



Spelman College®

A Choice to Change the World

Domestic Exchange

Brochure for
Visiting Students



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About Spelman College

Founded in 1881 as the Atlanta Baptist Female Seminary, we became Spelman College in 1924 and have since held the distinction of being America's oldest historically Black college for women. Now a global leader in the education of women of African descent, Spelman College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and we are proud members of the Atlanta University Center Consortium.

Today our student body comprises more than 2,100 students from 41 states and 15 foreign countries. Spelman empowers women to engage the many cultures of the world and inspires a commitment to positive social change through service.

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Spelman College Mission Statement

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Why Spelman?



- Take advantage of course offerings/special programs that place the African Diaspora experience at the center
- Broaden your academic and professional networks in preparation for graduate school
- Explore internship opportunities in the dynamic Atlanta metro area
- Immerse yourself in a new and diverse social and cultural community

“The Black student body represents a small percentage of my home institution and we are pretty separated, not as united as we would like to be. The AUC and Spelman offered the kind of unity that I was missing.” – Ashley, Barnard

“I felt the experience would be an invaluable cultural, academic, and social experience and I wanted to be able to experience the rich legacy of blacks that attended HBCU’s and laid the foundation for tradition in academic excellence.”
Emani, Tufts University

“In retrospect, I wanted to make more genuine connections with people who look like me because that’s not always the case at predominantly white institutions. Also, I wanted to take my major and idea of an all women’s education to the next level, engaging with Black women who were on the same track I’m on.” – Ashley, Barnard





Our Experience in Depth



Thoughts on Cultural Life

- “Take a class that has some element of black history. You’ll learn so much more about the black culture/heritage by taking a class here on the topic than one at a predominantly white school.” Crandalyn, Dartmouth
- “Explore what it means to be who you are in your body and how you can better appreciate that from the people and activities around you.” Ashley, Barnard
- “Meet people of all years and from different campuses; attend seminars and available activities that will expand your perception of black diaspora and the different experiences we all have.” Emani, Tufts
- “Spelman is a unique institution that caters to the improvement and self empowerment of Black women, as a Black Women I believe it would be beneficial for me to take advantage of this experience. Shakira, Ohio Wesleyan

Thoughts on Social Life

- “Take a semester off from joining every club offered. Although it’s a great way to meet people, it can also get overwhelming. Go to meetings but don’t think you need to take on every responsibility. Go to parties. Go to events. Say yes!” India, Middlebury
- “Take advantage of the social life, meet as many people as possible; you are going to be coming in the middle of everyone else’s college years that is around your age/ qualification so don’t be afraid to be yourself out there.” Shakira, Ohio Wesleyan
- “Take risks and attend events that interest you alone because you will find more people who share the same interests you do. Don’t always feel the need to travel in a group or with someone else because that may actually hinder you from taking advantage of certain situations.” Ashley, Barnard

Top 5 Guilty Pleasures of the AUC

1. The Social Scene/ AUC Nightlife
2. Homecoming Tailgate
3. Chick-Fil-A
4. Yoga in the Museum
5. Subway Chocolate Chip Cookies

Student Advice: “What Not To Miss Out On”

- Visit Spelman’s Fine Art Museum
- Go to a Greek probate
- Church at Clark Atlanta
- Hump Wednesday
- Club Woody
- Attend a pageant
- Career Service and pre-grad events
- Attend academic lectures
- Visit the Women’s Center
- Take a Women’s Studies class
- Attend Homecoming events in the fall!



Top 10 Places to eat around the AUC

1. Busy Bee
2. Upper Manley Cafeteria
 - Fried Chicken Wednesdays
3. Chick-Fil-A
4. Papadeaux’s
5. Papa John’s
6. Chico & Chang
7. Popeye’s
8. Checkers
9. Cook Out
10. Lower Manley
 - AFC Sushi
 - P.O.D. Market
 - Starbucks
 - Subway
 - Twisted Taco

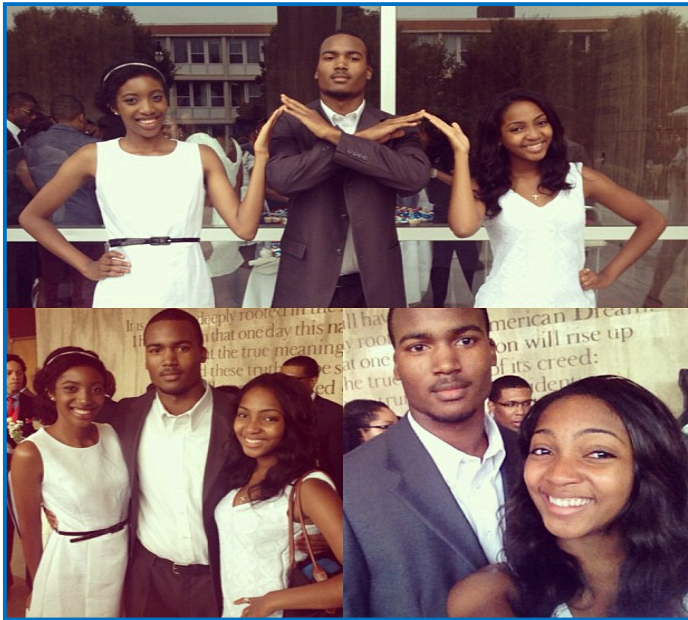
Top 7 Places to visit in Greater Atlanta

