

### **Semester 1, Bidding Round Descriptions**

#### **NOTE:**

#### **CATEGORIES OF STUDENTS**

##### **(A) New Students**

##### **(i) Newly Matriculated Students**

1. Students are defined as new students in the academic year during which they are matriculated. After that academic year (2 semesters), they will be called Returning Students.

As new students may only start bidding for modules after they are matriculated, it is crucial that they observe the matriculation time schedule (drawn up by the Registrar's Office). Hence, for Semester 1, new students will start bidding from Round 1C onwards. However, they may place advance bids earlier if they have completed their matriculation. (See instructions for students on *Advance, Open and Close Bidding*). Once Round 1C is completed, the new students will proceed to Round 2A. New students should read the descriptions of all the rounds.

To ensure that new students can secure faculty modules, there will be a separate module quota for new students in their first and/or second semester of studies. This way, they are "protected" from the returning students who have more bid points than them since they were able to accumulate unused bid points in previous semesters.

Regardless of when a student matriculated, he/she will always enjoy "protection" for 2 consecutive semesters. E.g. when a student matriculated in 2010/2011 semester 1, he/she will be protected for 2010/2011 semester 1 and 2 and if he/she matriculated in 2010/2011 semester 2, he/she will be protected for 2010/2011 semester 2 and 2011/2012 semester 1. Note that student who is on leave of absence for a semester would mean that he/she will only have one semester of such "protection". E.g. student matriculated in 2010/2011 semester 1 and go on leave of absence on 2010/2011 semester 2, he/she will classify as returning student in 2011/2012 semester 1. Any student who would like to make changes of their "protection" status can file an appeal via CORS with strong justifications.

##### **(ii) Transfer Students**

2. Transfer students will be regarded as new students for 2 consecutive semesters in their new faculty. For example: Transfer students who begin their first semester in the new faculty in Sem 1, AY 2010/2011 will enjoy "protection" for designated bidding rounds as new students in the new faculty for both Sem 1 and Sem 2, AY 2010/2011. The same rule on leave of absence applies.

##### **(B) Returning Students**

3. A returning student will get to view only those modules that he/she is permitted to place bids in the appropriate bidding round that he/she is eligible to bid modules for. As such, the student must wait for his/her turn at that appropriate bidding round.

## **BIDDING ROUNDS**

4. Students will not be able to log into CORS when the bids are being processed or during system maintenance. In addition, please note that **telephone enquiries will be attended during office hours only**. The exact configuration for the duration of each bidding round may change. Students are advised to check the CORS website (<http://www.cors.nus.edu.sg>) for the latest updates.
5. In order to ensure a fair playing field for bidding of modules, **all students can only be allowed to bid for and/or allocated with up to 5 modules before Round 3 commences**. Students who wish to bid for his/her 6th or more modules can do so when Round 3 commences. In this way, everyone is given the same chance to secure their top 5 choices of modules before Round 3.

## **BIDDING ROUNDS DESCRIPTION**

### **Round 0**

- a) Advance bids for all modules can be placed during Round 0.
- b) Students are advised to “select” the modules which they wish to bid from both the Programme and General Account respectively. Unless advance bids are placed, students do not have to enter the bid points for the modules “selected” at this round. By “selecting” modules during Round 0, students get a sense of the bidding competition although the situation may change when the bidding takes place during the respective designated rounds.
- c) Before “selecting” any module, students must **ensure that they have met the prerequisites for the module (if there are any) and there are no timetable (lecture, tutorial and examination) clashes with the other modules that they have “selected”/ been allocated**. The system will prompt them if they do not meet any prerequisites, have timetable clashes or exceed the workload allowed. In such cases, students must revise their selections.
- d) Students can only “select” and place advance bids up to the average number of modular credits allowed (i.e. typically 23 MCs) (*both been allocated or bidding for*) during Round 0.
- e) When declaring majors that require special approval, permission should be obtained before the next bidding round begins.

### **Round 1A [Pr <sup>(i)</sup> (Major)]**

- a) Students may place advance bids for the modules they have “selected”.
- b) Based on the bidding information available (refer to the CORS website at <http://www.cors.nus.edu.sg>), students can decide on the bid amount to place for their desired module(s).
- c) Students can place bids for the Major modules. Pay using points from the **Programme account**.
- d) Allocation will take place once the system closes.
- e) Students will receive the bidding results (either successful or unsuccessful) via email; sent to their NUS email accounts.

