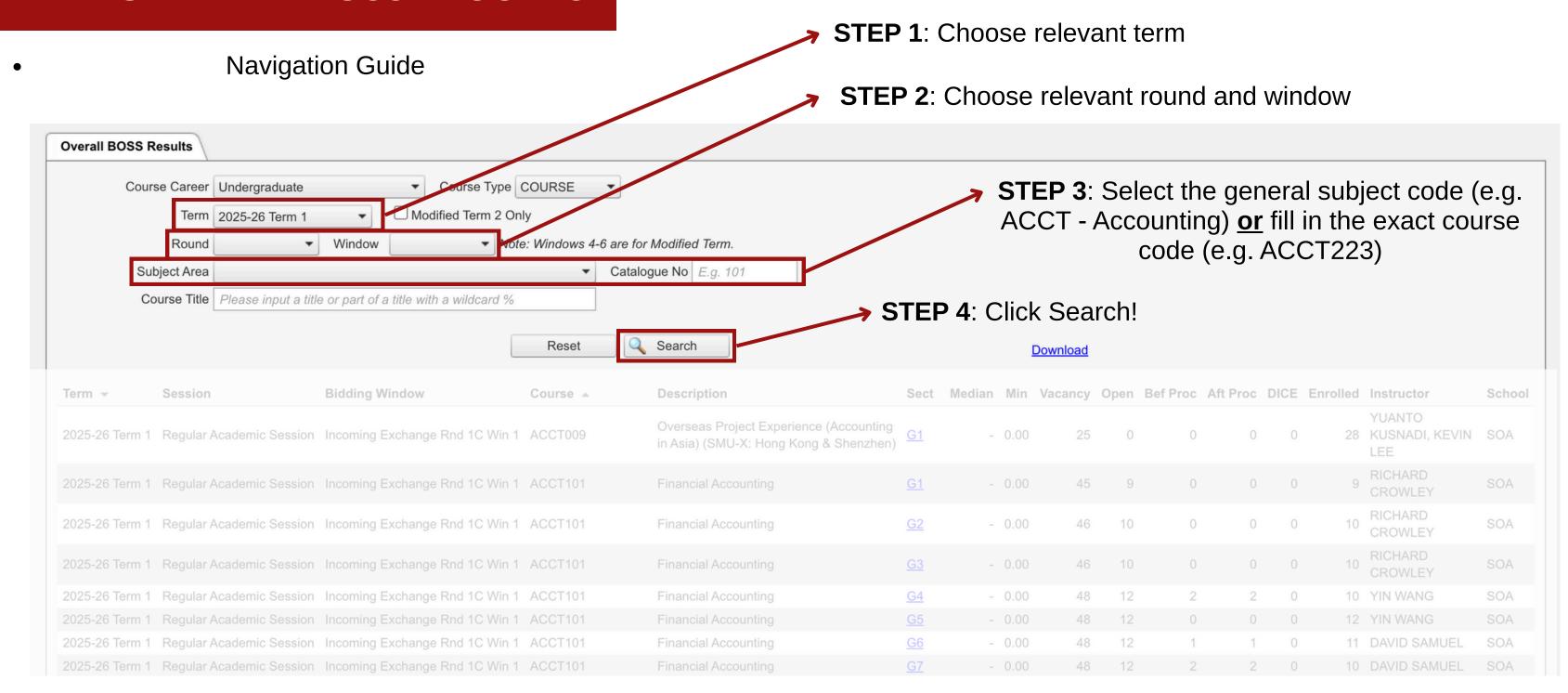
STEP 2: A new tab will pop up, showing the list of all bidding results from past windows



BOSS Features

WHAT IS BOSS?





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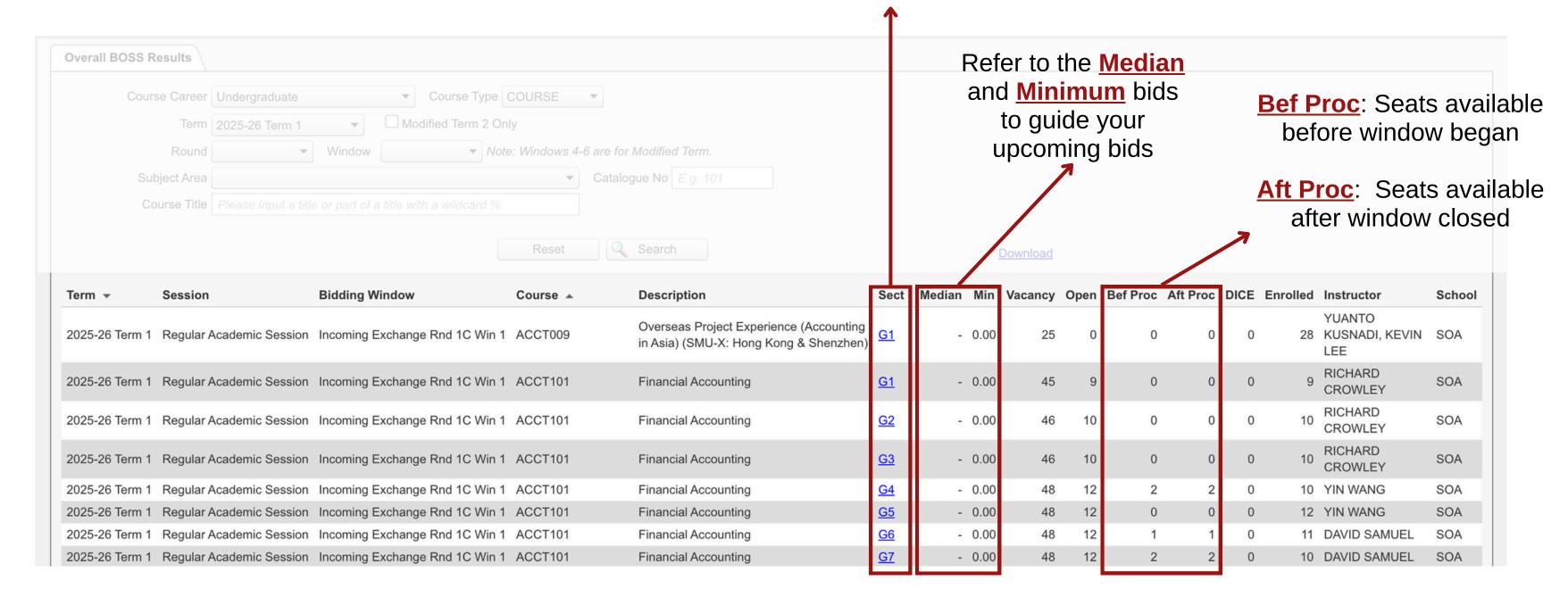
OVERALL BOSS RESULTS

Navigation Guide

WHAT IS BOSS?

