why oxford college?
Oxford College is a place where you can plant your feet firmly beneath you and get to work doing what students here do best: learning, achieving, leading, and having fun.

Oxford provides a liberal arts–intensive environment for the first two years of your Emory undergraduate education. These are the years before you need to declare a major, when there’s room for discovery, growth, and, yes, changing your mind.

In Oxford’s close-knit and inclusive community, students of diverse backgrounds live and learn together in the rigorous academic environment for which Emory is known. Being part of Emory gives Oxford students a rare dual benefit: the comfort and closeness of a small campus coupled with the resources of a major research university.

When Oxford students move on to Emory’s Atlanta campus as juniors, they tend to stand out as intellectual risk takers interested in learning for its own sake and committed to leadership and service at Emory and beyond.

So, why Oxford? Because you’ll quickly see that there’s no place quite like it to begin your college education.
Where is Oxford College?

Oxford sits on Emory’s original campus, 38 miles east of Atlanta. Some of Emory’s first buildings line the college’s tree-filled Quad and the university’s earliest history is recorded here. Emory’s unofficial mascot, Dooley—a skeleton prone to mischief—sprang to life inside an Oxford classroom.

Academic and other buildings are all within a five-minute walk of residence halls. The Quad, a college green, sits squarely in the middle of it all. Given Georgia’s temperate climate, the Quad is the place where students congregate for much of the year to chat on the way to class, throw a football, study, people-watch, or sit under the stars to watch a “Movie on the Green.”

You’ll also find around the Quad:

- A newly renovated library that holds 32 iMacs, collaborative learning spaces, and technologically “smart” classrooms.
- Lil’s, our dining hall. It’s the place where you see Oxford’s sense of community on full display. The entire campus eats here—students, faculty, staff, and administrators.

We have great neighbors

Oxford is located in Newton County, which has a thriving arts community and a vibrant county seat in the town of Covington. Located just minutes from campus, Covington has all the makings of a cool college town. Its picturesque town square makes Covington a desirable location for movies and television shows. Currently filming there: The Vampire Diaries.
Scholarly Pursuits Each year Oxford names a number of its outstanding incoming students as Oxford Scholars, selected on the basis of their grades, test scores, essays, and extracurricular activities. To be considered for this opportunity, prospective students can nominate themselves to the Emory University Scholars Program on the Common Application.

When students interested in research arrive on campus, the Oxford Scholars Research Program offers an opportunity to work with faculty on research projects in the humanities and sciences, even as freshmen.

What makes our academics unique?
In our small classes students probe, investigate, solve problems, discuss, debate, and brainstorm, rather than listening passively to lectures from a podium.

Some distinctive aspects of our curriculum include:
- Ways of Inquiry courses in a wide range of subjects, which lay the groundwork for a transformative, higher-level understanding of how academic disciplines are formed and studied.
- Theory Practice/Service Learning courses that allow you to learn concepts in the classroom that can be put to the test in real-world settings.
- Academics centered around helping you to read perceptively, think independently, communicate clearly, and embrace responsible citizenship.

We form leaders
Being on Emory’s Oxford campus for two years means for many students stepping up to leadership roles as soon as they arrive on campus. Here’s how:
- Oxford’s Pierce Institute with programs such as Bonner Leaders, a national service program for students with an interest in civic engagement.
- More than 1,660 internships in Atlanta and another 11,400 throughout the country.
- More than 100 opportunities for study abroad as well as the Global Connections Program, where students go to US and international sites that have struggled with social unrest or economic injustice.

“...each class with contemporary music from artists who tienen mucho ‘swag’ and a dance professor who, at the brink of retirement, could still easily perform a split. But perhaps my English teacher, although I doubt he can perform outstanding gymnastics, made the strongest impact on me. His positivity and encouragement made me feel like a superstar, but not so much that I didn’t recognize that I had room to improve.”
—Chelsea Walton 13OX 15C
When you transition to junior year
From the moment you arrive on Oxford’s campus, faculty and staff are ready to assist you in making a smooth transition to the Atlanta campus. On the academic side, you’re working toward completing your general education requirements (GERs), just like your peers on the Atlanta campus, and preparing to take upper-level courses in your major. There are more than 71 majors and 57 minors at Emory University to choose from.

You’ll leave here feeling confident about the transition to the Atlanta campus. Here’s why:

- The “continuee” process includes a series of formal workshops in the spring of sophomore year.
- A shuttle runs between the campuses several times each weekday and for extended hours on weekends so most students are already very familiar with the main campus.
- The transition process ends with a special orientation for Oxford students before the beginning of fall semester junior year.

Your choice: continue in the liberal arts, business, or nursing
As juniors, the majority of Oxford students automatically continue in Emory College to complete their degree. However, all Emory undergraduates also can apply to Goizueta Business School to earn a bachelor of business administration or attend the School of Nursing to earn a bachelor of science in nursing. Typically, 75 percent of those who apply are admitted to the BBA program. BSN candidates must meet certain GPA requirements to work toward that degree.

