



University of Colorado School of Law

Bidding Tutorial

Topics to Be Covered

- Overview of the bidding process
- How to submit your bids
- Potential issues you may encounter
- Viewing successful bids
- Miscellaneous bidding information

Bidding Overview

- Rather than traditional course registration, 2L and 3L students allocate points towards classes through two rounds of bidding in the hopes of gaining entry. This allows for a fair process.
- Bidding occurs twice a year for rising 2L and 3L students through two rounds via an electronic submission process in Buff Portal Info in both fall and spring terms.
- There is no bidding for summer term or fall/wintersession classes.

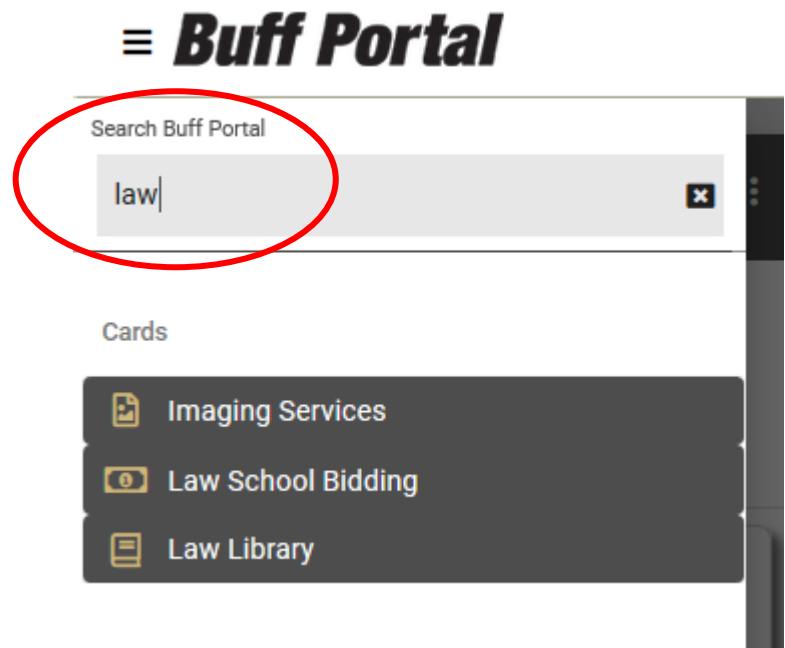
Bidding Overview

- Bidding is optional, but strongly encouraged.
- Students are given points to “spend” as they see fit to try to get into classes.
- Only JD students bid. MSL and LLM students do not.
- Points do not roll over from term to term or year to year.

