



EMORY
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Tel Aviv University
TAU Recanati

The Leon Recanati Graduate School of Business Administration



General

Prior to the arrival you'll be requested to fill in flight information to the online form. It's served MBA office besides all to provide you with free airport pick-up. The road trip from the airport is about 25-30 minutes and here you're in Hotlanta!

First week of studies is orientation week, which gives you a goodintroduction to your Emory student life. It includes coordination lectures, workshops, computer orientation, immigration session and meeting fulland part-time students.

Although Emory University provides students with health insurance, the cost is pretty high – about \$1000.You have an option to waive Emory Insurance plan and use less expensive one. I took ISO Student Health Insurance and the cost was about \$50 per month. Prior to the beginning of the

semester you'll be needed to present immunization form, since Emory has special immunization requirements to meet Health Association immunization guidelines.

Visa

In order to arrive to the US as an exchange student you'll need to get a J-1 Visa, even if you have regular B1/B2 type of visa. You can enter the US 30 days prior the visa's date and exit no later than 30 after your visa expires. Harriet helps sending all required documentation in order you may fill in the request for visa application and make an appointment in the US embassy. You'll also be required to pay two types of fees: regular visa fee and SEVIS fee. If you're interested working in the US during your stay, although it's not recommended as the amount of study load is very high even for minimal 4 classes requirement, you're authorized to do so but under the number of conditions, like not full-time but on-campus or internship jobs etc.

Housing



All exchange students lived in Highland Lake Apartments in Atlanta suburb called Decatur. It's a very nice place situated across the road from the Emory University. You may choose to stay in one, two or

three-bedroom apartments. It comes fully furnished, so you don't need to worry about finding a necessary furniture. I stayed in three bedrooms apartment with another two girls from the exchange program. There are a lot of other students living in the complex, so it is a good chance to get to know your neighbors welltogether with going to the gym located nearby or doing pool parties. Highland Lake is located 15 minutes' walk from grocery stores– Publix andKroger. You may want to take whether a free cab offered by the leasing office once per week or C Shuttle from Emory to get there.

Transportation



The good news about transportation is that Emory has its own shuttle bus system. It's very convenient to move around the university or to go to the adjacent places. Emory also offers Night owl shuttle that operates till 3-4 am, in case you're drifting with the studies into the night in the library which is opened 24/7 in the working week. Less good news about transportation is MARTA, which is Atlanta's bus and rail service.It's not regular and not in a high frequency. So in case you want to get to downtown or to some other parts of the city, it's good to get along with other students who have a car, which is common among Emory students. Another point you may want to take into consideration is car renting mostly for a weekends, it won't cost you much especially when there are some other students joining you.

Studies

For almost every class you'll be needed to purchase a textbook, which usually costs starting \$50 and may get to \$200 if you buy it in Emory Barnes Nobles store. To avoid this spending you may try to get a used textbook which usually comes in a very good condition or to rent it, in the Amazon, but you need to be aware that book delivery may be time-consuming. You may want to consider an option to do a student free account on the Amazon and get a textbook during two-days shipping. University business library doesn't provide students with textbooks. It's also required to purchase case studies for some classes, you can do that on study.net.

Courses

Prior to the start of the semester you will get a file with the list of all classes running this semester. You could also ask for the class syllabus to see the topics covered. Since my main concentration is finance I took mostly financial classes.

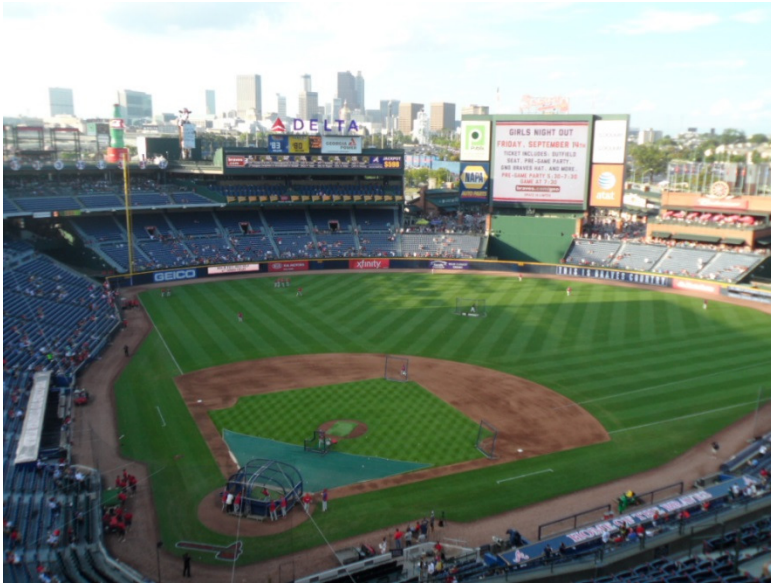
- Investment Banking – great class with a great lecturer Kevin Crowley who has a huge experience in Investment banking. His lectures were light and interesting providing with nice jokes. Most of the students really enjoyed that class. Moreover, the class is a good opportunity to learn about real problems in investment banking sphere, improve corporate finance understanding and develop quantitative analytical skills.
- Applied Entrepreneurship – another good class with famous Charlie Goetz. He is a well-known entrepreneur in Atlanta, teaches by his own book. The whole entrepreneurship class is divided into two parts – Entrepreneurship, which covers basics like coming up with the idea, business plan writing, and another part is Applied Entrepreneurship, which is practical implementation of a business idea. It's still fine to take the practical part without taking a theoretical one, yet the spots for Entrepreneurship class are filled very quickly due to its popularity and enroll in applied entrepreneurship class is still a good opportunity to experience Charles Goetz lectures. You'll be doing individual and team assignments, presenting your findings to prospects of your firm, i.e. other students.
- Info and Global Capital Markets – good class for those who are interested in accounting, it is not easy and is taken along with BBA students. The proportion of MBA students who took that class to overall number of students was about 1:8. The class consists of a lot of assignments, quizzes and saturates with a lot of information.

- International Finance – this class is less popular among students as it includes a lot of technical analysis of international finance concepts but could be rather useful for those who are interested in this field. The topics covered are monetary system, exchange rates, central bank accounts and currency hedging.

Additional Information

Emory offers a lot of opportunities of getting to know other students. Students are aware of the importance of networking and try to use every opportunity to whether just to hang out together or promote their career goals.

- Kegs – don't hesitate to join Emory students in free-beer-pizza time together every Thursday afternoon in school courtyard. Sometimes the event is sponsored by recruiting company so it's another chance to speak with interesting people from different industries.
- Clubs – in the beginning of the semester you'll have club orientation day that brings the opportunity to learn about clubs and their activities and to join those that share your interests – don't miss it. There is also Jewish club in Emory that gathers all Jewish students whether for holidays related events or just for having fun together.
- Emory has two sport centers – one is 5 minutes' walk from business school and another one is not far from Highland Lake in Clairmont campus. They offer Olympic pool, gym, tennis courts and running tracks and are free for Emory students.
- Use holidays during Thanksgiving and mid-term for travelling. You may find cheap flight tickets to Miami (about \$115), rent a car and go to New Orleans, Florida and North Carolina.
- MBA office sometimes offers free or low-cost tickets for American football or baseball – great opportunity to experience American culture.



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