The Office of Undergraduate Admission welcomes you to Emory University. Emory’s campus is nearly 700 acres and includes the undergraduate campus, seven graduate and professional schools, numerous research facilities, hospitals and clinics, and Lullwater Park, a nature preserve in the heart of the city. This tour encompasses the main sites of the undergraduate campus, and we hope it provides a glimpse into the engaging academic opportunities available at Emory University. Let us know about your interest at apply.emory.edu/join. Thank you for your visit, and enjoy your tour!

Emory History
Emory College was founded in Oxford, Georgia, 38 miles east of Atlanta, in 1836. The college was named for John Emory, a nineteenth-century Methodist bishop of Maryland and proponent of education. In 1914, Asa Candler, then president of The Coca-Cola Company, gave Emory College a gift of $1 million and 75 acres in Druid Hills, and the college moved from Oxford to Atlanta. The original campus exists today as Oxford College, an undergraduate option at Emory distinctive by virtue of a smaller student body (900 students), small-town location, and abundant leadership opportunities. Students can choose to attend Oxford College, completing their first two years of study before moving to the Atlanta campus and finishing their undergraduate degrees.

A second gift in 1979, fueled Emory’s rise among American universities. Brothers George and Robert Woodruff donated $105 million in Coca-Cola Company stock to Emory. The University has wisely used its resources to attract talented faculty and students, creating an institution that is more than your typical liberal arts setting. Students can participate in hands-on research with leaders in their fields, customize academic programs to match their interests, or study abroad for a summer, semester, or more. Emory graduates possess broad knowledge and exceptional abilities to reason and communicate across disciplines. They are prepared and in demand, whether moving on to graduate school or a career, ready to make a positive impact on their world.
1. Oxford Road Building The Oxford Road Building opened in 2010, and became the home of the Office of Undergraduate Admission, a three-story Barnes & Noble bookstore, and one of the largest collegiate Starbucks in America. You can often find students studying in the living room because of its comfortable vibe and beautiful views.

2. Boisfeuillet Jones Center (pronounced BO-fill-lay) This building honors the dedication of Boisfeuillet Jones 34C 37L to Emory, higher education, and public service. It houses the Offices of Financial Aid, Student Financial Services, Student Records, and the Career Center. It is important to note that Emory University is a “need-blind” school, meaning that one’s application for admission will be considered regardless of financial need. The Career Center offers resume and interview assistance and organizes campus career fairs as students prepare to launch their careers after graduation.

3. The Administration Building This building houses the Office of the President, Dr. James Wagner, the Office of Disability Services, the Office of Finance, the Laney Graduate School, the Office of the General Counsel, and the Office of the Provost. President Wagner holds office hours where students can discuss any topic of their choosing.

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4. The Quadrangle “The Quad” contains the heart of academics at Emory. It is not unusual to see classes meeting under the trees, students studying, and the occasional game of Frisbee. The rolling hills of Georgia reminded Henry Hornbostel, Emory College’s original campus architect, of northern Italy. Thus, the Quad buildings were constructed in an Italian style, using pink and gray Georgian marble. The look of these buildings is mirrored across campus.

Take a panoramic photo from the flagpole, and view the beginning of campus in one picture.

5. Pitts Theology Library This library houses more than 550,000 volumes and is the third-largest theological library in the United States. It is one of the quietest places to study on campus.

6. Carlos Hall and Michael C. Carlos Museum Originally the School of Law, Carlos Hall now houses the Department of Art History and portions of the museum. The Carlos Museum, the largest university museum in the Southeast, houses collections of Egyptian, Near Eastern, Classical, ancient American, African, and Asian art, and works from the Renaissance to the present. Many classes will have a lesson at the Carlos Museum when the subject matter aligns with current exhibitions.

In 1999, the Carlos Museum purchased a group of mummies, one of which was unidentified. Using the medical resources on campus, Emory was able to identify the mummy as Pharaoh Ramesses I.

7. Henry L. Bowden Hall This building was named after the chairman of the Board of Trustees, an attorney who defended Emory’s right to integrate against the state of Georgia’s wishes. Bowden Hall houses the Departments of History and Philosophy.

8. Loula Walker and Ely Reeves Callaway Sr. Memorial Center Named after the prominent Emory alumnus of Callaway Golf fame, the Callaway Center provides office and classroom space for numerous majors including English, Literature, Creative Writing, Spanish, French, Italian, Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, and Religion. The Callaway Center also houses the Writing Center, available to all Emory students and one of the most-used resources on campus. This center has both undergraduate and graduate writing tutors to help students do everything from creating an idea map to editing a final paper.

