

BBA International Programs helps international exchange students to find accommodation during their stay at Goizueta Business School of Emory University. To find a solution that will be optimal for you, please take some time to explore the options below.

ON-CAMPUS DORMITORIES	OFF-CAMPUS PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION
10 spaces available	Many spaces available
Only shared bedrooms (2 single beds in 1 room)	Options for shared or own bedrooms
Cost ~\$4400, paid in full at start of semester	Cost range: \$3000-6000 per semester, paid monthly
Water, wifi, electricity, cable included	Water often included; electric, Wifi, cable not included
Apartment style with kitchen; fully furnished	Rooms, apartments, houses; often unfurnished
Oversight of guests, parties, activities from monitors	No monitors
15 minutes walking or shuttle distance to campus	Varies by location but usually at least 25 minutes
Roommate may be assigned	You choose your roommates/flatmates
Neighbors will be Emory students	Neighbors may be students or “regular” people
Recently renovated, painted, and well-maintained	Quality varies widely and dramatically

On-campus dormitories

BBA International Programs has 10 reserved spaces in the on-campus student dormitory [Clairmont Tower](#) for the approximately 50 exchange students we welcome each semester. All of these spaces feature shared bedrooms—two beds in one room, living room, kitchen, and bathroom. The cost for on-campus shared rooms is about \$4400. The entire amount must be paid during the first week of classes; there are no exceptions to this requirement. This cost includes furniture, water, Wifi/WLAN, cable, and electricity. It does not include sheets/towels/pillows or kitchen utensils/pots/pans. You can request one of these on the GBS BBA exchange student on-line application. Assignments will be made by lottery. It will not be possible to change your room or your residence after you have accepted a room. The lease is binding for the entire duration of your exchange, and no refunds will be issues for early departure.

Off-campus private accommodation

Students who do not wish to live in on-campus dormitories or who do not receive an on-campus place will need to find private, off-campus accommodation. Short-term leases in housing close to Emory’s campus are difficult to find and can be expensive. The student housing market is a fast paced environment with students competing for the most affordable and modern properties. The cost, location and standard of student accommodation can vary considerably, so decide your priorities before you start to look.

1. Budget

Check if the monthly rent includes utilities and wifi. If not, how do you sign up and pay for those services? Will you need to buy or rent furniture? Is there a security deposit? What are the payment options? If you share a room with one other person in a newer apartment with pool and gym, expect to pay about \$750-1000 per month (inclusive of utilities and wifi). If you take your own room in a multi-room apartment, expect to pay about \$1000-1500 per month (inclusive of utilities and wifi).

2. Location

Considering the mismatch of MARTA, Atlanta’s public transport system (low frequency and insufficient coverage) with the student lifestyles (traveling mid-day and late at night), living close to Emory is an absolute must for exchange students. Living close to Emory will cost more. Your commute, however, will be shorter and you will spend less money and time on transportation. You may also want to be near a supermarket and restaurants. Be sure to factor in evening group meetings—very common at Goizueta—and campus events—part of why you chose the US for your exchange!

3. Transportation

Is the area served by public transportation? The MARTA bus lines that serve Emory are 6 (Clifton Road), 19 (Clairmont Road), and 36 (North Decatur Road). There is no public transport rail service to Emory.

<http://www.itsmarta.com/>

The university also operates a shuttle service with multiple lines that you may use free of charge. NOTE: service is often limited or non-existent after 7 pm and on weekends. <http://transportation.emory.edu/shuttles/index.html>

Is it close enough to walk? Atlanta is part of the US Piedmont, the remnant of several ancient mountain chains that have since been eroded away. Would you be comfortable walking up and down Atlanta's numerous hills? Atlanta is hot and humid from late March through early October, with sometimes heavy rains.

Is it close enough to bicycle? Atlanta has very few bike-only traffic lanes. Are you confident to ride your bike on the roadway alongside vehicles? Used bicycle sales are uncommon in the US. Would you be willing to spend \$150-\$400 for a new bike? Are you strong enough to pedal up Atlanta's numerous hills?

4. Safety and security

Would you feel safe walking to the property late at night? What is general condition of the property from the outside? Is there sufficient lighting outside the building? Are there any broken doors or windows? What do they have in the way of security at the building? How and where is trash and recycling collected? Do you notice any rodents or pests outside the building?

5. Lifestyle and features

Do you prefer to live alone or with friends? Are you willing to share a bedroom to save money? Where can you wash your clothes? Are cupboards and fixtures well-maintained? Is the property noisy? Is there a pool? Gym? Common room for parties? Is furniture included in the cost? What utilities are covered in the rental price?

Sources to find off-campus private accommodation

- ↑ Highland Lake, an apartment company within walking distance to Emory. HL is one of the few companies near Emory that consistently offers short-term leases to international students.
- ↑ Other apartment complexes near Emory at which you may be able to negotiate short-term leases: Clairmont Reserve, Emory Point, Gables Montclair, Presidents Park, Highland Square, and Post Briarcliff. All of these properties are also close to Emory shuttle lines and/or MARTA bus lines.
- ↑ A Facebook group for GBS BBA exchange students to seek roommates and share information: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/937832549603221/>
- ↑ Emory's official off-campus housing website: <https://offcampushousing.emory.edu/>
- ↑ You may also search on your own using sources such as Airbnb.com, ApartmentFinder.com, Zillow.com, ProMove.com, or Rent.com.

Before signing a lease agreement, be sure that you are clear about any additional fees such as the application fee, commission, security deposit, Wifi/WLAN, utilities, trash, maintenance, et cetera. You will need to provide a copy of your passport and student visa to the landlord.

The information provided serves only as a guide. GBS BBA International Programs does not endorse or recommend any of the accommodation options and any agreement made is between the tenant and proprietor. Please read carefully the terms and conditions of your agreement with the proprietor. If you have any issues with the facility, you will need to address this with the proprietor.