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A GUIDE FOR ENGAGEMENT

FOR AS MANY PLAYERS
AS POSSIBLE, AGES 18 TO 99



Congratulations!

You're in college at Emory University! From the moment you stepped onto campus, you started to discover more about who you can be in the Real World.

Emory University is nationally known for preparing students to make a world of difference. With an Emory education, you can become successful as a doctor, an attorney, a scholar, a teacher, an executive, an activist, an artist, and – most importantly – as a Real World citizen. But, how do you find your way? What will “success” actually look like for YOU? What can you do now to prepare for life – and for success – in the Real World?

Figuring out Real Life success can be a challenge and the pathway for achieving success should be as unique as the person traveling it. As an Emory student, you can start to play in Real Life today. This guidebook will show you how to engage in real life learning for real life success. An exciting variety of classes, fellowships, internships, service programs, and more will help you gain the skills, experiences, and insights you need to create the Real Life you want to live tomorrow, starting today.

Here's HOW!

Playing for Credit

Earning academic credit while exploring Real Life issues makes learning exciting – and practical.

Roadmap to Community Service

This brochure, available around campus during registration periods and year round at <http://oucp.emory.edu>, identifies courses in which students learn through class projects that help communities in metro Atlanta.

Many Freshman Seminar courses feature Real Life experiences. Check the Course Atlas for one that interests you.

Emory College Center for Science Education

Students in the sciences can enrich their coursework by teaching and mentoring students in kindergarten through twelfth grade about scientific concepts. Learn about classes and summer programs at www.cse.emory.edu/sciencenet/index.cfm.

International Study and Service

Students interested in international service have a range of options available. Students can enroll in structured service abroad programs or work with the staff of Emory's Center for International Programs Abroad to develop a service experience or internship with a non-governmental organization during or after their semester of study in another country. For more information, please contact Cornelia Lindenau at culinde@emory.edu, or visit www.cipa.emory.edu.



Project SHINE

Students Helping in the Naturalization of Elders, or Project SHINE, engages Emory undergraduate students in tutoring and coaching of older (age 50+) refugees and immigrants in English language and American Civics. Students help elders pass the US Citizenship exam and become US citizens and help elders enjoy better integration into the life of their new homeland while learning from some of the wisest people they'll ever meet. Students can earn academic credit for SHINE in certain courses or can participate as volunteers. To learn more, please visit www.projectshineatlanta.org.

Barkley Forum & Urban Debate League

Emory's Barkley Forum Forensics team does more than debate. Through The Urban Debate League, Emory debaters introduce 200 middle school children annually to the power of debate. Barkley Forum participants serve as coaches and mentors to middle school debaters in afterschool and summer debate programs that target children in very low income neighborhoods. Not only do Emory students hone their own skills by teaching those skills to children, they also play key roles in bridging income and education achievement gaps. For more information, please visit www.emory.edu/BF/.



Emory College Honors Program

As part of honors thesis work during senior year, Emory College students can create a research project focused on an issue in the local or international community. Students conduct research directly in or with specific communities (mothers without employment, children at risk, the

habitats and habits of a particular species, etc.), directly making a positive difference in real life TODAY. For more information, please visit www.college.emory.edu/current/achievement/honors or contact the departmental honors coordinator.

Scholarly Inquiry and Research at Emory (SIRE)

Scholarly Inquiry and Research at Emory (SIRE) promotes undergraduate research projects through grants, faculty-student research partnerships, and summer research stipends. SIRE grants, generally awarded to third- and fourth-year students in the amount of \$2,500, support independent research and scholarly projects, including projects that address community issues. These grants provide research support for independent projects related to students' academic work, whether for a course, an honors project, or independent work under the supervision of a faculty mentor. Students wishing to undertake research outside of the U.S. may apply for supplemental funds to cover travel expenses. For more information, visit www.college.emory.edu/current/achievement/research/SIRE/index.html.



Playing for Service

Real Life experiences can be fun, relaxing, and even socially rewarding. Volunteer service trips are great for meeting new friends and for de-stressing. There are no grades, no exams, no pressures – just the rewards of helping others. Learn new skills, practice leadership, and discover what happens when people work together.

Volunteer Emory

Volunteer Emory, a part of the Division of Campus Life, is a student-driven movement to involve members of the Emory community in social change through service. Weekly service trips to places like Wesley Woods, Ronald McDonald House, the Atlanta Community Food Bank and IMAGE After School Program, involve students in the greater Atlanta community. Special Events like AIDS Awareness Week, EmoryCares Day of Service, and a Fall Break hurricane relief service trip immerse students in critical community issues and help them identify ways to respond. Training and transportation are provided for all trips. A resource center connects students to more than 300 agencies in the Atlanta area so they can volunteer on their own or with their student groups. Visit www.volunteer.emory.edu for more information.



