



Emory University

Emory University is a private research university located in Druid Hills, Georgia, in the Atlanta area. Founded in 1836, the school was named after a well-known Methodist minister. Emory sits on 631 acres and is divided between the Oxford College campus and the main Druid Hills campus. The school is divided into nine academic divisions including the law school, the undergraduate school, the business school, the nursing school, and the medical school.

Emory has been ranked as having one of the top twenty undergraduate programs in the country. Its law, business, nursing and medical programs are also among the top in the country. There are almost 70 undergraduate majors offered at the university as well as 56 minors and a number of joint degree programs. More than half of the students earn a double major or a major and a minor.

Approximately, 40% of students at Emory University study abroad and there are a number of exchange programs offered at universities in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East among other locations. As part of their undergraduate requirements, many students take foreign languages. At Emory, the focus is on small classes; in fact, two-thirds of all the classes have fewer than 20 students. About half of all undergraduates participate in some form of research with faculty and more than 60% do internships. Additionally, more than 40% of Emory students plan to go on to graduate or professional school. The faculty at Emory University has been honored with numerous awards including the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Fulbright Fellowship, the National Book Award, the National Academy of Sciences, and the National Humanities Medal.

Sustainability and the environment are very important to Emory University. The school has one of the largest numbers of LEED certified square footage of any university in the country. Additionally, the university has decided that all future construction has to be at least silver LEED certified. The school is also working on making 75% of its cafeteria food sustainable by 2015. Students even have the opportunity to minor in sustainability.

The school is a very diverse one with its students coming from all fifty states and around 106 countries. The school is a selective one, accepting only 27% of applicants. More than 60% of students receive financial aid, and the university has created a program to help students whose families make less than \$100,000 a year or who may otherwise need financial aid.

Emory University's 18 teams participate in NCAA Division III and is part of the University Athletic Association. Some of the more well-known teams at Emory include swimming and diving, tennis, and volleyball. Emory's athletes are noted for their academic abilities as much as their athletic skills. Many student athletes go on to obtain graduate degrees. Emory University's athletics have been recognized for their all-around excellence.

Intramural sports are extremely popular at Emory with undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty participating. Many also participate in club sports that give students the opportunity to compete with other schools. There are about 320 student organizations at Emory representing many interests including the arts. Approximately, 25% of students at Emory participate in Emory's largest community service group. Other student groups include student publications. Emory University's campus is a close one with about 70% of undergraduates living on campus. In order to foster a community atmosphere, it is mandatory for freshman and sophomores to live on campus.

The campus is split into the Druid Hills campus and the Oxford College campus. Freshman can elect to attend either the arts college or the Oxford College. The Oxford College is much smaller with less than a thousand students, so it is known for its close knit community. Typically, students graduate from the Oxford College after two years and start going to the main campus. Emory University was originally started by a group of Methodist ministers. Although its programs are now nonsectarian, the university still strives to be a strong moral force in the world and in the lives of its students. Some of the most popular majors at Emory include business administration, biology, neuroscience, economics, political science, and psychology. The university's library has been ranked as one of the best in the nation, and its museum has one of the most comprehensive art collections in the Southeast.

Emory has a number of famous alumni including Jimmy Carter, the Dalai Lama, Newt Gingrich, Sanjay Gupta, and Wole Soyinka. There have also been a number of Pulitzer Prize winners associated with the university as well as Fulbright Scholars and Marshall Scholars.