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Take a picture with Robert W. Woodruff himself. We would not be the university we are today without his financial generosity.

9. Candler Library Built in 1926, the building was named for Asa Candler. The library holds a large reading room for students as well as offices for Emory College. Take special note of the plaster frieze in the reading room, titled “The Triumph of Alexander,” which was rediscovered during the building’s 2002 renovation. The Matheson Reading Room is one of the quietest places on campus to study. This room resembles a set from Harry Potter, with low-hanging lights and long dark brown wooden tables. Access to the reading room is available through the Woodruff Library.

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10. Robert W. Woodruff Library Access to the library is restricted to students, faculty, and staff. When you enter, please inform the attendant you are a prospective student and would like to look around. Woodruff is undergoing renovations and is the largest of Emory’s nine libraries, serving the research needs of Emory College. The library is named for Robert W. Woodruff, renowned for his lifetime leadership of The Coca-Cola Company and as Emory’s greatest benefactor. In total, Emory’s libraries contain more than 3.5 million volumes. The ground floor is home to Peet’s Coffee as well as group study areas. It is also the busiest and loudest floor of the library. The fourth floor houses the Music & Media Library. Floors five through eight house the stacks as well as personal study cubicles. These floors are completely silent, and each has a different furniture theme.

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11. Schwartz Center for Performing Arts Opened in 2002, the Schwartz Center provides a central space for Emory’s music, theater, and dance programs and includes a world-class, 825-seat concert hall, a theater lab, a dance studio, a rehearsal hall, and a classroom. Each of these spaces is designed to encourage student learning as well as to inspire professional performance. Each year the Schwartz Center offers an extensive list of performances and showcases.
Robert W. Woodruff was actually an Emory student at one point in 1908. He left after just two semesters to run The Coca-Cola Company.

12. Goizueta Business School (pronounced goy-SWET-uh) The Goizueta Business School building was completed in 1997. A second building, completed in 2005, houses the business school's PhD program. The school was named in honor of Roberto C. Goizueta, a former chair and CEO of The Coca-Cola Company. The business school also houses its own computer lab, Career Management Center, and International Programs office. There are approximately 750 undergraduate students in the Bachelor of Business Administration program, concentrating in various fields from finance to strategy and management consulting, arts management to business and sustainability.

13. Cox Hall The Cox Hall food court, located on the ground floor, is one of the primary dining options on campus and a great place to stop for a meal or a snack. The food court was completely renovated in 2006 and updated in 2014. The food court features a wide range of options, from tacos to sushi, sandwiches to a student-run, free-trade coffee cafe. The second floor of Cox houses a computer lab, and the third floor houses an event ballroom. Cox Hall's landmark clock tower plays Emory's Alma Mater each day at noon.

14. Dobbs University Center The R. Howard Dobbs University Center, commonly referred to as the “DUC” (pronounced “duck”), unifies the blending of the old and new at Emory. The DUC is considered a building within a building because of the addition built around the Alumni Memorial University Center inside. The DUC is the heart of student life at Emory, housing office spaces for the Office for Diversity and Inclusion, 400+ clubs and organizations, another campus dining facility, banking services, a theater, a cinema, an information and ticket desk, and mail services.

15. Residence Halls All first-year students live in centrally located residence halls that are not only close to their classes, but help foster a close-knit community among the entire first-year class. Each floor is staffed with at least one resident advisor, a junior or senior trained in counseling, programming, and Emory’s policies. First-year hall resident advisors are paired with two sophomore advisors, whose roles are to help acclimate first-year students to campus life and provide additional support throughout this transitional year. Most first-year students live in doubles (two students per room), though singles are available. Emory guarantees housing for two years, but the majority of students choose to live on campus all four years, with a variety of housing options available to upperclassmen including suites and apartments.

Take a panorama of the First-Year Quad with you in the middle. Who knows, maybe you’ll be living in one of these buildings soon!

Emory has 18 men’s and women’s varsity teams, and they compete in the NCAA Division III University Athletic Association. As of June 2014, Emory has been awarded 92 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships, and 75 since 2000, second only to Stanford.