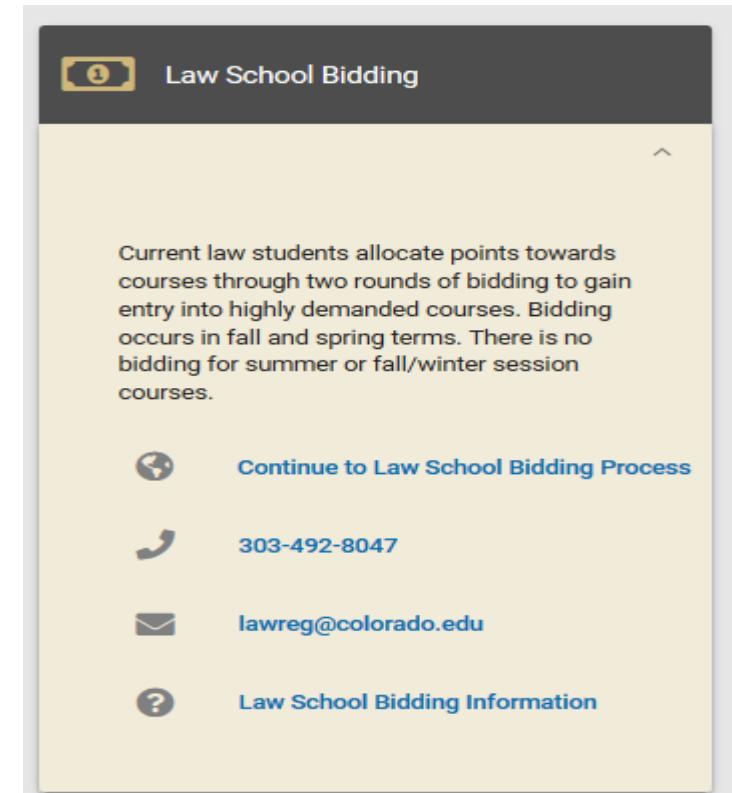
Bidding Overview

- Bidding Amounts:
 - 1L (rising 2L) students have 1500 bid points.
 - 2L (rising 3L) students have 3000 bid points.
- Bidding for classes allows students a fair process to get into classes.
- After bidding concludes, the Registrar's Office mass enrolls all students in classes they successfully bid on throughout the two rounds of bidding.
- After bidding ends, open enrollment begins (this is when students can start to add and drop classes).

Bidding Overview



Step One: To access the bidding system, go to Buff Portal. Then search for law in the search menu located on the upper-left corner.



Step Two: Click on the "Continue to Law School Bidding Process" link and click on "View/Submit/Change Bid" page. You should then see points available to you.

Submitting Bids

Law Bidding > Submit/Change Lot

Points Remaining: 2nd year law student

Empl ID: 1

Select your classes below and assign the drop down list alphabetically. To minus (-) sign. Each bid must be a another class.

Law Class Bids

Class Nbr:

NewBid:

CurrBid:

+ Delete

Access to Justice - 34031 -8785 - 801
Advanced Transactional Drafting - 34014 -7071 - 801
American Indian Law II - 20979 -7735 - 001
Antitrust - 21076 -7201 - 001
Applied Evidence - 34625 -6383 - 001
Complex Civil Litigation - 21023 -7303 - 001
Construction Law - 34008 -6114 - 801
Corporate Taxation - 21066 -6157 - 001
Corporate Transactions in Health Law - 34020 -7565 - 801
Corporations - 21004 -6211 - 001
Criminal Defense Clinic - 21047 -6079 - 801
Criminal Procedure - 21030 -6045 - 001
Economics of the American Legal System - 21054 -7318 - 001
Employment Discrimination - 21025 -7541 - 001
Environmental Law - 21012 -7202 - 001
Ethics and Compliance Capstone - 21091 -7103 - 001
Evidence - 21028 -6353 - 001
Extern Program - 21116 -7939 - 902
Fascism and the Liberal State - 34026 -8110 - 801

Use the drop down menu and select a course. Then enter a bid and hit save.

To bid on a second class, click on the “Add” button. Enter a bid and hit save.

To delete a class, click on the “Delete” button and hit save.

Each bid must have a unique value, i.e. if you bid 500 points on a class, you may not bid 500 points on another class. It would have to be 499, 501, etc.

Do not bid on courses with time conflicts. It is no longer allowed.

Submitting Bids

The bid below should be saved. You can add more bids by clicking the “Add” button. Once the bids are saved, the “View Lottery Page” may be used.

Law Bidding > Submit/Change Lottery Bids > Spring 2018

 [REDACTED]

 Menu

Points Remaining

2nd year law student	1000
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Empl ID: 1000 [REDACTED]

Select your classes below and assign bid points to each class in the space provided. Biddable classes will appear in the drop down list alphabetically. To bid a second class, click on the plus (+) sign. To delete a class, click on the minus (-) sign. Each bid must be a unique value, i.e., if you bid 500 points on a class, you may not bid 500 points on another class.

Law Class Bids

Class Nbr:	Income Taxation - 20955 -6007 - 001
NewBid:	50
CurrBid:	

+ Add **x Delete**



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Submitting Bids

The menu will open the View Lottery Bids page.

