

How Allocate+ Works:

Allocate + is used for class allocation, ASCOL enrolls the student in a program and units and Blackboard acts as a teaching aid for user defined groups of students. Allocate+ operates in three stages. The first stage involves students entering their preferences for timeslots (Preference Entry Mode) of the Units in which they are enrolled (**not** first come, first served), the second stage is when student preferences are sorted and timeslots are allocated (Global Sort), and in the third stage students are able to make minor adjustments (Allocation Adjustment) to their allocations, where possible (this stage is on a first come, first served basis).

How Allocate+ will be Used for TAFE 2011:

To allow students and staff to adapt to the new processes of Allocate+, the first round of allocation will be performed by Allocate+ via various Global Sorts and then opened to Students in Allocation Adjustment mode. Still it is anticipated that some Units may only be opened in Read Only mode, due to the nature of delivery or enrolled students.

Customising Allocation:

Prior to the Global Sorts and in some cases after there are a number of features that can be added to enhance the process of allocation, which include:

Type	Result
Multiparts	Groups the delivery types of Unit that has multiple streams within those deliveries so that a student is placed in the same stream eg 04, 05 (group) for a workshop, class etc.
Buffering	Sets aside a certain amount of spaces in a class for late arrivals eg Internationals
Special Consideration	File usually obtained from Equity unit and is used in conjunction with preference entry so that special needs students are catering for
Part Time Indicator	A+ looks at a setting in ASCOL which is placed against a students enrolment and will put a student into a class ahead of a full time student and/or in a particular class that has this restriction on it
Program constraint	An activity or group of activated can be constrained by the program code (pgoccd) a student is enrolled in ASCOL
Restricted Activities	Similar to multiparts but gives more a flexibility instead of a one to once choice a student who does class 'x' has the choice of one out of workshop group 'y'
Staff Predefined Insert	Staff can pre-populate activities by inserting straight into A+ and either allow or disallow a student to move once they are placed in the activity
Campus	Students allocation can be matched to the their home campus recorded in ASCOL

Proposed Timelines:

Class timetables will be required from January 4th 2011 and February 28th start of Semester One. To tie in with Student Operations date of end of semester two and re-enrolments an opening date of approx 13 December for January student and late January/early February for semester One students is anticipated. These dates need to meet the majority need and process, so are open for discussion.