This course explores what it is like to live in alternative cultural environments, starting with the anthropology of a remote people of the developing world, and then shifting to the rich and diverse cultural life of Atlanta, including, specifically, life on Emory campus. The Emory Freshman Class of 2015-16 is 58% female and 42% male, with 38% identifying as white/Caucasian and 62% identifying as Asian, African-American, Hispanic, International, Multiracial, or Other. This seminar uses an anthropological perspective to investigate diverse aspects of life on Emory campus as triangulated from literature concerning campus life, collective experience, and students’ individual projects. The course considers gender and sexuality, multiculturalism, and social and academic life on campus generally as interlocking aspects of a sociocultural system. The course combines reading and classroom exposure to different cultural experiences with projects through which students do individual research on aspects of social and cultural life among Emory undergraduates. The course also hopes to include field trips concerning cultural and social diversity in and around Atlanta.

Enrollment maximum = 12

Books for the course are:


