My 4 Years at Emory
When you're applying to colleges, you talk a lot about what you'll bring to the school—I worked on my senator's reelection campaign, my research project won first prize in the state science fair, I am writing a play about religion in the US.

When you graduate from college, you think about what your college gave you.

This is what Emory gave me, and what I did with it.
What a Campus

The first time I saw Emory, I couldn’t believe how beautiful it was, and I still think so, four years later. Seriously, there are flowers everywhere, lots of trees, gray and pink marble buildings with red tile roofs. It’s like walking into a movie about going to college.

Why I like it
- in a historic neighborhood
- 5 miles from downtown Atlanta
- small, but big: it has an undergraduate center, with grad and professional schools around the outside
- lots of ways to learn outside class: internships, research, study abroad
  - campus is active—clubs, traditions, teams
  - strong commitment to the world beyond campus—service, sustainability, research
  - walk everywhere you need to go: libraries, brunch in Emory Village, WoodPEC for practice and workouts

But Emory doesn’t get by on looks alone. It’s all about community—2/3 of students live on campus, so Emory is close, connected, and offers a ton to do. The new freshman dorm complex keeps everyone together when they get here, and you make friends you’ll have for four years and beyond.

Emory gave me a warm, supportive environment so I could focus on what I needed to do here.
Liberal Arts??

I had no idea what my high school guidance counselor was talking about when I first heard her say liberal arts. But I get it now. It’s not just about mastering a subject, it’s about learning how to write well, connect ideas, and draw conclusions. I’m convinced all the best creative thinkers, problem solvers, and leaders in the world were first liberal arts students.

Why Emory has great liberal arts
- the academics are rigorous
- learning is enriched by the resources of a leading research institution
- the students here are engaged, which makes for lively class discussions
- you have freedom to double major, combine majors, make your own plan
- your professors are leaders in their fields, scholars, scientists, artists, and writers who also enjoy teaching

Supportive learning
- your professors know you, and they care about how you’re doing here; I’ve had dinner at my philosophy professor’s house
- Emory students are not cut throat; they like what they’re studying, and would rather talk about it with you than steal your notes
- the Emory Writing Center says, “come early, and come often,” so they can help you develop, draft, and revise papers; I used them mainly for my history papers, which I always had trouble with
- students form study groups outside class, to collaborate and do well together

Emory gave me a rigorous liberal arts education—and I’m prepared to use it.

The Freshman Seminar
- only for freshmen
- an introduction to liberal arts learning
- interdisciplinary topics connect to business, society, culture
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- a few of them from my freshman year:
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My 4-Year Plan

Of course, I didn’t only come to Emory for the nice campus and close community. If you ask my parents, my mom will say I came here to learn. If you ask my dad, he’ll say I came here to prepare for the real world, which let’s be honest, means get a job. I’m here for both, and that’s why Emory was a good choice for me.

There are so many majors and minors to choose from here, and you can even switch to Emory’s business school or school of nursing after your sophomore year and graduate with a BBA or BSN.

I knew I wanted to major in philosophy, and I also wanted to try chemistry. My academic advisor helped me map it out so I could study what I wanted, and still be sure I would fit in all the graduation requirements.

Freshman Year I Had 5 Advisers to Get Me on Track
- My resident advisor (in my dorm hall)
- My sophomore advisor (a sophomore assigned to me)
- My orientation leader (met him when I set foot on campus)
- My Pre-major Advising Connections at Emory (PACE) faculty advisor (helped me navigate my schedule, requirements, and more)
- My PACE student advisor (a student perspective on advising)

Emory gave me academic choices and guidance, so I could get the most out of my time here.
Creative Learning

It’s one thing to take notes about something in class, but it’s another to actually roll up your sleeves and experience what you’re learning. Through internships, study abroad, and research with professors, Emory students learn by doing. I think it’s the best way to learn.

I worked in two research labs (for my chem major) and studied abroad in Belgium my junior year (for my philosophy major). These experiences added an extra layer of practical knowledge to the theory I learned in class.