Section: Click the embedded links for more information:

- Class date and timing
- Class description
- Course Outline

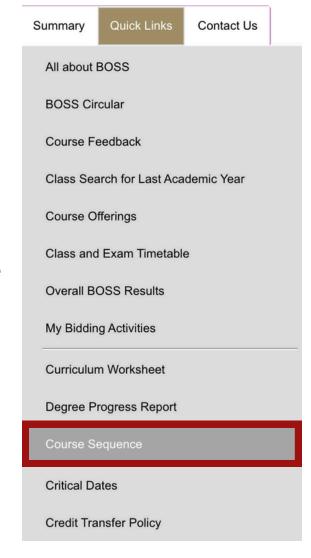


BOSS Features

COURSE SEQUENCE

• Allows you to check completed modules and suggested terms to take uncompleted modules.

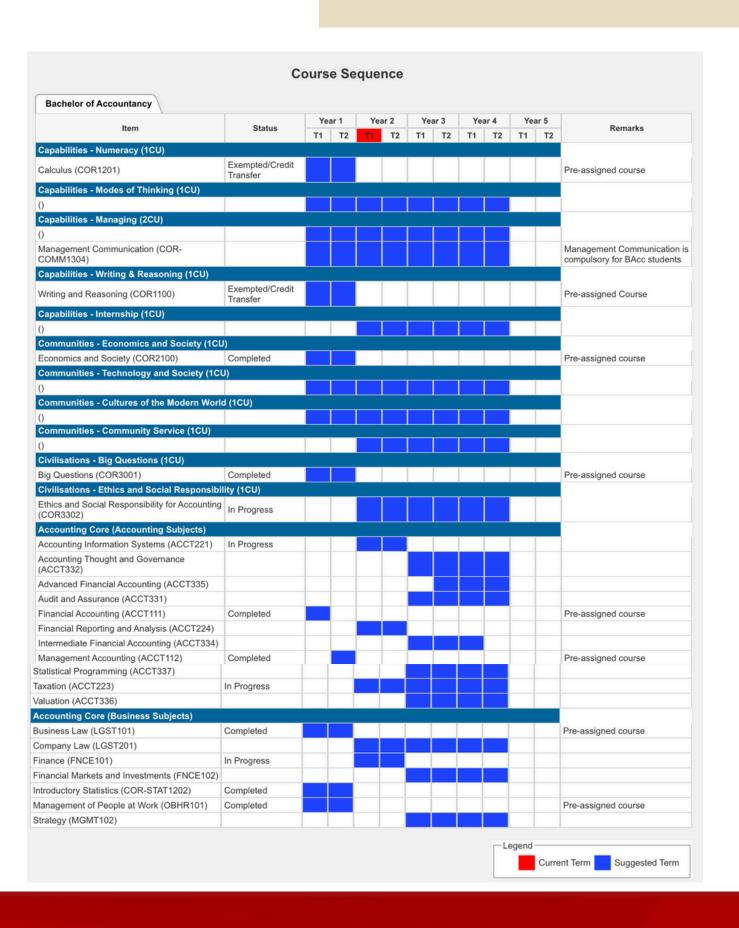
STEP 1: Go under Quick Links > Course Sequence



STEP 2: A new tab will pop up, showing the course sequence



WHAT IS BOSS?



Guide to BOSS & Bidding

Bidding Considerations

GUIDE TO BOSS & BIDDING

Before placing your bids...

MODULES

Some factors to consider:

- Priority (e.g. pre-requisites)
- Module availability
- Appropriate workload (e.g. taking a 4/5 mod semester)
- Course outlines, etc.

PROFESSORS

- Different professors have different teaching styles, so try to get reviews of professors from seniors or external sources.
 - Example: <u>AfterClass</u>

PREFERRED TIMETABLE

Class Timings:

