DOMESTIC TRANSIENT STUDY
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Domestic Transient Study gives students the opportunity to enroll at accredited institutions within the United States (including Puerto Rico and U.S Virgin Islands) during the summer, while they earn credits towards their Emory College of Arts and Sciences degree. Students who matriculate at Emory as freshman and begin their college career here, who are in good academic standing in the College with a GPA of 2.0 or higher are eligible for Domestic Transient Study.

How many credit hours can I earn through transient study?

A combined total of eighteen credit hours (with a maximum of 12 hours from AP/IB credit) may be transferred into Emory from the following sources:

- AP Credits
- IB, French Baccalaureate, A Level exams, and all other international exams credits
- Other college credit
- Transient study credits earned after the freshman year at Emory.

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 does not qualify as Domestic Transient Study.

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 programs' 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. It is important, therefore, for students who plan to use transient
study courses to satisfy other programs' requirements to consult with the program advisers to ensure the feasibility of these courses.

In addition, Foreign Languages courses require a language placement form or email from the department (PDF) 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). Please note that a language placement form/email is not required for those students who have taken the same foreign language while at Emory, or have earned any transfer credit for that language.

**May students fulfill Science, Nature, Technology (SNT) General Education Requirement (GER) courses through Domestic Transient Study?**

Yes. All courses must be taken for a letter grade, and students must earn a "C" or higher in courses in order to receive credit. Most of Emory 100 level courses with labs are averaged as one grade. The labs for these courses are not listed or enrolled in as separate courses.

If students attend a host institution where the lecture and the lab courses are listed separately, students must complete both the lecture and the lab component and receive a "C" or better in both courses in order for the credits to be equivalent to the Emory courses. Emory will not average out the grades.

**What will happen if students receive a "C-" in a lecture course and an "A" in the lab course?**

All courses must be taken for a letter grade, and students must earn a "C" or higher in courses in order to receive credit. Most of Emory 100 level courses with labs are averaged as one grade. The labs for these courses are not listed or enrolled in as separate courses. If students attend a host institution where the lecture and the lab courses are listed separately, students must receive a "C" or better in both courses in order for the credits to be equivalent to the Emory courses. Emory will not average out the grades.

**Can I satisfy any other General Education Requirements (GERs) through Transient Study?**

Students may satisfy General Education Requirements with Transient Study courses. While you may satisfy a First-Year Writing Requirement, you may not earn credit to satisfy a Continuing Writing Requirement.
May students take transient study courses on a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading basis?

No. Emory students must receive a letter grade of "C" or above in order to earn credit through Domestic Transient Study.

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 are allowed to take sequential courses through transient study at another institution. 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: host institution quarter credits are 5.0 credits. 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 the lack of credit hours becomes a concern.

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

A student is permitted to take up to 10 credit hours during each summer session assuming there are only two summer sessions at the host institution. The maximum number of credit hours that Emory will accept within the two summer sessions is 20. The Domestic Transient Study application allows students to list up to 6 courses. Students should research and list as many courses as they may want to take in case some classes are closed or cancelled. This procedure prevents students from having to submit another application.

Can students earn transient study credits while working a summer internship relating to a proposed major or minor or to satisfy a General Education Requirement (GER)?

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. Students must have departmental approval or approval from the Committee on Academic Standards, in order to have approved transient study credits fulfill an Emory College major or minor. The department chair, the Office for Undergraduate Education and the Committee on Academic Standards require, in advance, certification of the advanced level of the proposed course(s), and compelling reason why course(s) cannot be taken at Emory College of Arts and Sciences.

Can students take courses for elective credits?

Yes. Students may choose to take courses to accumulate credits for graduation requirements as long as the courses are equivalent to an Emory Course. Some students may need courses for pre-requisites for undergraduate programs, post graduate work or professional requirements. Students should check Elective Credits on the Domestic Transient Study Application.

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. That is, students who enroll in three-credit hour courses will receive three credit hours on their Emory transcript. The course will still satisfy a GER, if applicable--no matter whether it is 3 or 4 credit hours earned by the student.

Are students who have reached the 18 credit hour limit allowed to drop AP, IB, or college credit earned prior to matriculating in Emory College of Arts and Sciences in order to participate in transient study?

Yes. Students who want to drop credit earned prior to matriculating at Emory College in order to get credit from work done through Transient Study 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.

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

Emory awards no academic credit for study at another college or university (transient study) that has not been placed on the student's official transcript by the end of that student's first semester on campus following the completion of the transient coursework.

**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.