Emory gave me a lot of ways to learn, and many of them were outside the classroom.
Getting Involved

Unusual traditions, hundreds of clubs, and winning varsity teams—I was busy, and I liked it.

Traditions

Our traditions are fun, significant, and a little out there. (You’re not a real Emory student until you find yourself waiting for a skeleton to break into your class and cancel it.)

- Dooley’s Week: we celebrate our unofficial mascot, a skeleton
- Songfest: freshman dorms slug it out in a song and dance contest
- Wonderful Wednesday: the whole campus gets together on Wednesday afternoons to have fun and show school spirit
- Carter Town Hall: former President Jimmy Carter answers any and all student questions in his annual fall assembly

I came here knowing I wanted to play soccer and get involved in the Student Government Association, but I also found new interests. Volunteer Emory is one of them. I went on a service trip with my roommate, and now I volunteer at the Atlanta Food Bank. ChEmory is another—I joined this club for chemistry majors as a sophomore, and by senior year I was president.

Clubs and organizations

-300+ ways to dive in
- Outdoor Emory is most popular club
- Volunteer Emory is 2nd largest club on campus
- 12 fraternities, 8 sororities

Varsity athletics

- NCAA Division III
- 18 teams
- ranked 2nd in the Learfield Sports Directors Cup Division III standings
- school spirit keeps the stands full at matches, games, and meets

Emory gave me a million ways to balance my academics and become part of the community. And have fun.
Adding to Emory’s Diversity

At Emory, the person sitting next to you in class or across the hall in your dorm isn’t going to be just like you. I realized this pretty quickly when I got here, and it’s what I love about this place. The conversations I’ve had opened my eyes and my mind—there are so many viewpoints, experiences, and backgrounds on campus that I’m always learning.

For example, I had no idea what Diwali was until I went to a celebration with one of my soccer teammates. My roommate sophomore year was from a fishing village in Alaska. And, I went to the Pride Parade downtown last year to cheer on one of my friends from ChEmory.

My sophomore year I served as a MORE mentor through the Office of Multicultural Programs and Services. As a MORE mentor, I was able to share my experiences—insights on courses, professors, and research opportunities—to help freshmen adjust to Emory and college life. Now my mentee is a MORE mentor with a freshman mentee of his own. I guess I did a good job.

Emory’s diverse community made my clubs, teams, and classes better, and it’s definitely prepared me for life after graduation.
And even if you’re not majoring or minoring in the arts, they’re still going to be all around you at Emory. There are more than 300 arts events on campus each year, and most of them are free.

**Arts to take in**
- Theater Emory productions
- Spring Band Party on McDonough Field
- Carlos Museum exhibits
- Creativity & Arts events
- Emory Dance productions
- Campus MovieFest (the student filmmaking festival, founded at Emory)
- Department of Music choral and instrumental performances
- Visiting artists and performances at the Schwartz Center
- My roommate’s films, on the laptop in our room

Emory (and my roommate) gave me a creative way of looking at the world.
Atlanta, My Favorite Hometown

Maybe I’m biased, but Atlanta is the best place to go to college. There are amazing restaurants, an eclectic music scene, and so many different neighborhoods to explore. My friends and I spent many Saturdays downtown or in Midtown, Buckhead, Virginia-Highland, and Little Five Points, eating, shopping, hearing music, and going to festivals.

Plus it’s a great place to get experience. I interned in a lab downtown my senior year, and my roommate had an internship at Turner Broadcasting.

And did I mention it’s warm and sunny here when your friends are putting on their snow boots to go to class in other parts of the country?

Atlanta

- headquarters to the 4th-largest concentration of Fortune 500 companies in the US
- cultural, technological, financial, health care center of the Southeast
- 37,600 Emory alumni live here, which gives you a network after graduation
- a resource for internships, research positions, and jobs
- ranked by students (not just me) as one of the best college towns in the country
- known for its music scene, with venues ranging from listening rooms to arenas
- has one of the largest college student populations in the country—more than 20 colleges and universities
- vibrant arts community with museums, symphonies, and theaters
- it really is warm enough to wear shorts in February (not every day in February, but you’d be surprised)

A Few things I’m going to miss

- a chili cheese dog from The Varsity
- the perfect sweet tea from Mary Mac’s
- Frisbee in Piedmont Park
- Chinese food from Buford Highway—so great
- a concert at the Tabernacle
- the cheap seats at a Braves game, with a view of the city skyline

Emory gave me a home in the best city in the world.
Global Impact

One of the lessons I’ve learned here is the importance of making an impact on the world—both globally and locally. Emory does this through research and education, but also by its commitment to sustainability and service.

