



# MBA Academic Affairs

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Fall 2026 [Course Match](#) is open now through Thursday, August 13 at 12:00PM (noon) ET. As always, we encourage students not to wait until the last day to enter their course preferences.

Please consult [Syllabi@Wharton](mailto:Syllabi@Wharton) for the latest syllabi information to assist with your course selection. As always, we anticipate the possibility of changes and additions to course selections while Course Match is open. Updates will be reflected in the system.

Important Course Match Dates

**Thursday, August 13 at 12:00PM (noon) ET:** Course Match Closes

**Tuesday, August 18:** Schedules Released and the Add/Drop “Buffer Period” Begins  
*Students will receive an email once schedules are released.*

**Thursday, August 20 at 12:00PM (noon) ET:** Add/Drop “Buffer Period” Ends

**Thursday, August 20 at 3:00PM ET:** First Come, First-Served Add Period Begins  
*Students will receive an email once schedules are released.*

**Monday, August 24:** Wharton First Day of Fall Semester

**Tuesday, August 25:** University’s First Day of Fall Semester

**Friday, August 28 at 11:59PM ET:** Add Deadline for Q1 & Full Semester Courses. Drop Deadline (if a course is at capacity) for Q1 & Full Semester Courses

The 2026-2027 academic calendar can be found [here](#). The Fall 2026 Quarter 1 Core exam schedule will be available later this summer.

## Budget

Students will have a base budget of 5000 tokens for Fall 2026. If you complete the MBA Stakeholder Survey, you will receive a bonus of 500 tokens for both Fall and Spring Course Match (a total of 5500 tokens each term). **The bonus tokens will be added to your account before Course Match closes in August.**

## Holdings & Course Match Access

If you have a hold on your account (financial, public health, required information, etc.), you will not be able to participate in Fall 2026 Course Match until the hold has been resolved. Once your hold has been lifted, access to Course Match will be reinstated.

For instructions on how to resolve holds, please visit: <https://srfs.upenn.edu/registration-catalog-calendar/holds>. Please note that some holds can take 1-5 business days to be removed from a student record.

If you have questions, [please see the contact for your specific hold](#). The MBA Program Office can not assist you with removing your hold.

## MBA Course Recommendation Guide

The [MBA Course Recommendation Guide](#) is designed to help you identify MBA courses that align with the *specific job skills and competencies* needed for your chosen career path. The Guide provides a personalized approach to choosing courses that best prepare you for the roles you aspire to and the learning and skills development you seek to achieve in the MBA Program.

## Course & Prerequisite Information

### Corporate Finance and Finance Electives

Students are allowed to place utilities on Fall 2026 Finance electives only if they have either:

1. Completed Corporate Finance (FNCE 6110) in a previous semester, or
2. Are currently enrolled in Corporate Finance in Spring 2026

### REAL 8210: Real Estate Development

Students are allowed to place utilities on REAL 8210 (Real Estate Development) only if they satisfy one of these two options:

1. Completed REAL 7210/FNCE 7210 in a previous semester
2. Enroll in REAL 7210/FNCE 7210 concurrently with REAL 8210 in Fall 2026

Registration will be verified during the Fall 2026 add/drop deadline of August 28; those not meeting the requirement will be dropped from REAL 8210.

If you choose to take the requisite REAL 7210/FNCE 7210 concurrently with REAL 8210, you must assign utilities to both classes in Fall 2026 Course Match. Please be aware that due to seat constraints, placing utilities on both classes does not guarantee you will secure enrollment in both courses. If you are unable to secure enrollment in REAL 7210/FNCE 7210, you will be dropped from REAL 8210.

#### Questions and Summer Advising

If you have any questions, please [schedule an appointment](#) with your academic advisor. We will be available to assist you throughout the summer **until July 24**, when we will be preparing to welcome the Class of 2028. Drop-in advising hours will resume at 12:00PM on Monday, August 24.

#### Helpful Links and Resources

My Wharton: <https://mywharton.wharton.upenn.edu/s/>

MBA Inside: <https://mba-inside.wharton.upenn.edu/>

MBA Program Office Email: [mbaprogram@wharton.upenn.edu](mailto:mbaprogram@wharton.upenn.edu)

Student Computing Help: <https://computing.wharton.upenn.edu/>

Student Computing Email: [support@wharton.upenn.edu](mailto:support@wharton.upenn.edu)

Student Health Services: <https://shs.wellness.upenn.edu/>

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