1. Atlantic Station
2. MLK House
3. Piedmont Park
4. Little Five Points
5. Downtown Atlanta
6. Lenox Shopping Mall
7. Phillips Arena

Fun Spelman Traditions

- SpelHouse Homecoming
- White Attire Ceremony
- Market Friday
- Founders Day
- Pageant Traditions

The Classroom & Beyond Q&A ...



Q. What was most different from your experience at your home school?

Alexis: *I volunteered at Friendship Baptist church as a tutor and the Cascade homeless shelter.*

Shakira: *I participated with the Muslim Student Association.*

Idera: *I worked at the Spelman Telefund Center.*

Emani: *I worked as a Public Safety Facility Monitor, volunteered as a tutor at Raising Expectations, participated as a Spelman Social Justice Fellow Associate, and interned for a nonprofit 9to5. I also frequented meetings with the Morehouse Business Association.*

India: *I attended a couple of FMLA meetings (Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance group).*

Crandalyn: *I participated in the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.*

Q. Can I participate in domestic exchange in either the fall or the spring semesters? What are the advantages of doing domestic exchange in the fall versus the spring?

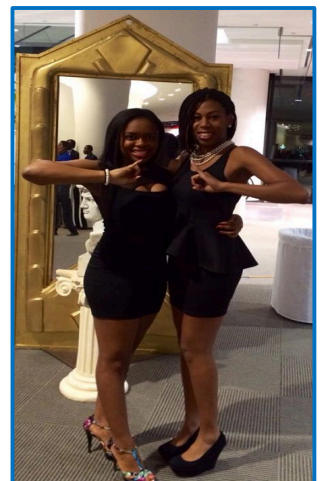
A. Domestic exchange is available for both semesters. Most AUC students say domestic exchange is more exciting in the fall because you get to participate in New Student Orientation and matriculate with both the new students and transfer students. Additionally homecoming occurs during the fall as well as the Christmas Carol Concert. – Emani, Tufts University



Q. What are some helpful hints about transitioning back into your home school?

A. Speak with your counselors and advisors before going back to your home school. They can answer any questions that you have about choosing classes for you when you return or provide tips for how to transfer credits. –Idera, Barnard/Columbia

A. Be aware of your home school's registration deadlines so that you are able to preregister for the semester you return. –Emani, Tufts University



+ Now that you have chosen Spelman

What Comes Next?

Application Process

To Get Started...

- Speak with your institutions exchange coordinator
- Get all the necessary approvals (i.e., dept. chair, major advisor) to participate in exchange
- Discuss your intended Spelman course selection with major advisor and chair

To Apply...

- Complete your schools exchange application
- Applications advance to Spelman College the first week of March. All applications **must be typed and include:**
 - Essay of interest
 - Social Security Number
 - Date of Birth
 - Proposed term of study
 - Classification & Major
 - Transcript
 - Permanent address, email and cell phone number
 - Emergency contact name, phone and email
- Spelman requires 3 weeks for review
- Notifications emailed by the first week in April
- Welcome letters sent by end of May

Exchange Planning

To Get Started...

- Once accepted by Spelman:
 - Meet with your Financial Aid office to make sure that you are in good standing
 - Finalize your course selection; review and get approval from major advisor/department chair
 - Complete procedures at your home school in preparation for your departure

On To The Exchange...

- Review acceptance letter for complete details. Please note:
 - Fall semester begins on or about the third week in August
 - Spring semester begins on or about the third week in January
 - Arrange transportation to Spelman College
 - Bring a copy of your Pre-Entrance Health Booklet
 - Waive Spelman student health insurance if eligible

Spelman College Arrival

To Get Started...

- Check into your campus residence hall
- Notify the exchange coordinator of your arrival to campus
- Meet with Dean Neely to confirm and/or complete course registration
- For Fall exchange - Attend NSO programming, as desired
- Attend Domestic Exchange Orientation, third week in August (Fall term); third week in January (Spring term)
- If you want to work on campus:
 - General college positions are available
 - Work Study positions are not available to those on exchange
- If you are affiliated with other organizations, you are welcome to connect with local chapters here at Spelman or in Atlanta:
 - Gates Millennium Scholars
 - KIPP for College
 - Honor Societies
 - Greek Life



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