16. George W. Woodruff Physical Education Center (referred to by the abbreviation WoodPEC, and pronounced “woodpeck”) Access to the building is limited to students, faculty, and staff. When you enter, please inform the attendant that you are a prospective student and would like to look around. Emory’s sports motto, “Athletics for All,” notes the involvement of almost 80 percent of Emory students in varsity, club, or intramural sports. The WoodPEC includes basketball, tennis, and racquetball courts, a dance studio, a cardio theater, an indoor track, rock-climbing walls, an Olympic-size swimming pool, weight machines, and free weights. A soccer field, an additional track, and tennis courts are located outside. The WoodPEC is open from 6:30 a.m.-11:00 p.m. on weekdays.

Take a picture in front of Dobbs Hall, one of the oldest residential halls on campus.

17. Asbury Circle For many years, Emory College held no classes on Wednesdays, and while that’s no longer true, the day is still special to the campus community. Today Wonderful Wednesdays encourage school spirit as the Emory community gathers at Asbury Circle for events, games, or food sponsored by a different campus organization each week. Wonderful Wednesday may feature anything from a petting zoo to a volunteer drive, a bouncy castle or an ice cream tasting. No matter the focus, Wednesdays are always wonderful at Emory!

Take a picture with Dooley, the “Lord of Misrule,” and Emory’s unofficial mascot. Acting through students selected to don the mantle, he maintains a mischievous presence on campus. His shenanigans peek during a week honoring him each spring.

18. Tull Plaza Tull Plaza is a combination of three academic buildings: Tarbutton Hall, the Anthropology Building, and the Modern Languages Building. Tarbutton Hall houses the Departments of Political Science and Sociology. The Department of Anthropology is in the Anthropology Building, and the Modern Languages Building houses the Departments of Linguistics, German, Russian, and East Asian Languages and Cultures. Tull Plaza is an area of campus where students like to meet before and after class due to its open space and benches.

19. Cannon Chapel Designed by Paul Rudolph, Cannon Chapel is the site of regular religious services. Emory has been affiliated with the Methodist Church since the school's founding in 1836. Today, the university has more than 30 student religious organizations. Cannon Chapel holds weekly interdenominational services, and it also contains meeting and classroom space.

20. Goodrich C. White Hall White Hall is home to Emory's auditorium-style lecture halls. Although the average class size at Emory is 25, classes may range from a one-on-one independent study to a lecture course with 100 students. Large lecture classes usually divide into smaller discussion groups and labs. Ninety-two percent of Emory's faculty hold the highest degree in their respective fields.

Seventy-nine percent of Emory’s classes have fewer than 30 students.
21. Cherry Logan Emerson Hall and Sanford S. Atwood Chemistry Center  
Home to the Department of Chemistry and currently undergoing renovations, these buildings contain laboratories, classrooms, and the Science Library. Emerson Hall houses all of the labs and necessary equipment to safely conduct hands-on experiments.

22. Psychology and Interdisciplinary Sciences Building  
Emory’s newest classroom building houses the Department of Psychology’s teaching and research facilities. It is home to a lecture hall, multiple classrooms and seminar rooms, a computer lab, a Child Studies Center, a neuroimaging center, and various research laboratories.

23. Mathematics and Science Center  
Completed in 2002, this facility houses the Departments of Computer Science, Environmental Sciences, Mathematics, and Physics. The building contains a planetarium, telescope, office space, classrooms, laboratories, and a library. The center’s outdoor atrium is an open space where students can study and enjoy the beautiful weather.

This academic building is LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold certified. It is one of many buildings on campus that is LEED certified.

The following locations are not included on the walking tour but are a part of the undergraduate experience.

Health Sciences Quad  
Across the bridge over Eagle Row, known as the “biology bridge” to students, you will enter the Health Sciences Quad. The buildings in this area are home to the studies of biology, human health, and public health. This quad comprises two of Emory University’s schools, the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing and Rollins School of Public Health, as well as research buildings, a library, and classroom space. The Department of Biology is located in the O. Wayne Rollins Research Center, where many students attend professor office hours.

Emory’s Rollins School of Public Health is a ranked No. 6 in the public health school rankings by U.S. News and World Report.

Eagle Row  
Greek organization housing is on Eagle Row. This area of campus gives members of Greek chapters a chance to live with their fraternity brothers or sorority sisters. There are 11 fraternity houses and eight sorority lodges on "the Row." Fraternity houses house between 11 and 40 men. The sorority lodges are all the same size and hold 24 women each. Approximately one-third of the student body is a part of a Greek organization, but many Greek events and service opportunities are open to the entire campus community.

*Emory University uses these abbreviations to designate graduation years. For example, Mr. Jones graduated from Emory College in 1934 and Emory’s School of Law in 1937.