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<sup>(i)</sup> Pr refers to the Programme account for Returning Students.

**Round 1B [Pr (Major)]**

- a) Same as Round 1A. It is a second chance for students who missed the Round 1A or were not allocated the major modules they desired in Round 1A.

**Round 1C [Pr, Pn <sup>(ii)</sup> (Major, Non-Major), G (USP, Restricted Minor)]**

- a) Students may place advance bids for the modules they have “selected”.
- b) Based on the bidding information available (refer to the CORS website at <http://www.cors.nus.edu.sg>), students can decide on the bid amount to place for their desired module(s).
- c) Students can place bids for their major modules and faculty modules that they have “selected” to fulfil their Programme requirements. Pay using points from the **Programme account**.
- d) University Scholars Programme (USP) students can place bids for USP First-Tier modules. Pay using the points from the **General account**.
- e) Students who are taking a Minor programme:
- (i) For minor modules that are offered by their own faculty, students are to place bids using the points from the **Programme account**. This is applicable to both Open Minor and Restricted Minor.
  - (ii) For minor modules that are not offered by their own faculty, students are to place bids using the points from the **General account**. This is applicable only to the Restricted Minor.
- f) Allocation will take place once the system closes.
- g) Students will receive the bidding results (either successful or unsuccessful) via email; sent to their NUS email accounts.

**Round 2A [Pr + G <sup>(iii)</sup>, Pn (Major, Non-Major), G (USP, Restricted Minor, GEM, SS, Breadth, CFM)]**

- a) The remaining quota of the major modules from the earlier rounds will be merged with the quota of the University Level Requirements (ULR) / Unrestricted Elective (UE) modules i.e. there will **NOT** be “protection” for returning major students from this round onwards. New students will still enjoy protection for faculty modules.
- b) Students may place advance bids for the modules they have “selected”.
- c) Based on the bidding information available (refer to the CORS website at <http://www.cors.nus.edu.sg>), students can decide on the bid amount to place for their desired module(s).
- d) Returning and new students can place bids for the ULR/UE modules. Pay using points from the **General account**.
- e) For faculty/major modules that are offered by the student’s own Faculty/School and still have vacancies (after Rounds 1A, 1B and 1C), he/she has to pay using points from the **Programme account**.

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<sup>(ii)</sup> Pn refers to the Programme account for New Students.

<sup>(iii)</sup> G refers to the General Account for both the Returning and New Students.

- f) For USP students:
  - (i) Students can place bids for First-Tier modules. Pay using points from the **General account**.
  - (ii) Students can place bids for USP Course-Based Advanced modules (CBMs) or the USP Multidisciplinary Seminar modules (UMSs) offered by their own Faculty/School. Pay using points from the **Programme account**.
- g) Allocation will take place once the system closes.
- h) Students will receive the bidding results (either successful or unsuccessful) via email; sent to their NUS email accounts.

**Round 2B [Pr + G, Pn (Major, Non-Major), G (USP, Restricted Minor, GEM, SS, Breadth, CFM)]**

- a) This is the same as Round 2A. It is a second chance for students who missed Round 1A or were not allocated any ULR/UE modules they desired in Round 2A.

**Round 3 onwards [Pr+Pn+G]**

- a) All remaining quota (from the Programme and General accounts) for each module will be merged to optimise class enrolment. A student bidding for a module using the Programme account and a student bidding for that same module using the General account will compete on equal grounds. This means that there will **NOT** be protection for new, major or any student from this round onwards.
- b) Based on the bidding information available (refer to the CORS website at <http://www.cors.nus.edu.sg>), students can decide on the bid amount to place for their desired module(s).
- c) Students can place bids for any faculty/major/ULR/UE modules by using the points from the relevant accounts.
- d) Students may accelerate (i.e. register for more modules than the average workload stipulated by their faculty) as long as they still have bid points in their accounts. However, acceleration is subject to approval by their faculty/school.
- e) Allocation will take place once the system closes.
- f) Students will receive the bidding results (either successful or unsuccessful) via email; sent to their NUS email accounts.