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Points Remaining

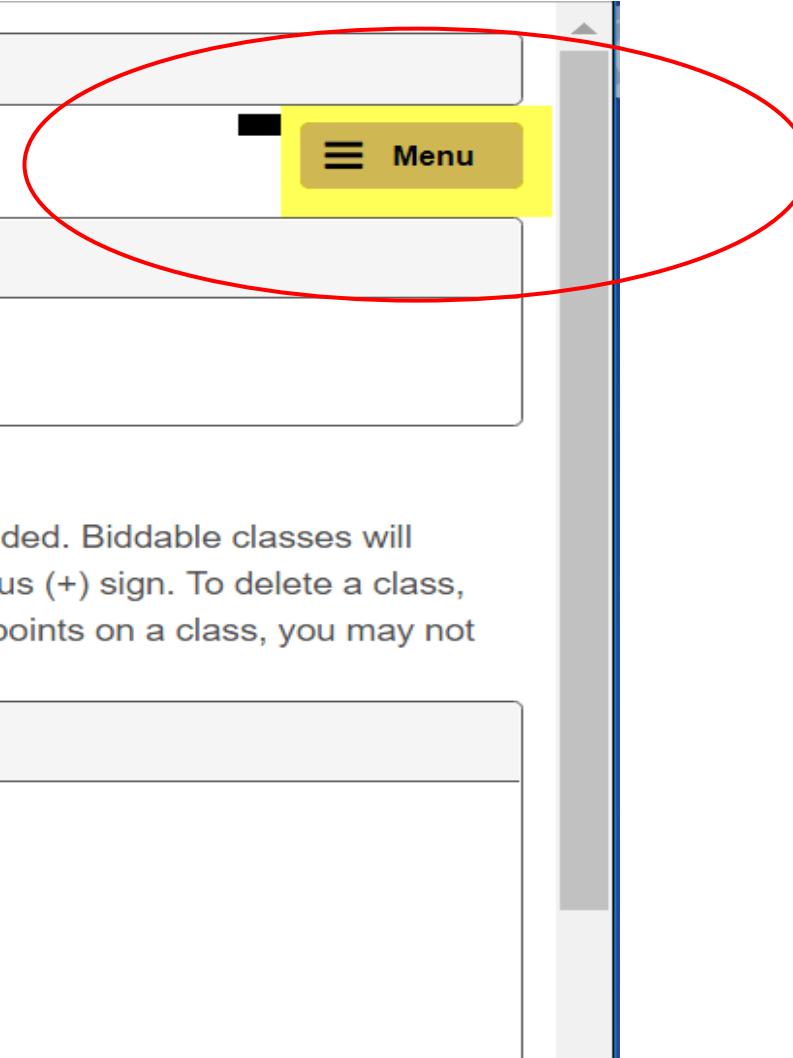
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Law Class Bids

Class Nbr:	Evidence - 21028 -6353 - 001
NewBid:	200
CurrBid:	200



Submitting Bids

This page will list all classes that have bids with day, time, and room.
Use the scroll bar at the right to view all classes.

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Points Remaining
2nd year law student 500

Empl ID: 1000 [REDACTED]

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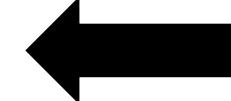
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Class Nbr:	Evidence - 21028 -6353 - 001
NewBid:	200
CurrBid:	200
+ Add	X Delete

Class Nbr:	Applied Evidence - 34625 -6383 - 001
NewBid:	150
CurrBid:	150
+ Add	X Delete

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Submitting Bids

Law Bidding > View Lottery Bids > Spring 2018



Student ID: 1000 [REDACTED]

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Points Remaining

2nd year law student 500

Bids Made

Bid Points 200

Class Number 21028

Catalog Number 6353

Class Section 001

Description Evidence

Units 3.00

Time 09:00AM

Days MonTueThu

Location WLAW 204

Instructor Bloom, Frederic M

You can view each class and bid amount here. Make sure you count up the overall total amount you bid for all classes. **Over bidding and/or bidding on time conflicted courses will cause errors.**

To return to the “View/Submit/Change Bid” page use the top menu button.