- 8.15am 11.30am
- 12pm 3.15pm
- 3.30pm 6.45pm
- 7pm 10.15pm

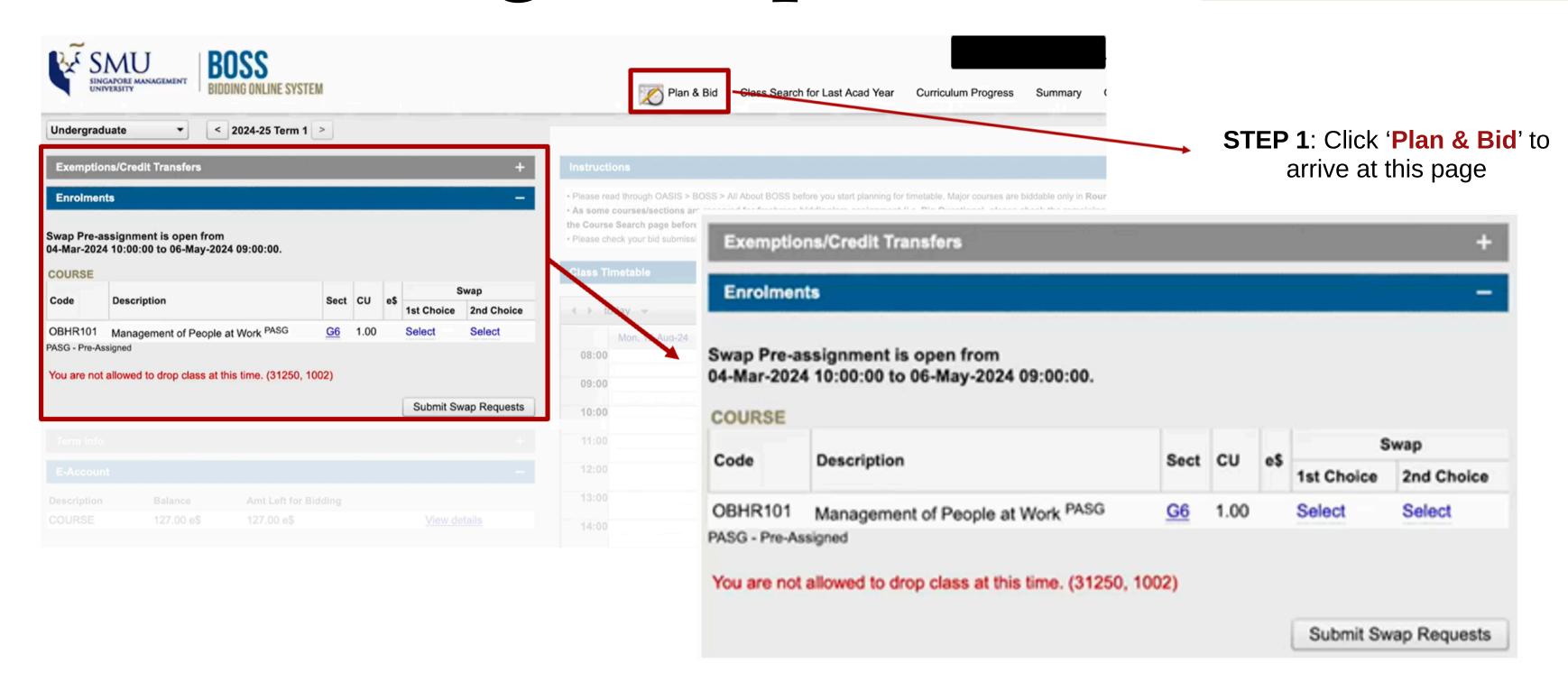
Ensure there are no clashes in timing for Finals.

e\$ BUDGETING

- Unused e\$ can be rolled over to future semesters.
- Plan wisely to ensure that you have left enough credits for future semesters.

Pre-Bidding: Swap Courses

GUIDE TO BOSS & BIDDING



Pre-Bidding: Swap Courses

GUIDE TO BOSS & BIDDING

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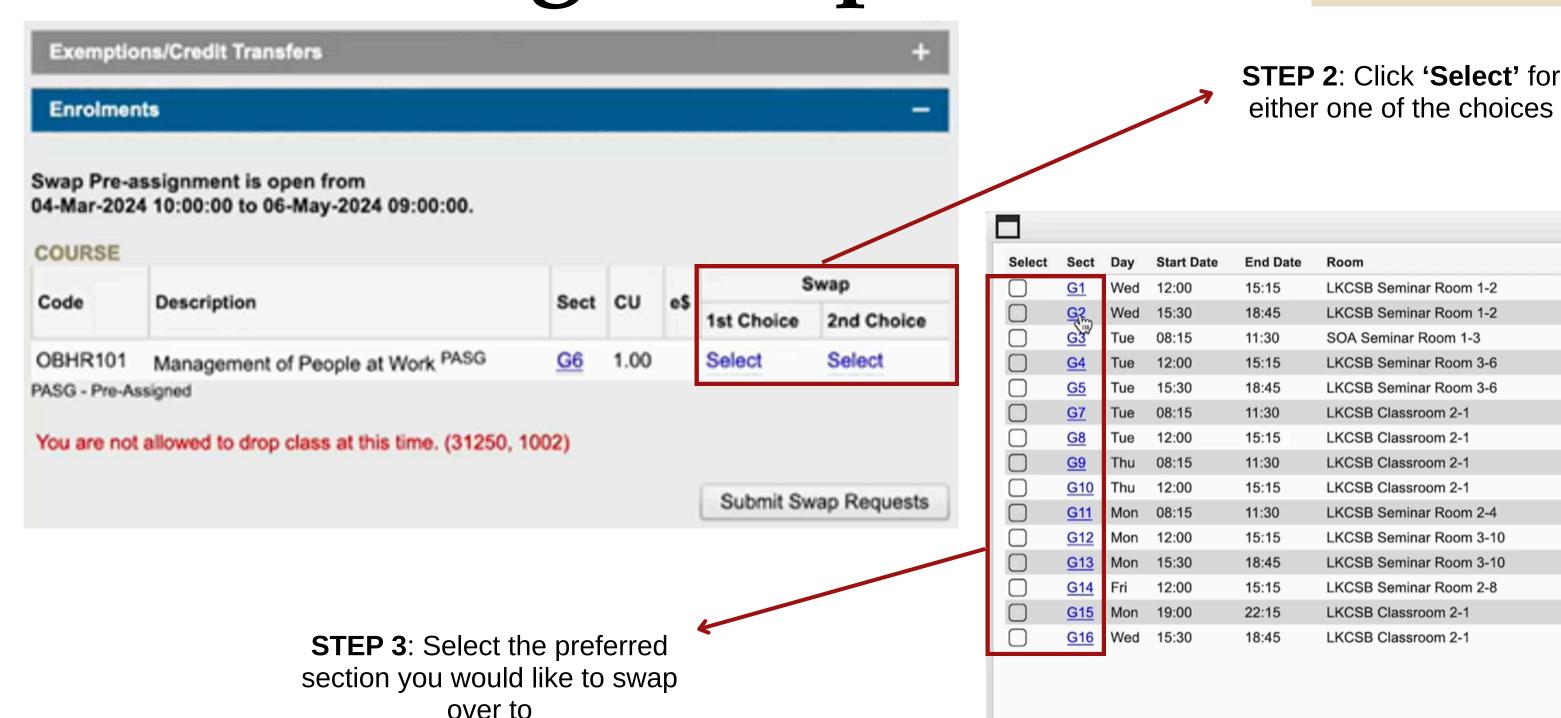
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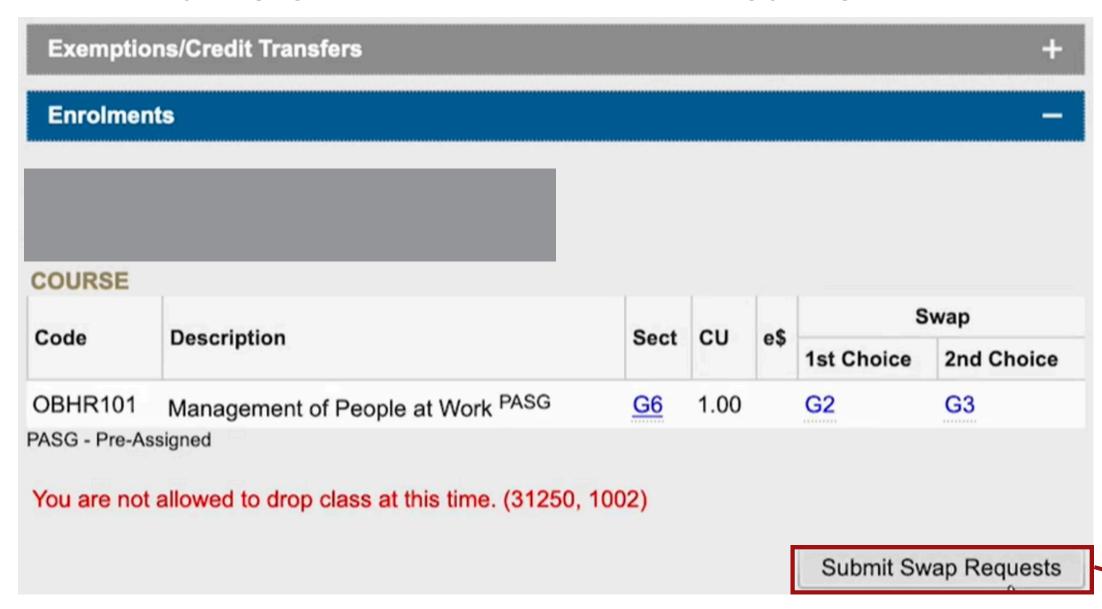
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Pre-Bidding: Swap Courses

