

Round 1 Bidding Results

After Round 1 bids have been processed, you may review the results by selecting “**For Students – Law Bidding – View Bid Results.**” Some actions are expressed cryptically as follows:

GOOD – Congratulations! You have bid successfully on the class, and you will be enrolled in the class at the conclusion of bidding. Your bidding “cost” is equal to the lowest successful bid on the course; courses that are open at the end of Round 1 “cost” 1 point.

DENIED – your bid was not successful for one of the following reasons:

- **Credits** – Giving you the class would exceed the ABA limit of 17 credits per semester. If you are denied a class because you have exceeded the 17 credit limit, you will see the message “CRED.”
- **Time** – Giving you the class would cause a time conflict with a class on which you bid more points successfully. If you are denied a class because of a time conflict, you will see the message “TIME.”
- **Section** – You were successful in another section of the same course on which you bid more points. If you are denied a class because you successfully bid on another section of the same course, you will see the message “SEC.”
- **Enrollment** – You were previously enrolled in the class and thus cannot take it again for credit. If you are denied a class for this reason, you will see the message “ENRL.”
- **Pre-Req** – You have not satisfied the pre-requisite for this course. If you are denied a course because you have not satisfied the pre-requisite, you will see the message “PREREQ.”
- **Wait List** – Your bid was not high enough to secure a space in the class before it filled and thus you have been added to the waitlist for the class. If the class is full, you should see the message “SIZE” followed by a number (e.g. “001” or “025”); the number is your position on the wait list.

IMPORTANT NOTE RE WAITLISTS: Wait list positions “cost” the number of points you bid, regardless of whether you are ever admitted to the course. If you cancel a wait list position after Round 1, you recapture the points, but lose your position on the wait list. You may re-bid the class in Round 2, but your position will be lower on the wait list than those students on the wait list from Round 1. Once on a wait list from Round 1, you will not be superseded by a higher point bid in Round 2.

IMPORTANT NOTE RE ENROLLMENT CAPS: Enrollment caps are not subject to increase.

Next Steps

Round 2 bidding – you will receive notification to your @law.northwestern.edu email address re: Round 2 bidding dates. Round 2 bidding typically opens the Friday following the close of Round 1, but this is subject to change. Your email announcement will have the specific day and time Round 2 bidding will open.

If you are happy with your bid results, you do not need to bid in Round 2. Round 1 bid results may not be changed or superseded by the Round 2 bids of others.

For those bidding in Round 2, we have posted a **summary** of Round 1 bidding results that includes open classes, wait list sizes and the points cost for each class on our [webpage](#). You will find the summary under Recent Announcements in the right side navigation pane.

You may **cancel/delete** successful bids or waitlist spots during Round 2. You may also add new bids using the Round 1 bidding instructions. Remember, however, that if you enter a new bid for a waitlist spot, you will be added to the waitlist behind those who secured spots on the waitlist during Round 1.

A Tip about Waitlists During Round 2: During Round 2 bidding, a process runs daily that automatically promotes people from wait lists into places in classes that are created when others cancel bids. This process runs only when our office is open (and thus does not run on the weekends or holidays).

This process will not promote you from a wait list if doing so would cause you to exceed 17 credits. So, if you are on a wait list and hope to get into the class, make sure you have credit room in your schedule for this possibility.

Good luck in Round 2!