Continuee Evan Dunn 10OX 12C (below) received Emory’s highest undergraduate honor, the Marlon Luther Brittain Award, presented each year to the graduating senior who has demonstrated exemplary service to the university and greater community without expectation of reward or recognition. A Bonner Leader at Oxford, Dunn called the program “a definitive experience for me that set the stage for everything I’ve done.”

Continuеes Do Great
Oxford continuees stand out on the Atlanta campus, achieving many of the highest honors and positions available to students there.
Who Oxford students are and what they become

If you're looking for cutout, carbon copy students here, you won't find them. Instead you'll find bright, curious, and engaged learners who bring and give value to service. The smallest of Emory's nine schools, Oxford is its most diverse. Because our campus is small, Oxford students know one another and their professors well. They embrace the sense of community found here. They're serious about their education but ready to have fun too.

Oxford's liberal arts–intensive philosophy goes beyond the classroom. It means you'll find the hallmarks of this type of thoughtful, rigorous education outside of class too. You find it when you're deep in discussion with your friends about what you've learned in class. Or when you attend one of the many lectures, concerts, and performances found here. Or when you form an impromptu study group with teammates on the way to a game.

Our students love to be of service

Oxford students are leaders who leap into serving their college and its community from their first moments on campus. Service is incorporated in classroom learning, in extracurricular activities, in spring and fall breaks. Oxford students’ 16,000 hours of service helped vault Emory onto the President's Honor Roll for Community Service.

Our students welcome the challenge of a holistic education—of discovering who they are, only to reimagine the limitless possibilities of who they can become and are yet to be. Oxford students know the process of learning never ends—it's a joyous and boisterous lifetime journey.

In their own words

“I came for Scholars Weekend and stayed the night. That night I was able to hang out with a ton of different people, and I don’t think it’s possible to find a closer or nicer community at any other college.”

“I love the small class sizes and the opportunity to get to know professors well. It’s nice to see how a lot of people know each other and the campus life is a lot of fun.”

“I suffered a knee injury during the past soccer season. Afterward, the concern the Oxford community expressed both in get-well wishes and later inquiries about my recovery really demonstrated the strength of our community.”

“I love that students on the Oxford campus are not only open-minded but have so much to teach me about other countries, cultures, politics, and religions.”

“The time to step into leadership positions is always now. We have the opportunity to do so, unlike freshmen and sophomores in most other schools, and we’re taught to take advantage of that.”
The Admission Committee looks for students who will benefit from the Oxford experience and add to our distinctive community.

Our application process is holistic, meaning we evaluate various components of your high school career. Together, this information will give a more complete picture of who you are and whether Oxford will be a good fit for you.

We look most closely at:
- the rigor of your high school curriculum within the context of your school
- a solid GPA, usually an A-/B+ average
- test scores, recommendations, and essays
- leadership and/or a commitment to extracurricular activities

You can apply to Oxford College, Emory College, or both with one application and one $75 fee using the online Common Application. Additional details can be found at www.emory.edu/commonapp.

Affordability • Emory University has a variety of need-based aid and merit scholarships that make Oxford College and, later, Emory College and the schools of business and nursing affordable. We are committed to meeting 100 percent of demonstrated financial need for all accepted students. You can nominate yourself for the Emory University Scholars Program. Students selected to become Oxford Scholars may receive awards ranging from partial to full tuition.

2013–2014 Estimated Expenses

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How to Apply

“This is a place where faculty members are encouraged to engage their students in learning in innovative ways. I am excited to be teaching at Oxford—a truly distinctive place.”
—Nichole Powell, Assistant Professor of Chemistry

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Student Profile

2013 Enrolling Class Statistics
- Applications: 6,889
- Enrolled: 505
- Admit Rate: 40.2%

2013 Admitted First-year Class
(25th–75th percentile)
- SAT Critical Reading: 600–710
- Math: 610–740
- Writing: 610–720
- Combined: 1860–2120
- ACT: 27–32
- GPA (unweighted): 3.52–3.90

Visitation
- Visit both of our campuses to immerse yourself in the Oxford and Emory experience. Go to apply.emory.edu/visit for details on visit options, special events, and additional programs to make the most of your visit. You can find out more about admission events in your area as well.

Averages for Four-Year Academic Scholarship Recipients
- GPA: 3.95
- Average SAT (M+CR+WR): 2227
- ACT: 33

Ethnic Makeup of First-year Class
- Caucasian: 42%
- Asian/Asian American/Pacific Islander: 32%
- African American: 12%
- Hispanic/Latino: 8%
- American Indian: 1%
- Unknown: 5%

Geographic Makeup of First-year Class
- Southeast: 44%
- Mid-Atlantic: 12%
- West: 10%
- Southwest: 6%
- New England: 5%
- Midwest: 4%
- International: 18%

After Emory
- Graduate and professional school employment: 43%
- Currently seeking opportunity: 26%
- Volunteer activity/gap year: 15%
- Postgraduate internship: 4%
- Return to home country: 10%
- Military service: 1%

Class of 2013, 99% response rate; July 1 statistics