Playing for Pay

Players can get paid for work in the local metro Atlanta community and sometimes in other cities.

Work-Study for Real Life Experience

Students who are Federal Work-Study eligible may choose Work-Study jobs with local nonprofit organizations or positions with Emory departments and programs that work in the local community. Students earn both money for school and experience for real life.

Community Internship and Research Program

Students who want to improve conditions in local neighborhoods can put their skills to work for a neighborhood-based organization. Internships take place fall, spring, or summer for 180 hours, and focus on issues as diverse as afterschool programming for children and affordable housing or environmental protection. Visit <http://oucp.emory.edu> for more information.

Ethics and Servant Leadership Summer Internship

A summer program offering funded leadership internships with Atlanta area non-profits and socially responsible businesses. The placements offer concrete projects and close mentoring by community partners. The program includes 8 weeks on-site, two retreats, and weekly seminars that explore leadership, social responsibility, organizational change, and personal development.

For more information
visit www.ethics.emory.edu.



Advanced Play

Students looking for more intensive experiences with the Real Life will find them in these multifaceted programs.

D. Abbot Turner Program in Ethics & Servant Leadership Forum

The EASL Forum engages fifteen undergraduate and graduate students from any major in an academic year of collaborative learning experiences focused on service, community building, and leadership development. Students seeking to lead with honesty, respect, ethical courage and compassion, and students who want to work for the global common good gather for weekly events like retreats, skill-building sessions, outside speakers and student-developed service projects. Some of those projects have become long term projects of the university, such as the Emory Living Wage Campaign, Emory Student-Community Coffee Shop, and the MetroVision Mentoring Program serving at-risk youth in juvenile detention. For information please visit www.ethics.emory.edu.

Emory Community Building and Social Change Fellows

This intensive yearlong program introduces undergraduates to the theories, concepts, methods, and experiences of addressing complex social problems in urban America. Three academic courses, a twelve-week summer practicum, site visits to local and national community building initiatives, visits with community builders from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, and an annual conference help students begin to develop the skills they need to lead cross-sector initiatives to address important public concerns. Fellows earn a stipend, and receive on-campus housing and tuition to cover the summer course. Students may elect to complete two additional courses from a list of approved courses and earn a Minor in Community Building and Social Change. For information, please visit <http://oucp.emory.edu>.

Emory Alumni Association (EAA)

Leadership matters in Real Life and it matters to the EAA. That's why the Student Alumni Association (SAA) connects Emory students with alumni who are leaders in Real Life. EAA alumni mentors can help you figure out your Real Life from career paths to what classes to take. You also can sign up with Alumni Volunteer Link (AVL) – open to students as well as alumni – and discover Real World opportunities to serve the University or your home community while meeting great people and having a lot of fun doing it. Start building a lifelong relationship with the EAA – your connection to Emory for the rest of your Real Life. Learn more at www.alumni.emory.edu.

The Career Center

The Career Center provides many opportunities for students to connect with employers that have a common mission of service. One of the most popular is “Careers for the Common Good” – a co-sponsored educational series of panel discussions that allow for Q&A, as well as informal networking with panelists. In addition, we host local, state, national and international non-profits (i.e., Hands on Atlanta, Teach For America, The Peace Corps, etc.) for employer

information sessions, on campus interviews, participation in fall and spring career fairs, and the Non-Profit Networking Night. These organizations also advertise employment opportunities on Eagle Opportunities Network. For more information, please visit www.career.emory.edu.



Real Life Residential Communities

Bridging Academics and Service at Emory (BASE)

Founded in 2003, the BASE hall serves as home to 28 undergraduates and a Faculty or Staff Advisor who create an intellectual and social community right in the heart of the Clairmont Campus. BASE, which stands for "Bridging Academics, Service and Ethics," attempts to recreate the open, friendly atmosphere of freshmen dorms while encouraging residents to engage in and organize service projects in the Atlanta community, hall meals and socials, and intellectual programs. This year Maureen Sweatman, Assistant Director of the Emory Scholars Program, serves as BASE's staff advisor. For more information, please visit <http://base.emory.edu/> about BASE and other living communities.

SHARE House

The Service House for Action and Reflection at Emory, or SHARE, is a theme house for 17 diverse upperclass students. Participants live together at 17 Fraternity Row, serve in the community and host social events to bring together those who are interested in making this world a better and more just place. SHARE is coordinated by Volunteer Emory and Residence Life. SHARE residents get a holistic community experience by engaging in various service and educational projects with the East Lake community, a recently transformed mixed-income neighborhood, and its children, who attend Drew Charter School. SHARE residents also engage in East Lake events in order to better understand and bond with the community as a whole. For more information, contact Melody Porter, 404-727-6268, mport01@learnlink.emory.edu.