GUIDE TO BOSS & BIDDING

This is how your page should look like after selecting your preferred choices.



Your swap will be reflected in your timetable under 'Plan & Bid'

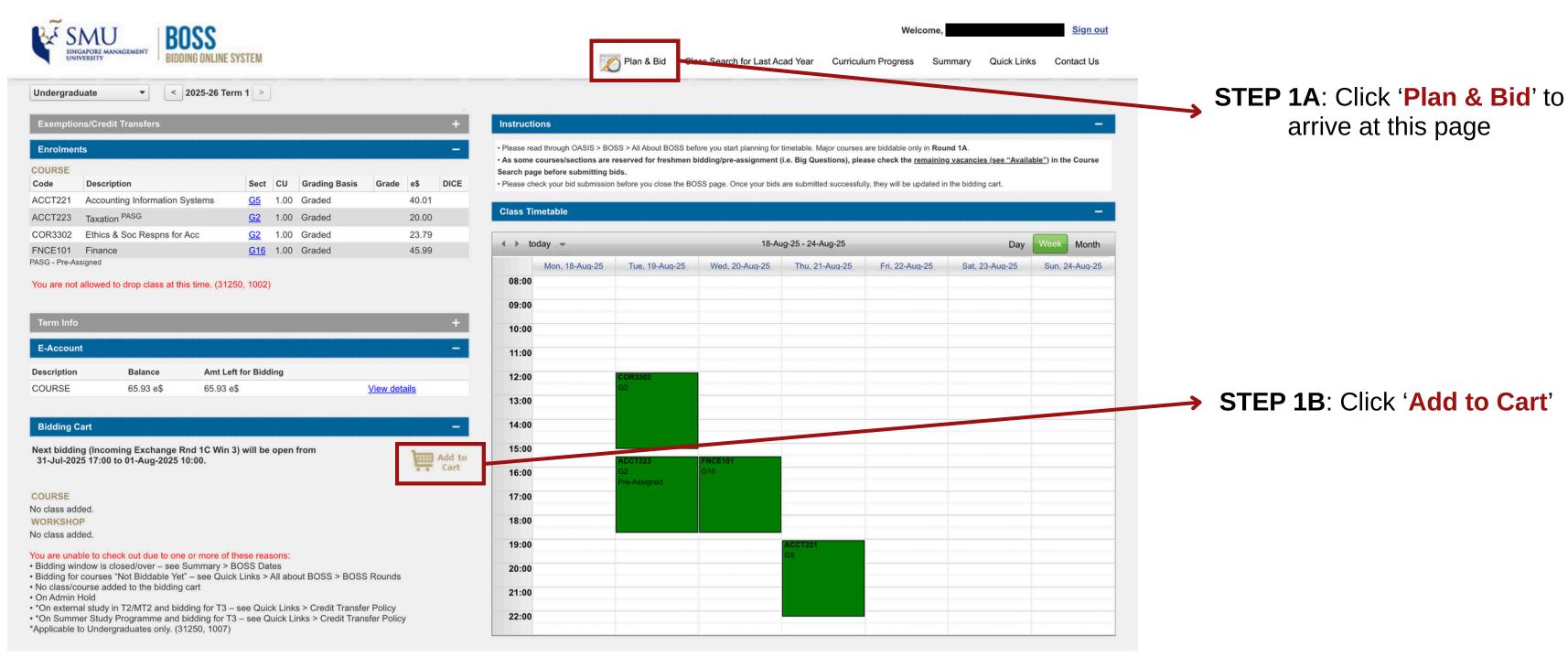
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OBHR101 G1	
Pre-Assigned	

