



CLASS OF '25

EAGLE UPDATES



Dear Parent/Supporter of

# INCOMING STUDENT,

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?

- Resident Assistants (RAs) are sophomore students who work for the Office of Residential Education and Services. RAs go through extensive training to help any student who might have a concern.



Our RAs serve as resources, host awesome events, build community among residents, address maintenance or community concerns, and help during emergency situations. RAs can be found in your hall every night if you have any questions or concerns or just want to say "hi!"

- CHL stands for [The Center for Healthful Living](#) and is a campus department that facilitates student flourishing by engaging in the creation of lifelong skills through academic physical education courses, athletics, recreation, and health education. It is the CHL's vision that every member of the Oxford community will enthusiastically commit to leading a healthy lifestyle. Our motto is "Educate the mind, and exercise the body."



We have a team of sophomore leaders called the Healthy Eagle Peer Educators, who offer peer education and help empower their peers to lead a balanced life on campus.

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## What's Next?

- Transfer Credit Approval:** If you have pursued college coursework at an accredited college/university and/or have received AP/IB or other test credits and would like to receive transfer credit and/or test credits, please complete the [Request for Approval of Transfer and Test Credit/Exemption Form](#) online.

If you have any questions regarding completion of the form, please contact the Oxford Registrar's Office at [oxregistrar@emory.edu](mailto:oxregistrar@emory.edu). For more detailed information on credit policy, please visit our [website](#).

- Canvas:** By now, all Spring Start students may have received an invitation to log in (with your NetID and Password) to the [Emory Essentials Oxford Edition Canvas Course](#). If you have not logged in to Canvas, be sure to check your Emory email for the course invitation!

Content in these modules provide a detailed overview of Oxford College's General Education Program, academic resources, and information to help students prepare for class registration. Additional content has also been provided for specific placement exams (First-Year Writing, Mathematics, and Arabic), pre-professional advising materials, and other helpful campus resources. Be sure to follow the new student checklist on the [Welcome Website](#) for updates and important deadlines.

Though Spring Start students will not register for classes yet, we do want you to be familiar with the information and content presented in the Emory Essentials Oxford Edition Canvas course. We also encourage Spring Start students to begin completing the process for placement exams (priority deadline is August 1). An additional module for Spring Start will be added in the near future, and it will include more information to help you prepare for your transition to Oxford in the spring. If you have any questions about the Emory Essentials Oxford Edition Canvas course, you can email [oxadvising@emory.edu](mailto:oxadvising@emory.edu).

- Required Health Forms:** There was an error regarding this deadline in the most recent edition of your Eagle Updates. The deadline to complete your required health forms is October 1. All forms must be completely filled out with appropriate signatures and uploaded to your [Patient Portal](#) by this date. For more information, please visit the [Student Health Services page](#) of the Welcome Website.

- First-Year Writing:** Based on student feedback, this year's First-Year Writing placement has been streamlined and redesigned to provide both information on the Writing Program more broadly and a placement recommendation. All students, regardless of language background or exemption credit, are required to take the FYW Directed-Self Placement questionnaire by August 1. This will help you make the best placement decision for your learning needs and orient you to First-Year Writing and Continuing Writing as well as other opportunities to develop yourself as a writer while at Oxford.

The questionnaire should take 10-15 minutes to complete, so cross it off your to-do list today! Note that your recommendation and some of your answers will be provided to your advisor and your FYW instructor to help them get to know you as a writer and provide a concrete reference point for conversations with you about your reading, research, and writing experiences. If you choose to upload an optional academic writing sample from high school, this will also be shared. Learn more about the process on the [Placement Testing page](#) and find the questionnaire in Canvas.

If you have questions or need additional support, contact Dr. Gwendolynne Reid, Director of the Writing Program, at [gwendolynne.reid@emory.edu](mailto:gwendolynne.reid@emory.edu). For technology questions, contact [ox-academictech@mscloud.emory.net](mailto:ox-academictech@mscloud.emory.net) or call 770-312-6766. If you choose to upload a writing sample, note that Emory students can download Microsoft Office (including MS Word) for free [here](#).

- Survey:** On June 30, you will be receiving a request from the Office of Undergraduate Affairs to complete The Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement (BCSSE). BCSSE is a national survey conducted by Indiana University Center for Postsecondary Research and provides an opportunity for you to share your expectations for your upcoming experiences at Emory University.

Results from this survey will be helpful both in better understanding and enhancing the undergraduate college experience. Thank you in advance for your participation in this important project!

**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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