OPIM 407 ADVANCED BUSINESS ANALYTICS

IMPROTANT REGISTRATIONS INFORMATION

Dear Students,

To register for OPIM 407 **registration override application** of type "APPROVAL NEEDED" is required to ensure approvals and registrations are according to a prioritization scheme given by SBS. The application is sent through BANNERWEB, please do not send emails.

Initially, all applications are rejected, and approvals will be given starting the second day of the registrations. Please do not send me emails and note that you do not need to resend the application (it may not be possible). The two things you need to do is to patiently wait and ensure you have a backup course. I will be following and communicating your status through only the bannerweb.

According to the SBS prioritization scheme, the approvals will be given starting with senior business analytics minor students who are graduating this semester. For the remaining available capacity in class, the prioritization scheme given by SBS will be implemented.

I wish you all a great Spring semester

Warmest regards,
Tevhide Altekin

Some responses to frequently asked questions are provided below. Please scroll down to hopefully find the answer you are looking for.

1. When will the course syllabus be posted?
Considering the registration calendar of SU, the registrations for OPIM 407 start on Tuesday. Hence, the syllabus will be available as of Monday (hopefully during the afternoon).

2. How does this process work?
Starting with Tuesday morning early, every 2-4 hours (depending on my meetings and schedule), the available capacity is checked. Considering the SBS prioritization scheme, the students waiting (i.e. students whose Approval Needed applications were received and rejected) are checked. Approvals are given to the students whose turn comes in the prioritization scheme (within the same priority category, earlier applications get earlier

approvals based on First Come First Serve (FCFS) principle)**.** The number of approvals given is equal to the remaining available capacity. Students are given 2-3 hours to register.

If students do not register in a timely manner, they are putting their peers and me in a difficult situation. If there is a valid plausible reason for not registering on time (like my former students had accidents or had to be in a hospital), please let me know as soon as possible. Considering valid plausible reasons, I can wait for you one more time slot. If the students have not registered in a timely manner, approvals will be giving the other students whose turn comes.

3. Why do you have this process?
Hence, hoping nobody is reading it, I have to confess I have a love and hate type of relationship with this process.

This Approval Needed process is also very time-consuming and unpleasant for the faculty member. However, it ensures the students are getting it depending on both seniority and the course category (where the required course has higher priority over area elective and area elective has higher priority over free elective) of their program. In that sense, it is very important.

In one of the semesters, I experimented with not having this process and OPIM 407 course was full in literally 11-15 minutes. Many students who needed it as part of their programs were not able to register due to glitches in the registration system and the like. This process is also fairer in that sense.

4. Does the course have a pre-requisite?
Yes, OPIM 407's pre-requisite is OPIM 390. Similar to OPIM 390, in this course we will be extensively using R.

If you did not take OPIM 390, please do not send me an email. Through the bannerweb send also a registration override application of type "PRE-REQUISITE WAIVER". If there is sufficient course capacity, I will consider them on a case by case basis depending on your potential in catching up in R as well as business analytics tools and skills.

5. You said the approvals are going to be given starting the second day of the registrations, but we see that there are some registered students even before the start of the registrations. How?
Erasmus exchange students and students who are registering for a single course to graduate have other registration calendars and processes over which I have no control. Historically, I have seen such 0-3 students, and we all have to live with it.

6. Can we help?

Yes. You can help us (me and other students wishing/waiting to take OPIM 407) in the following two ways:

– If your approval needed application is approved, and you have decided not to take OPIM 407, please send me a one-line email so that I can approve the application of the next student.
– If you have a friend planning to take OPIM 407 and you know they are unaware of the approval needed process, help them send their application in a timely manner.

7. You approved my time conflict application but not my approval-needed application. Why?

If you have a time conflict, my strong suggestion is not to take OPIM 407, but I will leave the risk and decision to you. OPIM 407's grading includes 30% coming from in-class exercises, and participation and attendance, which requires your physical presence in the classroom. You have to understand and note that you understand you will be losing points for the classes you will be missing.

Time conflict and approval needed are independent, and they are two totally different permissions. Your Time Conflict applications are responded to within my earliest convenience to minimize your registration problems with your other course. However, Approval Needed applications are approved based on a prioritization scheme of SBS and the registration calendar.

For your time conflict applications through bannerweb, please make sure you write the conflicting time slots.

8. Do you have any data for us to assess the likelihood of taking OPIM 407 this semester?

In Fall 2020 and Fall 2021, as the course capacity was not full, all interested students who wanted to take the course successfully registered.

I hope, similar to the last two semesters, everyone interested will get the course this semester. However, a new critical change is "OPIM 407 is now one of the area electives of the CS program". Hence, the demand for the course might be higher due to the increasing number of students in both the business analytics minor programs and the CS program.

9. Will there be a capacity increase?

No! The course design is for 50 students and I cannot accommodate more students.

10. Will there be a waiting list?

Although very rarely, students drop the course during the add-drop period. The SBS prioritization scheme and the formerly rejected and waiting Approval Needed applications allow us to implement the waiting list. The student whose application is approved is

expected to register for the course or let us know if their plans have changed so that we can let the next student register for the class.

11. I did not know about it; when did the approval needed process start?
SBS administers the implementation and announcement of the courses that have special approval by sending emails to the students of their programs. I posted this note on the registration to SUCourse instead of the syllabus on Fabruary 03, 2023

12. I sent you an email/approval needed application, and did not get a response, why?
Approval needed applications are not made via email. They are made through the bannerweb using a registration override application, and the type is APPROVAL NEEDED (former name SPECIAL APPROVAL)). The information on registration override applications is provided by Student Resources as an MYSU announcement at the beginning of every semester.
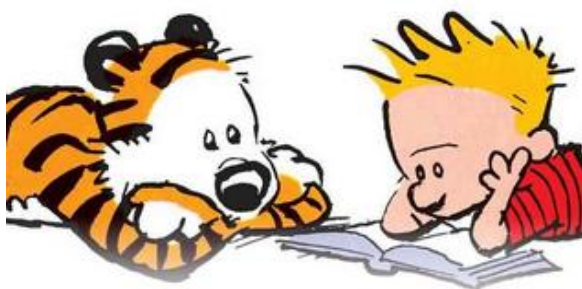
In some semesters and in certain time slots the velocity of the emails and approval needed applications are so high that I cannot respond to them in a spontaneous manner due to my other meetings and schedule.

Typically, I receive many applications starting the night before the registrations start. So, if you would like to know,
- When is the best time to send your approval needed application? The earlier, the better and during work hours of work days.
- When is the worst time to send it? One night before the beginning of the registrations or 10-20 minutes before you think it must be approved so that it is not the end of the world.

13. I am not a business analytics minor student, but I will not be able to graduate if I do not take OPIM 407 this semester. Can you help?
Come on... I am one of the former BA in Management Program directors and I know for sure (other than senior business analytics minor program students graduating in Spring 2023) this course is not a requirement to graduate from the BAMAN, CS or other programs even in Spring 2023. I can help you by suggesting to find and take another course in a timely manner.

Calvin and Hobbes
By Bill Watterson