STEP 4: Submit your swap choices

Step 1: Plan & Bid

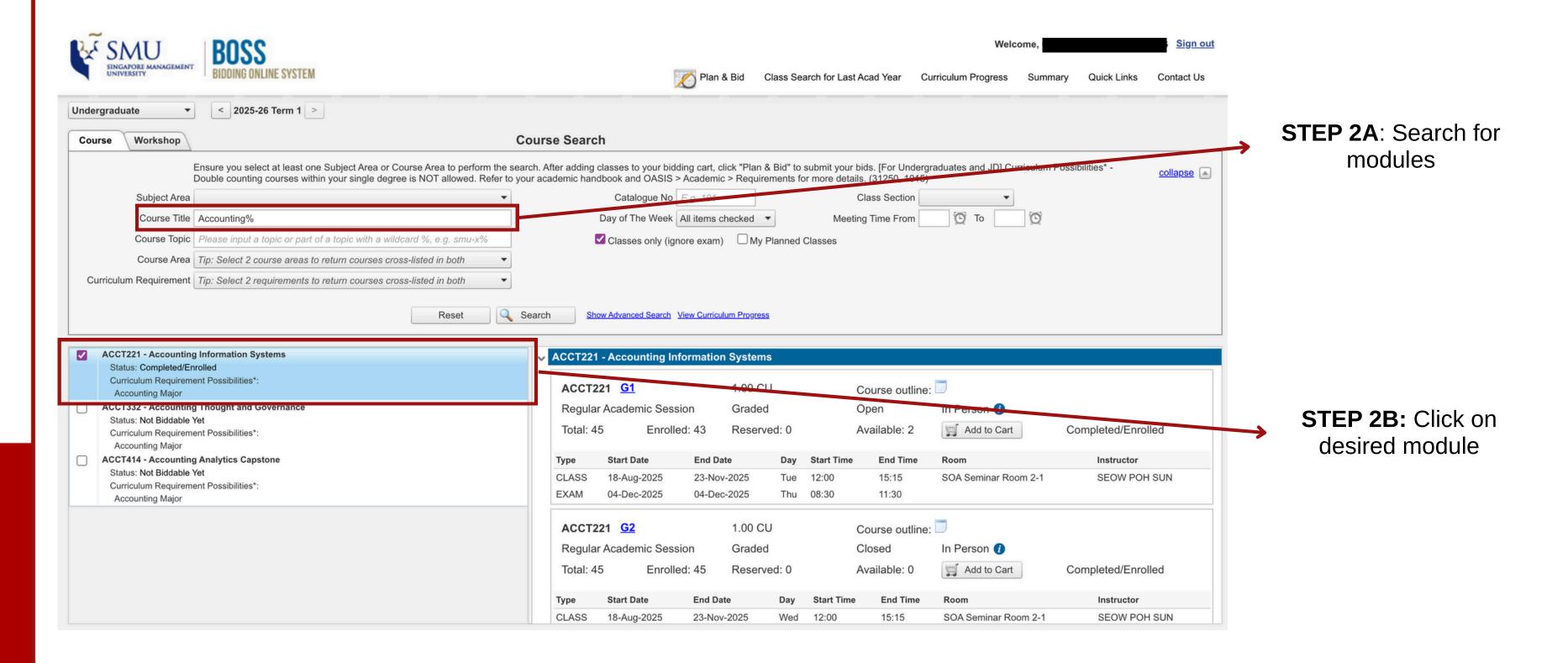
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For normal bidding rounds (ie. Round 1 onwards).



