



EAGLE UPDATES

CLASS OF '25

Dear Parent/Supporter of

INCOMING STUDENT,

It's finally time to soak up the summer!

We've put together another Eagle Update for you and your family that's loaded with important deadlines and critical information in preparation for the spring semester. We've included below the exact information that we also sent to your student; so without further ado, here's what you need to know...

Did You Know?

- The Department for Accessibility Services (DAS) provides accommodations for students with diagnosed disabilities. Students are responsible for initiating the accommodation request process by self-disclosing their disability directly to the DAS office.



If you are interested in learning more about the Oxford College DAS office and its available resources, please visit the department's [website](#). If you have any questions, please feel free to email DAS at accessibility@emory.edu with "Oxford Student" in the subject line.

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Dear Incoming Student,

I'm writing to share information about our planning for the upcoming academic year.

Oxford College has experienced a remarkably strong yield of incoming first-year students, and it looks like we will have an abundance of diverse, talented Oxford students in the spring semester. Due to this enthusiastic response of incoming students, we expect that we will have ~50 students over our standard spring enrollment.

With that in mind, we have mobilized a multi-faceted plan to support a "super-sized" student body in the classroom, in campus life, and across your residential experience. We are committed to providing an Oxford/Emory-quality student experience in and beyond the classroom without compromise.

In fact, we will be offering additional courses and other opportunities to support all students. Discovery Seminars are an important part of the first-year experience, which you will get to partake in, and we will include a link to those offerings ahead of your course registration. We are hiring additional instructors and other needed staff members. We will take all measures to avoid raising caps on classes beyond the typical kinds of exceptions we make in other years, so that the small-class signature of Oxford is maintained.

This year, we will also need additional housing. We plan to add residential capacity through utilizing modular housing units on campus. These units will provide single rooms with a sink, and bathroom shared with one other student, to our housing inventory. This community will have a large common space and be hosted by an additional Residence Life Coordinator (RLC).

Oxford's Residential Education and Services Office is creating a plan that will offer most of these unique rooms to sophomores, with the possibility that first-year students requesting singles may also be able to live there. This housing option will offer the benefits of a single room along with a variety of amenities and creative programming.

When it comes to dining, Bon Appétit will offer robust menu options across all three campus dining locations: the Dining Hall, Jackson Family Kitchen (in the Student Center), and Oxpesso (in the Library). Watch for other exciting dining programs and special events!

I hope that this update is helpful to you as you prepare for an exciting spring 2022 and start to your Oxford College career.

Sincerely,

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What's Next?

- **Required Health Forms and Health Insurance Waiver:** The required online Health Insurance Waiver is accessible through your [OPUS account](#). Please remember that the deadline to complete your required health forms is October 1. You must complete and upload the documents per instructions on your [Oxford Campus Patient Portal](#) by the deadline. For more information, please visit the [Student Health Services page](#) of the Welcome Website.
- **Placement Testing:** The priority deadline for ALL placement exams is August 1. Students who will begin their Oxford experience in January are encouraged to complete placement by August 1; however, some placement exams (for example, foreign language and chemistry) can be taken prior to your registration for spring classes.

Please visit the [Placement Testing page](#) of the Welcome Website for more information about these exams, their locations, and how to access them. If you have questions you can email the Advising Support Center at oxadvising@emory.edu.

- **F1 Visas:** Will you be studying at Oxford with an F1 international student visa? If so, you will need to pay the SEVIS I-901 fee before you can apply for an F1 visa. Learn more about paying the fee on the [U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement website](#). Be sure to attach a copy of the receipt of payment to your I-20 so that you can show proof of payment when you enter the U.S. port of entry.

We are excited to welcome you to the Oxford family!

Should you need any assistance in the meantime, please refer to the Welcome Website for departmental contact information.

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