Citizenship Living-Learning Community: Engaged Scholars, Engaged Community

This Turman Hall community allows first-year students to explore citizenship through academically-based programs in a residential environment. The program offers faculty, staff, and student resources related to citizenship into the residence hall through academic seminars, social programs, lectures, discussions, service activities, and field trips. First-year students must apply to the program. They can find information about the program and application process at www.housing.emory.edu.

Emory Scholars Program

Members of the Emory Scholars program have a range of opportunities to connect scholarship with service. For more information, please visit www.college.emory.edu/current/achievement/scholars.



Emory Scholars Scholarship and Service Summer

The Scholars Scholarship and Service Summer Program, SAS, is a two-tiered, 8-week-long program. Tier 1, the Living/Learning Community, is designed for students with less experience in community-based learning. Tier 2, the Independent Internship, is designed for students with a good deal of experience in community-based learning. Both programs offer scholars an opportunity to work as an intern over the summer in an approved service setting, whether in Atlanta, elsewhere in the United States, or abroad. In addition to discussion sessions, scholars have opportunities for personal reflection and mentoring. A Theory Practice Learning program, SAS helps expand the scholar's knowledge about Atlanta or their particular service setting, themselves, and others, as they discover how they best learn and serve as part of a community.

Emory Scholars Volunteer Projects

Scholars can volunteer with a host of organizations through both organized events and individual involvement. The Scholars Program organizes one group project per semester, such as the Moore's Ford Memorial Cemetery cleanup project last fall and a Trees Atlanta tree planting project in the spring. Scholars can consult the Emory Scholars LearnLink conference for a list of organizations with whom they can serve.

Emory Scholars Engaging in the Arts

Whether individually or in groups, scholars also can become involved in the metro Atlanta arts community by attending ticketed cultural events. Scholars may be reimbursed for a maximum of five events per semester, up to \$20 per ticket.



Emory Scholars Study Abroad Awards

Each year, there are a maximum of 30 scholarships of full tuition for an Emory CIPA summer study-abroad program available to Emory Scholars. Scholars get a set amount for summer study abroad, which is the academic fee, and are expected to cover transportation and day-to-day spending costs themselves. Please refer to the Scholar benefits for a complete description of the selection criteria. For more information on these awards, visit the CIPA website at www.cipa.emory.edu.

The Emory College Summer Internship Program

This exciting new program offers living-learning communities in Washington, New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Miami, and Houston. The program integrates internships with residential experiences to foster reflective living and creative learning within a community comprising Emory juniors and seniors and an on-site director. Each metropolitan area offers eight-week internships in government and nonprofit organizations of all sizes. Weekly Civic Engagement Seminars connect students with industry leaders, while networking opportunities with local alumni and parents, and social, recreational, and cultural activities maximize the holistic experience. For more information, visit <http://college.emory.edu/current/achievement/internship/index.html>.

The Office of Multicultural Programs and Services

This Campus Life department provides a wide range of programs to enhance student development and success. Ongoing programs include the Freshman Crossroads Retreat, diversity workshops, the Multicultural Outreach and Resources at Emory (MORE) Program of upperclass students assisting first-year students in adjusting to campus life, Unity Celebration, and the Sustained Dialogue Program. Cultural organizations and clubs offer volunteer service opportunities and cultural education programming. The OMPS Office also provides individual counseling, advises multicultural student organizations, and serves as an advocate for student concerns. For more information, visit the website at www.emory.edu/MULTI-CULTURAL.

Personalized Coaching for Real Life

You want to do it all. You don't know what you want to do.
You want to know what the next step is. You aren't sure
how to take the first step.

Real Life Coaches are Emory staff and faculty members who have among them decades of experience solving Real Life issues AND helping students. They can help you plan your years at Emory so that you have all the Real Life experiences you need to prepare for life after college - and succeed!

Real Life Coaches

- Sarah Craven Cook, Emory Alumni Association, SCCOOK@emory.edu
- Don Cornwell, Career Center, dcornwe@learnlink.emory.edu
- Sam Marie Engle, Office of University-Community Partnerships, sengle@emory.edu
- Kate Grace, Community Building Fellows Program, kdgrace@emory.edu
- Cornelia Lindenau, Center for International Programs Abroad, culinde@learnlink.emory.edu
- Christopher Long, Office of Undergraduate Education, calong@emory.edu
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- Melody Porter, Volunteer Emory, mport01@learnlink.emory.edu
- Edward Queen, Ethics Center, equeen@learnlink.emory.edu
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- Maureen Sweatman, Emory Scholars Program, mabell@learnlink.emory.edu
- Donna Wong, Office of Multicultural Programs, dmwong@learnlink.emory.edu

The Real Life Learnlink Conference

The Real Life Learnlink conference is where you can find out about events, get application information, join discussions, and otherwise engage in Real Life learning. To join the conference, email Melody Porter on Learnlink and ask to join. It's that easy!



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