Step 2: Course Search

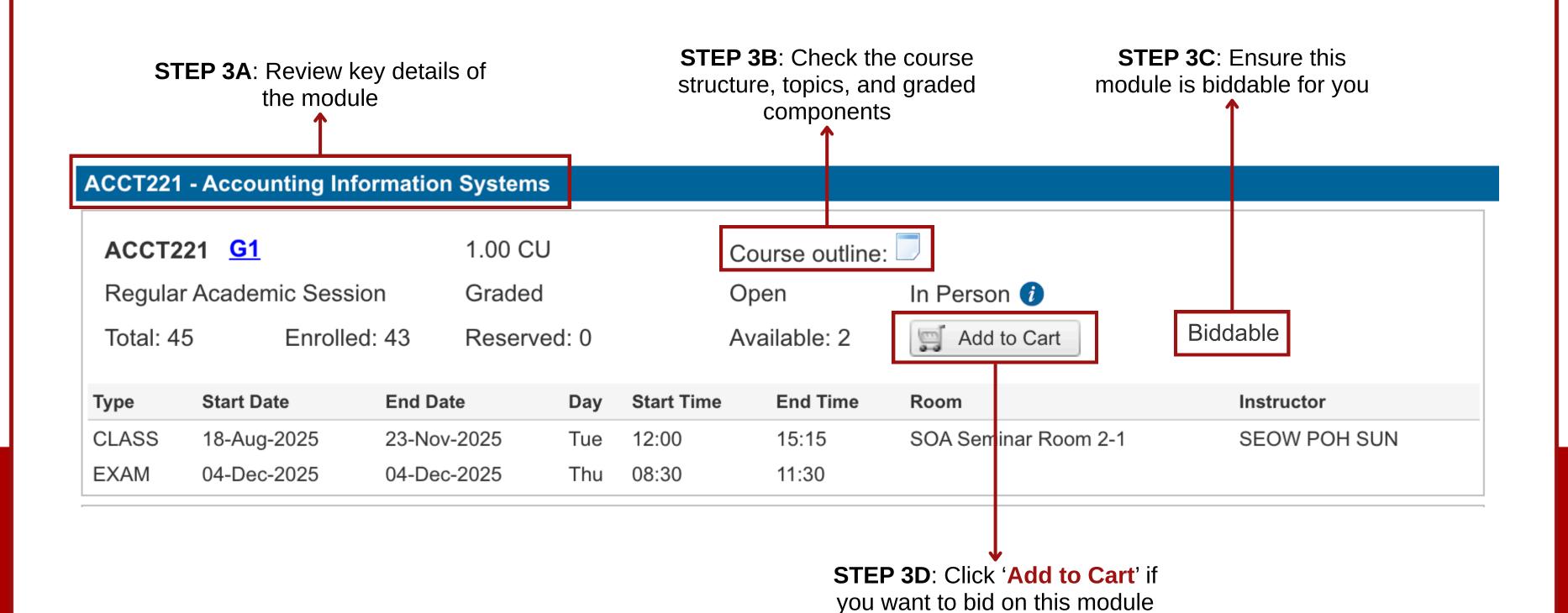
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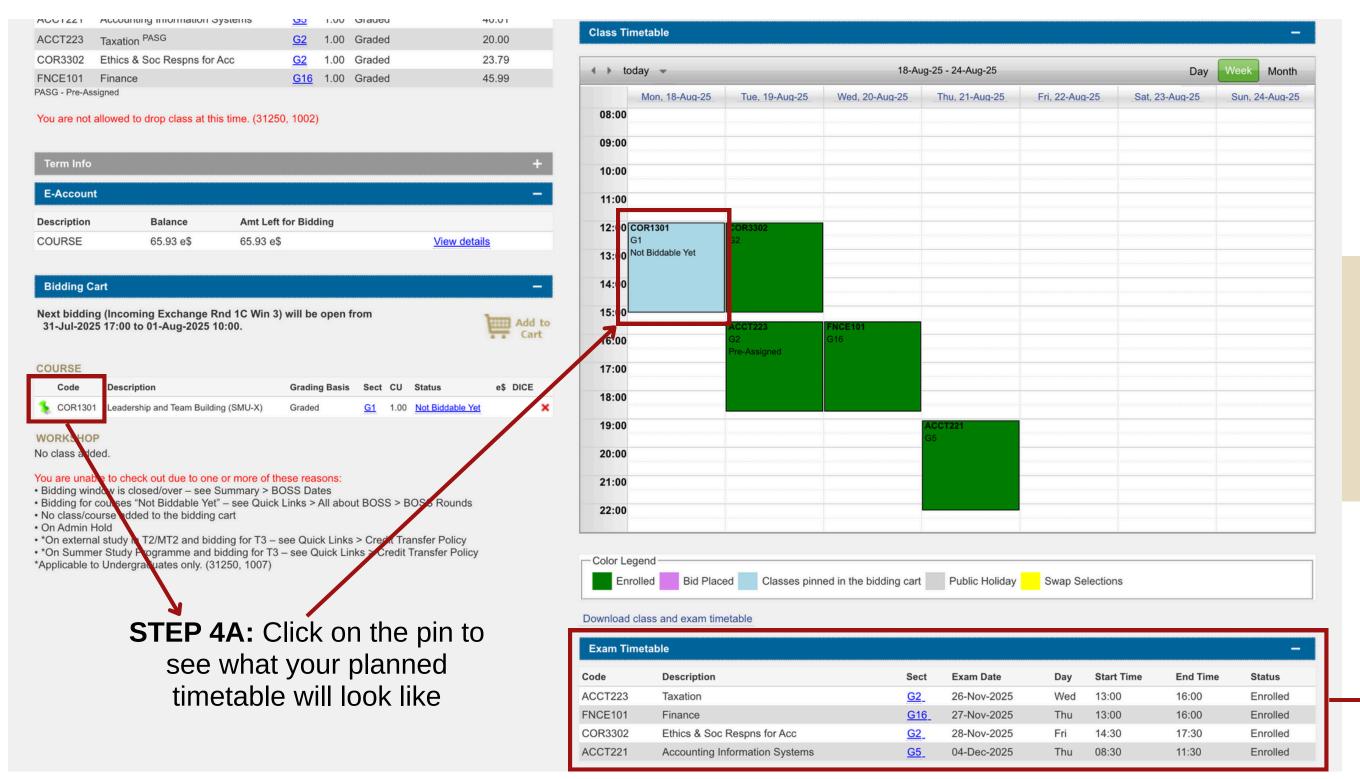
Step 3: Review & Add to Cart

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Step 4: Plan your timetable

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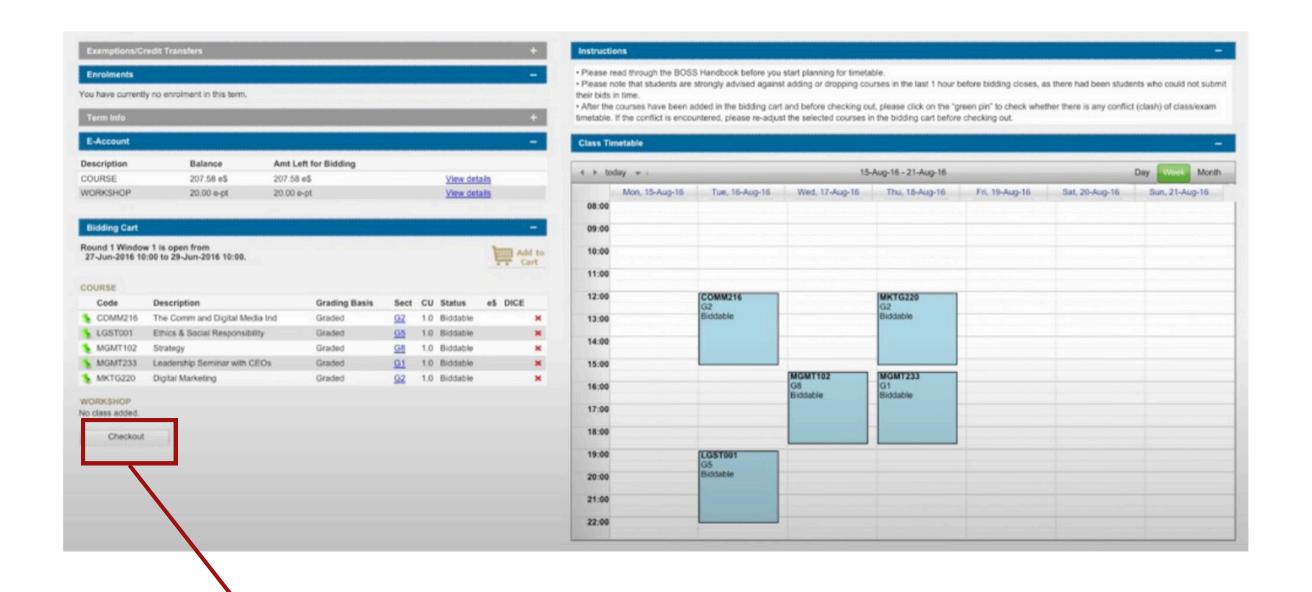
*Note: Ensure your midterms do not clash by checking the course outlines. Usually the exact midterm dates and timings are unconfirmed, but most professors will try to accomodate as long as you highlight it.