SUSTAINABILITY : Emory has been green for decades, and students are active leaders in the cause on campus. My dorm has a timer in the shower, collects rainwater off the roof, and monitors energy consumption by floor—all that green living before I even step out the door in the morning.

- We’re not just recycling cans here
  - one of the largest inventories by square footage of LEED-certified buildings among campuses nationwide
  - more than half of Emory’s 636 acres is protected green space
  - 3/4 of food served on campus from green sources by 2015
  - 65% of campus waste recycled by 2015
  - sustainability minor
  - energy and water conservation
  - alternatively fueled shuttles

Emory is 16th in the Sierra Club’s 2013 Cool Schools ranking for its commitment to fighting climate disruption and for showing leadership on so many fronts: from energy use and transportation to the courses Emory offers.

SERVICE : Something like 87 percent of Emory students volunteer, and I’m one of them. And because I loved volunteering at the Atlanta Food Bank, I’m going to find a way to do the same kind of service after I graduate.

Emory challenged me to make an impact on the world with what I’ve learned here.

Ways my friends have volunteered
- tutoring area school children
- building houses with Habitat for Humanity
- mentoring through Big Brother/Big Sister
- serving food at homeless shelters
- assisting nurses in local hospitals
Stacking the Deck in My Favor

Remember when I started at Emory my mom wanted me to learn and my dad wanted me to prepare for the real world? I will graduate in a few weeks with a double philosophy-chemistry major, so I’ve definitely learned—a lot. And I have also prepared for the world: I worked on research in two labs with faculty members, studied abroad in Belgium, worked countless hours with Volunteer Emory, played varsity soccer with the best team ever, pushed for positive outcomes through the Student Government Association, united chemistry majors across the land, served as a MORE mentor, and successfully defended my honors thesis in philosophy.

My next step is to either get a job or apply to graduate school. I have set myself up with my strong liberal arts education and the practical experience I gained along the way.

Emory got me on track for life after graduation and gave me a push.
Drum Roll, Please

I just got a job in a lab in Chicago, where I’ll work in environmental chemistry. Emory challenges its students to make an impact with what they learn here, and environmental chemistry is a good place to start.

My first day of work is one month after graduation, and I’ll be living with another Emory Class of 2014 grad. It will be nice to have a fellow Emory-ite with me—it’s funny, we actually lived on the same floor freshman year. The plan is to get good solid work experience and then apply to graduate school in a few years.

Emory gave me what I needed to get to this point—a rigorous liberal arts education, a warm community, and an excitement for learning—and this is what I did with it.

Just think what you could do at Emory.

The Stats

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In the Classroom

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2013 Admitted First-Year Class (25th–75th percentile)

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You may find a skeleton in your mailbox.
Enjoy access to 1,660 internships in Atlanta and 11,400 throughout the country. Most students gain internship experience while at Emory. 71 majors, 57 minors, and 9 preprofessional opportunities.

48 percent of students double major. 39 percent of students study abroad for a summer, semester, or year. 44 percent of students work on research with a professor.

300+ clubs, teams, and organizations. 200+ companies attend Emory’s on-campus job fairs.

118,000 Emory alumni live worldwide, ready to mentor and hire recent grads.

After Emory:

Graduate and Professional School: 43%
Employment: 26%
Currently Seeking Opportunity: 15%
Gap Year/ Volunteer: 10%
Not Actively Seeking: 4%
Postgraduate Internship: 12%
Military Service: 12%
Return to Home Country: 12%

(99% response rate; July 1 statistics)

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You will find happiness where the eagle flies.