

Report on Course Bidding at SAIS-Washington for Fall 2009

This report presents summary data regarding bidding for numerically imbalanced and oversubscribed courses at the SAIS Washington, D.C., campus for the Fall 2009 semester.

The course bidding process was introduced to provide a fair structure through which students would gain access to a class when it was oversubscribed, and in the case of the foundation economics courses of Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, International Trade Theory and International Monetary Theory, to balance attendance in various sections of the same course.

Courses eligible to go to bid in round one included limited enrollment foundation economics courses (Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, International Trade Theory and International Monetary Theory), courses per instructor request, and heavily oversubscribed courses that went to bid before the first class session (Round One). Limited enrollment courses that became oversubscribed during the first week of classes went to bid (Round Two) at the end of that week.

Correspondence was sent to students via email prior to and at the start of the semester regarding bidding. The information sent to the students via email (to their JHU accounts) included their degree status, advisor, points available to bid, primary concentration and semester standing. For bidding purposes, only M.A. students have concentrations, and only one concentration is considered.

International Economics is not considered a primary concentration. Students were asked to reply with any discrepancies in their records by a set deadline before the start of the semester. The emails also included directions on how to bid, a link to the bidding website, and important bidding dates and deadlines. Students were also informed that it was their responsibility to view the bidding website to check the latest list of the courses that would go to bid. If possible students were notified by email if they were registered for courses that went to bid, and whether they did or did not need to bid.

Special Rules for Fall 2009

- **SA.200.763 Current Issues in International Relations:** Priority for all 1st and 2nd year American Foreign Policy concentrators.
- **SA.400.819 Financial Sector Developments and Reform in Emerging Markets:** No priority applies.
- **SA.400.805 Population and Development; SA.400.807 Introduction to Public Health for Development Practitioners; SA.400.808 Introduction to Economics for Public Health:** Priority for 2nd year IP Health and IDEV concentrators.
- **SA.660.740 Strategy and Policy:** Priority for 1st year 1st semester Strategic Studies concentrators and selected MIPP students.
- **SA.680.759 Facing the Oil Problem: The United States, Canada, OPEC and the World:** Priority for 2nd year IP/ERE and 1st and 2nd year Canadian Studies concentrators
- **SA.755.702 International Relations of Asia: Policy Process:** Priority for 2nd year Asia Studies concentrators.