Remember not to bid for classes which overlap in time or with the same start/end time. Even if you “win” a seat you will ultimately not be enrolled in these classes.



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Cancelling Bids

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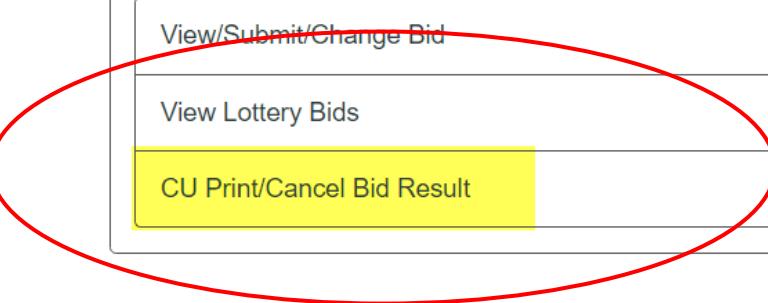
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Use the “CU Print/Cancel Bid Result” link to cancel bids. You can cancel bids completed during round one while in round two. Bid points will be refunded to you.

Cancelling Bids

Law Bidding > View Bidding Results > Spring 2018

Student ID: 1000 [REDACTED]

Points Remaining

2nd year law student	948
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Print

Bidding Results

Bid Points	200
Actual Cost	1
Class Number	21028
Bid Round	1
Catalog Number	6353
Class Section	001
Description	Evidence
Units	3.00
Status	A
Reason	GOOD
Time	09:00AM
Days	MonTueThu
Location	WLAW 204
Instructor	Bloom, Frederic M

Cancel

Save

To cancel a bid, use the cancel button at the bottom of the class you would like to cancel. Use the save button next.

Confirming Cancellations

Bidding Results

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Cancel

Confirm

You then need to confirm that you would like to cancel a bid. To complete the cancellation, check the Confirm box then scroll to the bottom of the page and click the “Save” option on the right side of the page.



