



Frequently Asked Questions

How many credit hours can I earn through transient study?

For first-year students, 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 email the Office of Admission at admission.processing@emory.edu and request that the appropriate number of credits be dropped from their Emory record. We do not recommend dropping any credit until you have completed and passed your transient study coursework, however.

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 are evaluated by the Office of Admission and do not qualify for credit under Domestic Transient Study.

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

The application on this website is for Emory College of Arts and Sciences students only. You should reach out to your Oxford advisor for guidance regarding the transient study process for Oxford students.

How do I receive approval for international transient study?

You can pursue international options through our Office of International and Summer Programs. You reach their office directly by emailing studyabroad@emory.edu.

How will I know which courses are approved for Domestic Transient Study?

You should submit the Domestic Transient Study application and attach syllabi for your desired courses to confirm whether they will be accepted for Emory credit. If you need guidance selecting courses, you may review our "previously approved transient course" list available on our website. This list is meant to be used as a guide only and is not a guarantee that your requested course will be approved. All transient courses, particularly those offered online, are

subject to additional review. If approved, you will receive a Letter of Good Standing from the Domestic Transient Study coordinator documenting your official authorization.

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 Business courses like 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?

Yes, but many foreign language courses with a practice component do require placement verification before approval will be granted. For verification, you may provide a screenshot of your placement results. Please send all documentation to our office email: transientstudy@emory.edu. Language placement is not required for students who have taken the same foreign language while at Emory.

Can I use transient study to take language courses not offered at Emory, like American Sign Language?

Yes, Emory College students may use transient study to take a language not offered at Emory, and these courses may fulfill the HAL GER. Students must take two sequential courses of the same language to fulfill the HAL requirement. Students who have earned 64 or more credit hours are permitted to take advantage of this policy as well, but they will not receive any additional credit hours to their Emory degree – they will receive a HAL waiver only. All students must apply through the Domestic Transient Study application to receive approval for HAL courses or a HAL waiver.

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. However, you will not see the transient grade posted to your Emory transcript since the Emory GPA does not take into account transfer and transient coursework.

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 Physics 141 and 142 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.

May I take online courses through transient study?

Online courses are permitted, but some departments have additional criteria the class must meet before the transient course will be approved. For example, the Math department requires that online transient courses have mandatory synchronous meetings. When applying for the transient course, you should indicate on the form whether you intend to take an in-person or online course. If additional documentation is required, you will receive an email from our office.

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 still 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. Regardless of credit hours, courses taken through transient study will fulfill the same GER or major/minor requirements as if the course were taken at Emory.

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 upper-level students fulfill a major or minor requirement with Domestic Transient Study credit?

Yes, but students must have departmental approval to pursue transient study as a junior or senior and apply those courses towards their major or minor. Additionally, this policy is intended for students interested in taking courses *not* offered at Emory. You should reach out to the Domestic Transient Study office at transientstudy@emory.edu for guidance before initiating 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. It is fine for students to use transient study to take prerequisites for undergraduate programs, postgraduate work, or professional requirements.

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

We ask that students request their transcripts as soon as summer grades are posted. Your transcript should be received by **October 1** at the latest in the following fall semester.

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 submitting a petition to the Committee on Academic Standards.