STEP 4B: Ensure that your exams do not clash



Step 5: Checkout Cart

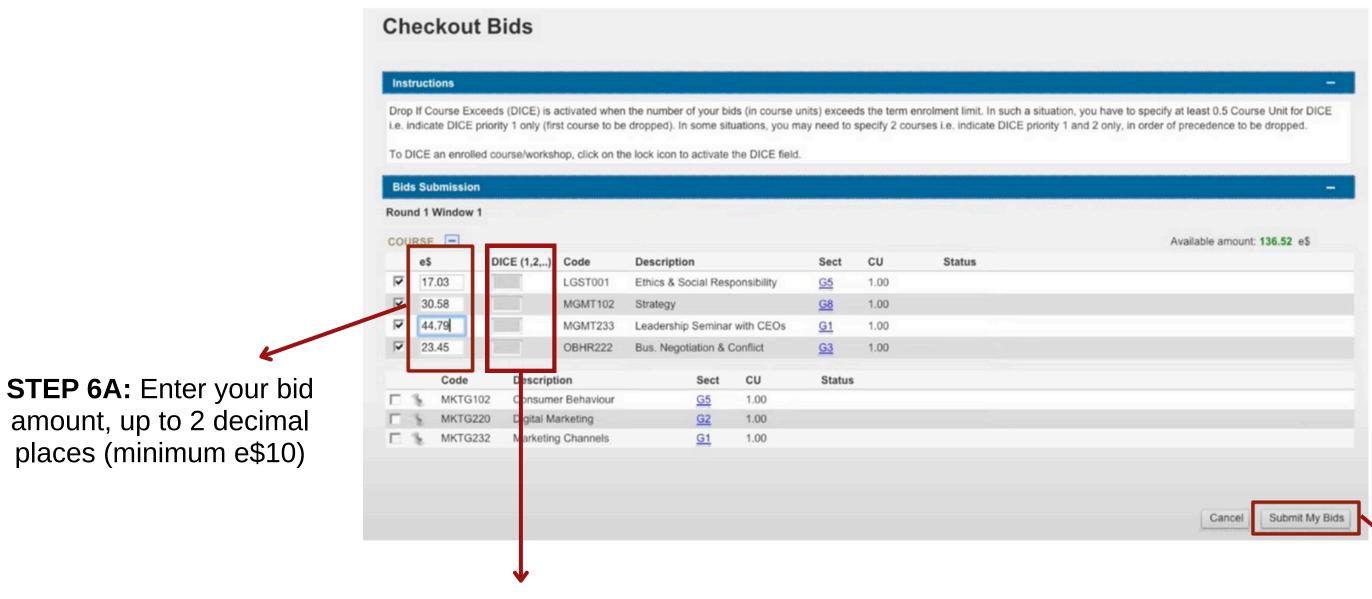
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STEP 5: Click on 'Checkout' to submit your bids

Step 6: Submit your bids

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STEP 6B: Rank your DICE priorities (if any)

STEP 6C: Submit and confirm your bids!

Bidding Rounds & Windows



Bidding Rounds

ROUND

Freshmen Round

Round 1

BIDDING ROUNDS

WHAT MODULES CAN I BID FOR?

- Reserved for incoming freshmen.
- Bidding among the freshmen cohort only.
- Modules offered by your own School.
- Modules not offered by any specific Schools (Core Modules).
- *Double degree students will be able to bid for courses for both their primary and secondary degrees during this round.



Bidding Rounds

BIDDING ROUNDS

ROUND

Round 1A

Round 1B

Round 1C

WHAT MODULES CAN I BID FOR?

- Modules offered by your own School.
- Modules offered by your declared major.
- All SMU modules, no restrictions.
- At this round, the schools will gauge the demand / supply of courses and increase vacancies / cancel courses if necessary.

• Reserved for exchange students.



Bidding Rounds

ROUND

Round 2 & 2A

BIDDING ROUNDS

WHAT MODULES CAN I BID FOR?

- All SMU modules, no restrictions..
- Usually happens during the first 2 weeks after the semester starts.