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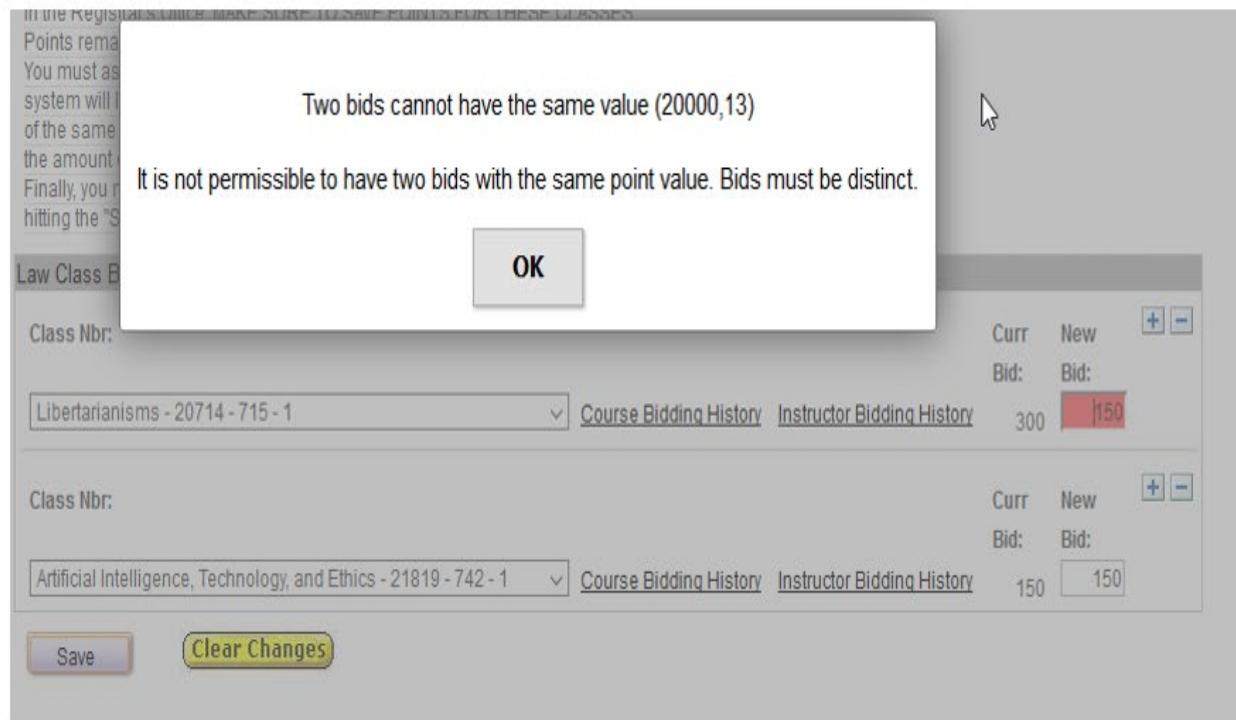
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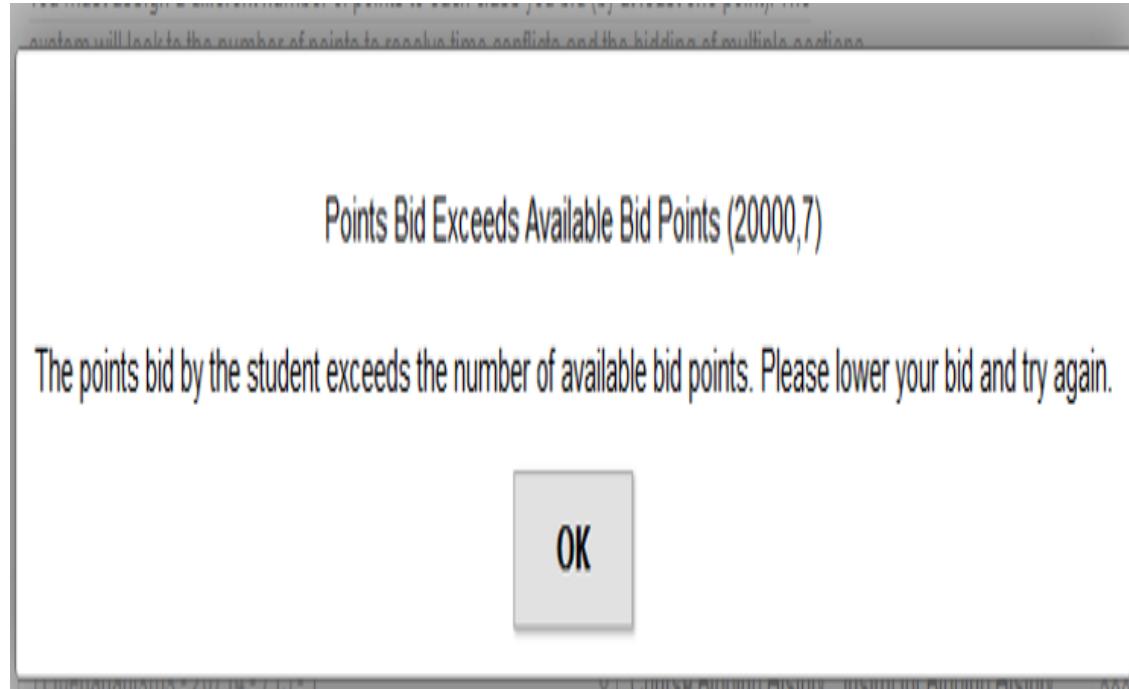
Once this transaction has been saved the class will have a “Cancelled” status in red.

Preventing Errors



You need to choose a unique value for each bid. If you receive this error, click OK and update one of the bids to a different value.

Preventing Errors



Make sure you do not overbid for all of your classes. If you accidentally do this, click OK and edit your bids. You will likely need to cancel all of your bids and start over.

Sometimes this causes your points to double their original amount. Contact the Registrar's Office immediately if you see this. You are not allowed to bid more points than you are given by class year.

Preventing Errors

Message ×

Data being updated does not exist. (18,4)

When trying to save your changes, the system could not find the existing data in the database.

