Frequently Asked Questions

How many credit hours can I earn through transient study?

For freshmen, a combined total of 18 credit hours (with a maximum of 12 hours from AP/IB credit) may be transferred into Emory from the following sources: AP credit, IB and all other international exam credits, other college credit, and transient study credits.

Are students who have reached the 18-credit hour limit allowed to drop AP, IB, or college credit earned to participate in transient study?

Yes. Students who want to drop credit to get credit for transient courses may e-mail the Office of Admission at admission.processing@emory.edu and request that the appropriate number of credits be dropped from their Emory record. The subject of the e-mail needs to say: “REQUEST TO DROP AP, IB, OTHER CREDITS IN ORDER TO GET TRANSIENT STUDY CREDITS AFTER FIRST-YEAR”. Please note: Students should wait until after the completion of their transient courses to email their “Request to Drop” credit request to the Office of Admission.

Can students transfer credits for courses taken at another school before attending Emory College of Arts and Sciences?

Any credits earned before attending Emory College must be evaluated by the Office of Admission and do not qualify for transfer credit under Domestic Transient Study.

Can I participate in Domestic Transient Study if I’m currently at Oxford College?

No, Domestic Transient Study is only available to students in Emory’s College of Arts and Sciences. You should reach out to your Oxford College advisor if you would like to explore options for transient study through Oxford.

How do I receive approval for international transient study?

You can pursue international options through our Study Abroad office. Visit studyabroad.emory.edu for more information.

Are there courses I can't enroll in through Transient Study?

Some academic programs place limits on students' ability to use transient study courses to satisfy their program’s requirements. For example, the Goizueta Business School will not allow students to take financial accounting (ACT 210) through transient study; this course must be taken at
Emory. Students who plan to use transient study courses to satisfy other program requirements should consult with their program advisors.

Additionally, students cannot transfer the following GER requirements: Area I: First Year Seminar (FSEM), Area III: Continuing Writing requirement (WRT), Area VIII: Personal Health Courses (HLTH 100), and Area IX: Principles of Physical Fitness (PED or PPF).

**Can I complete language courses through Transient Study?**

Foreign Languages courses require a language placement form or email from the department of the language that you want to take (e.g., for SPAN 101 Introduction to Spanish, the language placement form/email should be obtained from the Spanish Department). However, a language placement form/email is not required for those students who have taken the same foreign language while at Emory, or who have earned transfer credit for that language.

**Can I fulfill Science, Nature, Technology (SNT) or SNTL General Education Requirement (GER) courses through Domestic Transient Study?**

Yes. If a student attends a host institution in which the lecture and the lab courses are offered as separate courses, they must complete both the lecture and the lab course and receive a "C" or better in both courses to receive credit for the equivalent Emory courses. Emory will not average out the grades.

**What are the grade requirements for Domestic Transient Study?**

Students must earn a “C” or higher in the course to receive credit.

**May I take a Domestic Transient Study course on a Pass/Fail or Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis?**

No, students must take all transient study courses on a letter grade basis and receive a “C” or higher to earn credit for the course.

**Are students permitted to take sequential courses such as Chemistry 141 and 142 or Spanish 101 and 102 at another school for transient study?**

Yes. Students may take sequential courses through transient study at another institution. However, Emory College recommends that students take sequential courses at the same institution, as levels of education vary from school to school.

**What if the host institution is not on a semester system?**

If the host institution is on the quarter system, the credits will be converted to semester hours by multiplying the host institution credits by .66 before being posted to Emory records. For example: if a host institution on the quarter system lists a class as 5 credit hours, Emory will convert the credits to 3.3 credit hours. If the course is to satisfy a GER requirement, the requirement will be satisfied. Students may need to seek academic advisement if a lack of credit hours becomes a concern.
What happens if a student enrolls in a three-credit hour course and the Emory equivalent course is four credit hours?

Students will receive credit on their Emory transcripts for the number of credit hours shown on the transcript from the host institution. The course will still satisfy a GER, if applicable--no matter whether it is 3 or 4 credit hours earned by the student.

How many transient study courses/credits can be taken during the summer?

A student cannot apply more than 18 credit hours of transient study to their Emory degree, so it is recommended that you do not exceed 18 credit hours. The Domestic Transient Study application allows students to list up to 6 courses per institution. Students should research and list as many courses as they may want to take, in case some classes are closed or cancelled.

Can students earn transient study credits through working a summer internship?

No. Domestic Transient Study does not cover internships. Internships must be approved through the Emory College of Arts and Sciences Summer Internship Program.

May students fulfill a major or minor requirement with Domestic Transient Study credit?

Yes, but students must have departmental approval to approve transient study credits to count towards an Emory College major or minor. If you are not a first-year student, you should reach out to the Domestic Transient Study office for guidance for obtaining the proper documentation for this process.

Can students take courses for elective credits?

Yes. Students may choose to take courses to accumulate credits for graduation requirements, but the courses must be approved as Emory equivalents when applying for transient study. Some students may need courses for prerequisites for undergraduate programs, postgraduate work or professional requirements.

Is there a deadline for reporting grades achieved through Transient Study?

Students are strongly encouraged to request their transcripts before October 1 in the following fall semester. Doing so will ensure your financial aid package is processed appropriately and you are registering for the following semester of courses based on the correct number of earned hours. However, transcripts that arrive at a later date will continue to be evaluated and posted by the Domestic Transient Study office.

Can I receive retroactive approval for Transient Study?

No transfer work or credit will be awarded for coursework done during the summer without prior approval. Any exceptions would need to be granted by appealing to the Committee on Academic Standards.