

FIN302 Enrollment FAQ

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Thanks for your interest in taking FIN 302 with me. All sections of this class are offered *fully remotely with synchronous online learning*. The enrollment process for this class is complicated because it provides access to students across the whole campus, but with some seats reserved for students in the business-minor program. Over the past six years, it has been extremely difficult for Ross Registrar's Office and those faculty members involved to manage this whole process.

Q1: Which section should I choose to enroll into?

A: This class has lectures on Mondays/Wednesdays and recitations on Fridays. Your attendance to both lectures and recitations is mandatory. If you succeed in enrolling into one of the six recitation sections (002 through 007) through Wolverine Access, then you will be automatically enrolled into the main lecture section (001). There are three time-slots for Friday recitations: 9-10am for sections 002/003; 10-11am for sections 004/005; and 11-12pm for sections 006/007. While there are two sections of recitations at the same time, the even sections (002, 004 and 006) are for business minor students and the odd sections (003, 005 and 007) are for non-BBA non-freshman students.

Q2: How come I cannot enroll into sections 2, 4 or 6 even though it has seats available?

A: Ross Registrar's Office reserves seats in even sections (002, 004 and 006) for students in the business minor program, while making odd sections (003, 005 and 007) open for non-BBA non-freshman students. If you are not already admitted to the business minor program, you cannot enroll yourself into the event sections (002, 004 and 006).

Q3: Can I wait list for sections 2, 4 or 6 while I am applying for the business minor program?

A: The even sections (002, 004 and 006) are reserved for students already in the business minor program. Current candidates for the business minor program cannot enroll into these even sections. The wait lists for these even sections won't open until the corresponding seats have been exhausted, so you cannot wait list for these even sections, either, while available seats remain reserved for business minor students.

Q4: When can I sign up for this class through Wolverine Access?

A: The scheduled registration period is November 19 through December 4, but seats for non-BBA non-freshman students outside the business minor program could exhaust quickly based on prior semester experiences (for instance seats in sections 005 and 007 ran out on November 24 and those in section 003 ran out on November 30). Different schools have different queueing systems in place allowing students to start the course enrollments at different times. Therefore, your first eligible date for enrollment can be very different from other students and may even be later than

the date when seats are exhausted for non-BBA non-freshman students. After the scheduled registration period, you can still try to sign up for this class if seats are available.

Q5: Will the available seats unused by business minor students be released for all other non-freshman students?

A: Ross Registrar's Office will release all unused seats in even sections (002, 004 and 006) for public consumption eventually. It is likely to happen around December 15.

Q6: Why is Wolverine Access showing this class as "open" but I cannot enroll into this course?

A: Until the eventual release of seats reserved for business minor students, Wolverine Access will show this class as "open" until the exhaustion of all reserved seats in even sections (002, 004 or 006) and non-reserved seats in odd sections (003, 005 or 007).

Q7: What should I do if I am not in the business minor program and all non-reserved seats are used up in the odd sections (003, 005 or 007)?

A: Please place yourself in the wait list for one of the odd sections (003, 005 or 007) or when the wait list also becomes available for even sections (also see the answer to Q6 regarding the timing of wait list for even sections). Students on the wait list with top seat priority will receive the enrollment permission once a seat becomes available. You can then manually enroll yourself into the section for which the permission is issued. Permissions expire shortly after issuance so act on them accordingly. You won't be automatically swept into the enrolled group just because you receive the enrollment permission and this is an inherent limitation with Wolverine Access.

Q8: Can you issue me an enrollment override permission?

A: Unfortunately, given the complications mentioned earlier, I will not issue override permissions now, nor can I predict what may happen in your case. Over the break you may want to regularly check out the class status on Wolverine Access to see if someone has just dropped this class, creating an opening for you to enroll at that very moment and bypassing the wait lists in place. The alternate option is to take this class in the future as it is offered each fall/winter semester. I understand the difficult situation you are in and hope it will eventually be resolved to your satisfaction.

Q9: How would the wait lists work across different sections?

A: If there are unused seats in sections 002, 004 and 006 around December 15, Ross Registrar's Office may issue permissions to students on the wait list for sections 003, 005 and 007 for the recitation section at matching times. That is, 3->2, 5->4 and 7->6.

Q10: Is there anything I can do to improve my chances of getting into this class?

A: Try to monitor the class status in Wolverine Access frequently and you may pick up the seat that just became available when one student dropped this course. Also, if there are more than one section compatible with your schedule, try to be strategic and place yourself in the section that is more likely to have open seats. For example, if both 9am and 10am starting times work for you on Friday and there are more seats available in section 2 (starting time at 9am) than in section

4 (starting at 10am), then place yourself on the wait list for section 3 (starting time at 9am) as opposed to the wait list for section 5 (starting time at 10am). Note that Ross Registrar's Office may issue permissions at matching times (see the answer to Q9).

Q11: How do I read the information on "Avail Seats" and "Wait List Total" for this class?

A: In addition to Wolverine Access, you can also check out the schedule of classes at <http://www.ro.umich.edu/schedule>. Click the URL under the column label "Wolverine Access" for your desired term, click "Ross School of Business" and then "FIN – Finance" and you will find the live stats for FIN 302. For the purpose of illustration, I pasted below selected columns that are useful and relevant as of July 28, 2018.

Class	Section	Days & Times	Avail Seats	Wait List Total
22080	001	Mo We 10-11	67	48
22081	002	Fr 9-10	29	0
22082	003	Fr 9-10	0	13
22083	004	Fr 10-11	16	0
22084	005	Fr 10-11	0	19
22085	006	Fr 11-12	20	0
22086	007	Fr 11-12	0	16

Here are my take-aways from reading the table above, and you might adjust your enrollment strategy accordingly.

- a. There are seats available in sections 002, 004 and 006 but they are reserved for business minor students until August 14, 2018. A total of 48 students have placed themselves on the wait lists for sections 003, 005 and 007.
- b. On August 14, 2018, if the above table were to remain valid, then the 13 students on the wait list for section 003 will receive enrollment permissions for section 002; the 16 students on the wait list for section 007 will receive enrollment permissions for section 006; only the first 16 out of 19 students on the wait list for section 004 will receive enrollment permissions for section 004. (See red pointers in the table above.)
- c. On July 28, 2018 (when the above table was extracted), if you are not already on the existing wait lists and your Friday schedule is compatible with all three time slots, then placing yourself in the wait list for section 003 produces the highest likelihood of enrollment, section 005 the least. If you are already on one of the wait lists, then your decision is less clear cut.

Q12: How can I find the course number and/or use the student backpack feature on Wolverine Access?

To find out the course number, go to the [official course schedules](#). Make sure to check out the [registration instructions](#) from the Office of Registration. Some of you may also find it helpful to check out the [enrollment information](#) for Ross BBA Juniors and Seniors as well as the [LSA tips page](#) for using Backpack/Registration.