This problem can happen if another user deleted the information while you were making changes. Make a note of what you were doing, then cancel the page and retry.

If the problem persists this may be the result of an application programming error and should be reported to technical support staff.

Possible application errors that could cause this including deleting the data with SqlExec while the record is in the component buffers.

Ok

If you try to make too many changes to your bids at once, it will give you an error. Click “OK” and then delete all of your bids and start again.

Make sure you do not bid on classes which overlap in time or which have the same start/end time. If you do this, you will ultimately not be enrolled in the classes.

Changing Bids

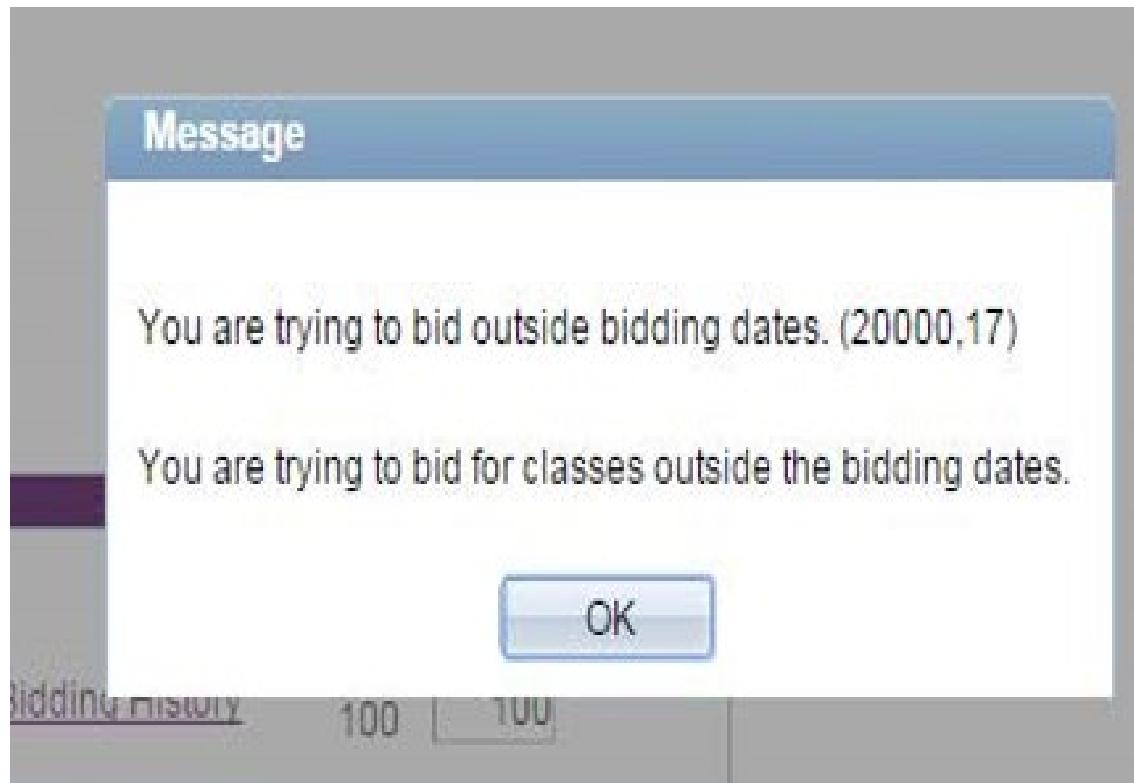
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If you would like to change your bids, go to the “View/Submit/Change Bid” tab. Remember to save often and then go back to the “View Lottery Bids” tab to view your bids.

After Round One Ends



Once round one ends, you can view your bids but cannot make changes. However, you can cancel bids you made in round one and then make new bids in round two with your remaining points.

After Round One Ends

- Students who allocated points to various classes either make it into the class, are added to the waitlist, or you may receive an error (if you bid too many points or didn't meet a prereq req, etc).
- Depending on how many points were allocated vs. actually needed to make it into a class, points may be returned during round two.
- These points can then be used during round two.