Important Dates

BIDDING ROUNDS

PRE-ASSIGNED COURSE SWAP (FOR FRESHMEN)

Course Swap Period	<u>Start Date:</u> 4 August, 10am	<u>End Date:</u> 6 August, 10am
Course Swap Results	6 August, 2pm	



BIDDING ROUNDS

INCOMING FRESHMEN BIDDING WINDOWS

	<u>Start Date</u>	End Date
Round 1 Window 1	8 August, 10am	11 August, 10am
Window 1 Results	11 August, 2pm	
Round 1 Window 2	11 August, 5pm	12 August, 10am
Window 2 Results	12 August, 2pm	
Round 1 Window 3	12 August, 5pm	13 August, 10am
Window 3 Results	14 August, 2pm	

Important Dates

BIDDING ROUNDS

INCOMING FRESHMEN BIDDING WINDOWS

	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>
Round 1 Window 4	13 August, 10am	14 August, 10am
Window 4 Results	14 August, 2pm	

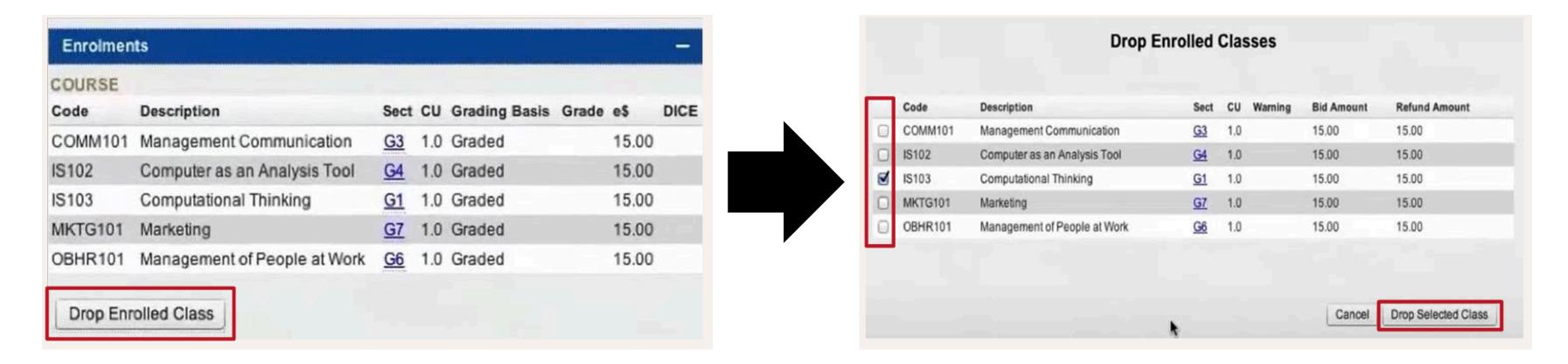
*For information on the Round 2 and 2A Bidding dates, you can visit SMUSA's Instagram @smusasg

Miscellaneous

Dropping of Modules

MISCELLANEOUS

• If you wish to drop modules, you can only do so during bidding windows.



- Note that there is a deadline for dropping a module. You will be issued a "Withdrawn" or "Failed" grade if you choose to drop a module either:
 - after the close of Round 2A; OR
 - after Round 2 for Term 3 (Summer Term).



Dropping of Modules

MISCELLANEOUS

- Note that your decision of dropping modules are immediate.
- Once a module is dropped, you will be refunded with the e\$ immediately. Depending on the round you have dropped the module, the maximum amount of refund you can receive varies:

ROUND	MAXIMUM REFUND (E\$)
Round 1 & 1A	50
Round 1B	40
Round 2	30
Round 2A	10

Enrolling for Additional Module

MISCELLANEOUS

• Students may choose to take an additional module (i.e. enrol in a 6th course / course unit) if they are able to manage the workload or wish to complete their CUs more quickly.

Requirements:

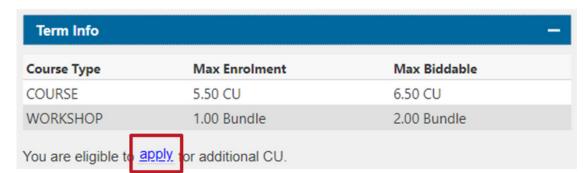
- Cumulative GPA ≥ 3.30 after the first year of study.
- Maximum of **6.5CUs** only.

How to apply:

1. Fill up the "Application for Term Unit Load Increase" form online via

OASIS > BOSS Bidding > Term Info

- To be submitted online within a week from the start of term.
- 2. Once approved, you can bid for a 6th module in **Round 2A ONLY**.



^{*}Note there will be **no additional e\$** allocated for bidding of the additional module.

Leave of Absence (LOA)

MISCELLANEOUS

- You may wish to take a leave of absence during your time in SMU to pursue a 6-month internship for example.
- The maximum period of absence granted will be <u>1 year</u>.
- To apply for a LOA,

OASIS > All Apps > Leave of Absence Application

Refund of School Fees:

- If the LOA is effected within the <u>first 2 weeks of school</u>, there will be a **full refund** of school fees.
- If the LOA is effected from the 3rd week onwards, no refund will be given.

Refund of e\$:

- You will still receive e\$115 as well as the e\$ from the feedback if you have completed them.
- If you have bidded for modules in the previous semester and decided to go on an LOA in the next semester (provided your LOA is effected by the first 2 weeks of school), all your e\$ will be fully refunded back to you.





MISCELLANEOUS

DROP IF COURSE EXCEEDS (DICE)

- Students can bid for additional modules beyond their term enrolment limit, but excess modules will be automatically dropped in order of preference.
- DICE cannot be used to bid for another class of the same module, or another module with a conflicting timetable / exam clash.

SNIPING

- Riskier strategy where you drop a successful bid and re-bid again at a lower price, typically done a few minutes before the window closes.
- Usually done to save e\$ when you have over-bidded on modules.

*NOTE: There is always a risk of being counter-sniped by other students.

COUNTER-SNIPING

- Continuously refreshing the page when the bidding round is about to close, and bidding on a module if there is a sudden increase in class vacancies, due to other snipers dropping the module.
- It is a riskier strategy.



Additional Resources

MISCELLANEOUS

Here are additional resources you can take a look at for more details:

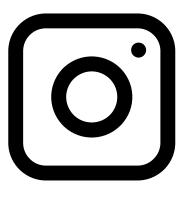
- SoA Programme Structure
- OASIS All about BOSS
- SMUSA BOSS Bldding Guidebook
- ASoc Module Difficulty Guidebook

Our Contacts



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Thank you for attending!



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