

GENESSYS (General Studies Selection System) – FAQs (**IMPORTANT!**)

1. My friends and I chose the same module as our first choice. Why am I not offered the module?

GENESSYS will review all similar choices for that module and time slots during posting. If there are sufficient vacancies, all learners will be allocated places. However, for oversubscribed situations, the system will prioritize and allocate learners based on the average of their GSM attendance % for the last 2 semesters. If there is still a tie for the last few places, GENESSYS will allocate based on randomisation for these few learners. For learners who are unable to get a place in that module/time slot, GENESSYS will look at the next preferred module/time slot and attempt to allocate.

2. My friend and I chose the same 12 modules/time slots, why am I not offered the same first choice? Is this scenario possible?

Yes, it is possible. Similar to Q1, for oversubscribed situations, due to the possibility of a tie breaker for the last few places and computer randomisation, learners may eventually be allocated different modules/time slots.

3. Why am I not offered any of my 12 choices?

GENESSYS will attempt to allocate learners any of their 12 choices as long as there are vacancies within their selected choices. In the event that there are no more vacancies within your 12 choices, GENESSYS will review the remaining modules with vacancies and allocate a module to you.

4. I missed the selection period. What should I do?

If you missed the selection period, GENESSYS will automatically allocate a module/time slot to you based on remaining vacancies after the exercise. It is therefore important for you to take note of the selection period.

5. How does the system decide the posting of my GSM modules? How does the posting of GSM modules work?

GENESSYS will review all your ranked choices (module/time slots) and attempt to allocate a place to you starting from your first choice. If it is unable to do so, it will move on to your next preferred choice.

6. I did not receive the GSM module posting of my choice, can I appeal?

As per current GSM selection exercise regulations, there is no provision for appeal.

7. How should I place the 12 choices of GSM modules in order to be posted to the module of my choice?

- **It is important to first determine your interest area so that you can identify specific module/s relating to it (e.g., if you are keen on learning Science – you can choose modules such as Food Culture, or Fun with Chemistry. Or if you are keen on Languages, there are Korean, Japanese, German or French modules to choose from).**
- **Review the time slots in which your module is offered and decide if you wish to include in your choices the same module but different time slots. If not, you may select another module in your next choice.**

- Take note also the number of vacancies offered per module. Modules with smaller number of vacancies will mean higher competition for places.
- If you are required to take two GSMs, please ensure your choices have a variety of different timeslots for the modules you have selected.

8. Which are the popular modules selected by learners?

Based on the last 2 semesters, some popular GSMs are:

Year 2

- CLX204 Science Behind Skin Care
- DXX204 Digital Photography
- FGX201 Introduction to Sociology
- FGX206 Introduction to Japanese Language 1
- FGX211 Emotional Intelligence
- HSX202 Choices in Relationships

Year 3

- BMX301 Be Financially Intelligent
- CLX301 Wonders of Life
- CLX303 Food Culture
- FGX312 Discovering Japanese Culture & Society
- FGX313 Discovering Korean Culture & Society
- HSX305 Psychology of Self-Motivation & Change

When doing your selection, you may wish to avoid choosing too many such popular modules for your first few choices as competition will be very keen.

Do try to explore other areas of interest and stack your 12 choices across different types of modules and time slots.

9. Can I choose GSMs which are offered by my school?

GENESSYS will exclude all GSMs offered by your school so you will not see them in the selection screen. The intent of GSMs is to enable learners to learn something beyond their domain area for personal development and a holistic education.

10. Should I be stacking the majority of my top choices in the same time slots (i.e., 2-3 pm)?

We advise you to spread your selection across different time slots to avoid disappointment. In previous selection exercises, some learners have stacked the majority of their module choices in the same time slot and were not able to get their top choices due to competition.

If you are required to take 2 GSMs, please do not stack all your top choices in the same time slots.

11. Is the order of my 12 choices or number of vacancies for the respective modules more critical in determining if I will be offered the module of my choice?

Yes, GENESSYS will start from your first ranked choice and allocate you a place as long as there are sufficient vacancies in your preferred time slot.

The smaller the number of vacancies for some modules, the higher the competition will be for these places.

12. What are the chances that I will get posted to any of the 12 choices?

As you are provided with 12 choices, it is likely GENESSYS will be able to allocate a module/time slot within your selected choices. From previous selection exercises, generally more than 80% of learners are able to get a GSM within their 12 choices.

13. Can I do a mutual swap of modules with my friend?

You will not be able to swap module/s with your friend.

14. Can I still view my list of 12 choices after I have submitted it?

You may wish to take a photo of your 12 choices before submitting as GENESSYS will not show a summary of your choices after the selection submission. However, you can log on to GENESSY before the closing of the selection exercise to view your selection and make changes if you wish to.

15. Must I fill out all 12 choices? Can I pick fewer than 12 choices?

You will be required to complete all 12 choices before submission.

16. If I don't like my GSM after the module has started, can I change modules?

As per current GSM regulations, you are not allowed to change modules when semester starts.

17. Do I still have to select 12 choices even if I am only taking one GSM this semester?

Yes. The 12 choices will provide you with a wide range of interest areas to select from and the likelihood of securing a module of your interest.