Quick Facts and Use Tips

- The application is available through the iGPS (the “new”) Planner only. Not in and not accessible from SIS Planner.

- To generate schedule options through the Build Schedule button, these conditions must be present:
  - Schedule of classes for term is released.
  - Student is term activated on at least one campus.
  - Student has courses in Planner in term for which he seeks to build schedule.
  - Note: if student is already enrolled in some classes, Build Schedule will offer the registered classes as the only schedule option, unless there are unenrolled classes in the Planner for the term too.

- Presents in graphical way multiple sets of schedule options from which students may choose the schedule that best fits their needs.
  - Initial Build includes all open sections of all courses in student’s planner for the term, so it is not uncommon to get a high number of options at first.
  - On screen tools the student controls—time reservation blocks and ad hoc deselection of classes to use—limit resulting set of options to a more easier to review volume.

- Time reservations block specified times from being available for classes. Different reservation types can be created and applied in combinations to schedule options, further parsing and focusing results.
  - “All Day” reservations are an easy way to identify schedules that only have M-W-F or T-Th classes.
  - Less than all day reservation keep some periods free of class for athletic practice or play, part-time job work schedule, standing weekly meeting or activity.
  - Scheduling engine will generate only those schedule options where classes do not conflict with any of the blocked times.

- Class selection tool can be used to include only a specific section of an offered course in schedule options, allowing students to generate schedule choices that all include a favored instructor.
  - Clicking gray arrow next to class in left-side Classes panel opens a box with details about each class: day/time, building/room, instructor, and notes.

- Integrates and communicates with SIS Enrollment Shopping Cart for easier, informed registration.
  - Chosen schedule can be moved as a block to cart by clicking the cart icon.
  - Application can be used to add to classes already in cart and enrolled in up to the end of the first week of classes.
  - “Update Cart” functionality moves all courses into cart, but captures and displays class-specific information from SIS that could prevent and counsel against registration in that section, i.e. repeat rule warnings, no permissions on file for department consent class, no pre-requisites.
  - Can remove courses from enrollment shopping cart from within iGPS Planner.
  - “Go to Cart” links student into SIS cart at point where they need to select term. Once linked, students follow familiar SIS screens to finish enrolling.
F.A.Q.

I got over 400 Schedule Options. How can I possibly review them all?

You can’t and no one expects you to. Upon your first build, application will include all open sections for all courses in your planner for the term. If you have even a couple of courses for which there are dozens of open class sections—a common phenomenon for lower division General Education courses—Build Schedule’s default operation is to create a schedule option including every one of those sections. The resulting number can be intimidating—but don’t be scared. Think of the results page from your first build as a temporary workspace; and use the on screen tools—the ability to create time block reservations and to de-select classes to include in options in the Classes panel—to narrow the options down to something you can process more easily.

Why Did I Get a “200 JSON Parse” Error?

This happens if you have been idle in Build Schedule for a while. Build Schedule is set to interact in real time with the schedule of classes, assessing what is open and what is closed, and giving you schedule options based on that shifting information. If you are doing nothing on the screen to prompt the application to refresh data and recalculate options—setting a new reservation or selecting/deselecting class sections to include your options—then the information from your last search grows stale on the screen, and an error occurs, the 200 JSON Parse error. To get passed the error, and get updated schedule options, refresh your screen by clicking the “refresh” button in your browser.

Can I Waitlist a Class through Build Schedule?

Not directly, but the option to waitlist at registration is still available if you use Build Schedule to initiate your registration.

Build Schedule default is to use only open sections in the schedule options. Even if it has a waitlist attached, a class that is already full when you run Build Schedule will not show in any schedule options, unless you have checked the “include closed classes” box on the results page. But assuming you’ve done that and identified a closed, waitlistable class in your chosen schedule option, at the point you click “Go to Cart,” you are immediately linked in to the SIS shopping cart, where the ability to add yourself to a waitlist resides.