Wharton MBA Academic Affairs

This email contains information about the following:

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Spring 2027 Course Match will be open October 28 at 12:00PM (noon) ET through December 7 at 12:00PM (noon) ET.

Be sure to plan ahead and consider your holiday, recruiting, travel and other obligations in relation to course selection and registration deadlines. Do not wait until the last minute (when the system may be the most taxed) to complete tasks in Course Match.

As you consider your course options and make your selections, we encourage you to consult the following resources:

- Path@Penn Degree Audit
- MBA Course Recommendation Guide
- Syllabi@Wharton

Key Dates & Deadlines

- **October 26 at 12:00AM ET:** Advance Registration for Non-Wharton Penn Courses in Path@Penn Opens
- **October 28 at 12:00PM (noon) ET:** Course Match Opens
- **November 9 at 11:59PM ET:** Advance Registration for Non-Wharton Penn Courses in Path@Penn Closes
- **December 7 at 12:00PM (noon) ET:** Course Match Closes
- **December 14:** Schedules Released and the Add/Drop "Buffer Period" Begins
  Students will receive an email once schedules are released.

- **December 16 at 12:00PM (noon) ET:** Add/Drop "Buffer Period" Ends
  Students will receive an email once schedules are released.
- **December 16 at 3:00PM ET (Approximately):** First Come, First-Served Add Period Begins
- **January 19:** Wharton's First Day of the Spring Semester
  MBA Q3 and Full Semester Core & Elective Courses Begin.
- **January 20:** University's First Day of the Spring Semester
- **January 25 at 11:59PM ET:** Add Deadline for Q3 & Full Semester Courses. Drop Deadline (if a course is at capacity) for Q3 & Full Semester Courses

For all academic dates and deadlines, view the 2026-27 calendars.

Budget & Tokens

Second-year students will have a base budget of 5000 tokens. If you completed the MBA Stakeholder Survey last spring, you will be given a bonus of 500 tokens for a total of 5500.

First-year students (unless otherwise communicated) will have a base budget of 4000 tokens.

Holds & Course Match Access

If you have a hold on your account (financial, public health, required information, etc.), you will not be able to assign utilities to classes in Course Match until it has been resolved. Once your hold has been lifted, access to Course Match will be reinstated. See SRFS's instructions on how to resolve holds.

The MBA Program Office can not assist you with removing your hold.

Course & Prerequisite Information

REAL 8210: Real Estate Development

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

- Option 1: Completed REAL 7210/FNCE 7210 in a previous semester
- Option 2: Enroll in REAL 7210/FNCE 7210 concurrently with REAL 8210 in Spring 2027

If you choose to enroll in REAL 7210/FNCE 7210 and REAL 8210 concurrently, you must assign utilities to both classes in Spring 2027 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.

Registration will be verified during the Spring 2027 add/drop deadline of January 25; those not meeting the requirement will be dropped from REAL 8210.

MGMT 7900 001: WORKS Immersion (Prison Education)

Enrollment in MGMT 7900 001 requires the prerequisite of MGMT 7860: Reforming Mass Incarceration and the Role of Business. Only students who have completed MGMT 7860 will be allowed to place utilities on MGMT 7900 001.

MKTG 6130

Class Schedule

- Sections 001 and 003: Friday and Saturday for two weekends: February 19, 20, 26, 27
- Sections 002 and 004: Friday and Saturday for two weekends: April 2, 3, 9, 10

Add/Drop

- Sections 001 and 003: February 12 at 11:59PM ET
- Sections 002 and 004: March 26 at 11:59PM ET

Dropping after the date listed will warrant a "W" on your transcript and the course units (0.5 CU) may count against your maximum CU limit (as covered by your tuition). Students who exceed their CU limit are subject to additional tuition charges.

Communication Requirement (WHCP 6160 or WHCP 6180)

All first year students are required to complete their Communication core requirement by the end of Spring 2027. You may take WHCP 6160 or apply to take WHCP 6180.

Cohort A, C, E, G, I, or K:
You will complete your Communication core requirement at the end of Fall 2026, unless you received an exception. If you did not complete your Communication core requirement in Fall 2026 due to an exception, please review the options below to fulfill your requirement in Spring 2027.

Cohort B, D, F, H, J, or L:
You must complete your Communication core requirement in Spring 2027. You have two options:

- Option 1 - Take WHCP 6160:
  If you plan to take WHCP 6160, you must assign utilities to at least eight sections in Spring 2027 Course Match. If you are not enrolled in a section by January 25, you will be automatically enrolled in an open section.
- Option 2 - Apply to take WHCP 6180X: Entrepreneurial Communication:
  This semester-long course requires approval from the Communication Program. Application instructions will be emailed to you shortly. If you received approval in August, you do not need to apply again.
  If you are applying for or have been approved to take WHCP 6180X, assign utilities to three WHCP 6180X sections and disregard WHCP 6160 in Course Match. If you are not enrolled in WHCP 6180X by January 25, you will be assigned to an open section of the course.

Advance Registration for Non-MBA Courses

If you are interested in taking Non-MBA elective courses at the University, Advance Registration for Spring 2027 will be available in Path@Penn from October 26, 12:00 AM ET through November 9, 11:59 PM ET. See SRFS's Advance Registration instructions.

Important: Do not request enrollment in MBA courses through Path@Penn. You MUST USE Course Match to request MBA courses.

Penn Courses and CUs

Only graduate-level Penn courses (numbered 5000 or higher) will count towards the 19 CUs required for graduation.* You can, however, use your additional 20th or 21st CU that is included in your tuition to take undergraduate courses or to participate in the INSEAD Summer Exchange Program the summer after your second year.

Asynchronous online courses (regardless of level) cannot count towards the MBA degree. You can, however, use your additional 20th or 21st CU included in your tuition for these courses.* If you are enrolling in an online class and intend to count it toward your degree, please confirm with the instructor that the class will be offered synchronously.

**Billing and credit maximums may differ for dual-degree students; contact your academic advisor with questions.*

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

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

Student Computing Email: support@wharton.upenn.edu

Wellness at Penn: https://wellness.upenn.edu/

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