Round One Bidding Results

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After round one bids are processed, students can see their results by going to the “CU Print/Cancel Bid Results” tab. One of the following statuses will be given for each class:

Status

A	GOOD	A spot in the class has been earned
D	CRED	Denied-You bid on more than 21 credits
D	SECT	You earned a spot in a different section of the same course
D	TIME	Time and dates conflicts
D	PREQ	You do not have the pre- or co-requisite for the course
D	TRYD	You get this result if you already bid on a class in round one. Remember, if you are on a waitlist, just stay on it. There is no point in placing additional bids on the same class.
001	WAIT	You have earned a spot on the waitlist for the course. The number listed shows your waitlist position.



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Round One Results

- If you received a “GOOD” status you are in the class. Round one winners cannot be displaced by second round bids, even if those bids are higher.
- For example, even if a seat in a course could be secured with only 25 points in the first round, your second round bid of 30 points will not displace any first round winners.

Round One Results

- If you bid on a course that did not fill up, only one point was needed to get in and you are refunded points back.
- If a course did fill up but you bid more than was needed to get in, you received the difference of your bid and the lowest bid that got into the class.
- If you got into a course or on the waitlist for a class you no longer want, cancel the bid in round two and receive your points back.
- You cannot add points to a course for which you are already waitlisted.

Round One Results

- You cannot become enrolled/waitlisted for two sections of the same course. You can bid for multiple/separate sections during round one of bidding. If you do this and both sections of a class are open, the system will accept your bids for the section you bid the highest number of points on.
- If you bid on both sections of a class where one is open and the other would result in a waitlist position, you would be placed in the open class.
- If you bid on a class in round two when you already have a spot in another section of the class from round one, the round two bids will not be accepted. You would have to cancel your round one bid and then attempt to get into the other section.

Miscellaneous

- 3L students do not have priority in any classes for bidding. This includes things like Ethics, Evidence, seminars, etc. If you still need these classes, make sure you bid accordingly. 1501 points are necessary to outbid all 2L students.
- You cannot bid on time conflicted courses. Make sure your course bids do not contain time overlaps and/or that you bid on courses with the same start/end time. If you do this, you will ultimately not be enrolled in those courses.

Miscellaneous

- Each student has a unique, randomly generated tiebreaker number. If two or more students bid the same number of points on a course, your tiebreaker number determines whether you are in the course or on the waitlist and in what order.
- If you have registration holds after bidding is over, you risk not getting enrolled in your classes when mass enrollment occurs. Check your account for holds.

Miscellaneous

- You can bid for up to 21 credits through bidding. However, per ABA standards you can only take up to 18 credits.
- Note that after bidding is over if you are waitlisted and a seat opens in a course, if the system “sees” that enrolling you would put you over 18 credits total, it will skip over you and enroll the next person.
- Most fall and winter session courses do not count towards the 18 credit cap. However, the system will count it towards your total as far as registration is concerned. Contact lawreg@colorado.edu if you need help with overrides.

Miscellaneous

- **Variable Credit Classes:** If a course is set up in the university catalog as a variable credit course, it can be offered at a higher or lower credit amount such as two or three credits.
- This gives faculty the flexibility to offer the class at varying amounts over time. The schedule on the law school website lists the correct credit amounts.
- The bidding system is not smart enough to recognize this variance and will list the course in bidding at the lowest amount possible. So, if a course can be offered at either two or three credits, it is going to show up in bidding as two credits regardless of what the schedule says. You can ignore this when you are bidding. When you are ultimately registered for the course, it will be at the credit amount listed on the schedule. Remember you are limited to taking 18 total credits for the term.

Miscellaneous

- There are some classes which are not included in bidding such as:
 - Classes with special applications
 - Clinics
 - Journals
 - Independent Legal Research credits
 - Competitions
 - Externships
 - The second semester of a year-long course
 - Anything flagged as “not part of bidding” on the online schedule

Questions?

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