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“Expression is Necessary for Evolution”



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One of the reasons I am doing this blog is because of my own experience in transitioning from high school to college, which was filled with wonder and life lessons. My journey was compelling enough to resonate with me later in life by providing a mission to help other students pursue their own academic adventure. Looking back on the roller coaster of the college search, one thing is clear – I would not have likely discovered Emerson College if it weren't for a good college counselor and good information. When choosing my first college of the month to blog about, all roads led to the college which profoundly changed my life. I present you with Emerson College, a school that echoes the unique individual spirit in all of us.

EMERSON IN ONE MINUTE OR LESS

Emerson is a true enigma and also one of the best colleges for the study of communication and the arts. Although Emerson can be seen as small and exclusive, it has a vast independent vibe and makes a big bang when it comes to creative expression and the entertainment industry. It is a school that is tailored for a specific kind of student - one who is passionate with right brained talents and big dreams. If you are seeking a major in, say, business or desire a large football stadium and a classic dorm setting, Emerson is not the school for you. However, if you are seeking to thrive in a creative, challenging environment -- and like things fast paced and non-traditional - keep this college at the top of your list. The campus is home to WERS-FM, the first noncommercial station in Boston; the historic 1,200-seat Cutler Majestic Theatre; and Ploughshares, the award-winning literary journal for new writing. The college has always been on the cutting edge of technology supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a nationally renowned faculty. Student activities are a major part of the Emerson experience with almost any creative endeavor available through clubs and organizations orchestrated by students. Their motto is: ***“Expression is necessary for evolution.”*** This sums up the kind of school Emerson is and also the kind of student who is seeking a truly unique college experience.



To Learn More, see
www.emerson.edu
and
<http://www.emerson.edu/admission/>.

Or contact me directly. I would be happy to answer any questions about Emerson College.

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RANDOM FACTS

- * The campus of Emerson is Boston. With just a few steps outside from any school building, you are in the heart of Boston surrounded by culture, history, and diversity.
- * If you can't live without a car in college (or, as they say in Boston, "Cah"), well, the East Coast city sprawl may not be for you. However, the public transportation system is one of the best in the country. The "T" offers easy access across the city and runs late into the night.
- * Some notable Emersonians include: *Dennis Leary*, *Jay Leno*, *Henry Winkler* ("the Fonz"), the *Wachowski brothers* (Directors of **The Matrix**), comedians *Carol Burnett* and *Steven Wright*, and many more with star quality. Maybe you could be next?
- * Emerson has one of the most unique study abroad experiences. Picture this. You could get to study in an actual castle in the Netherlands! If you are skeptical, check it out! <http://www.emerson.edu/academics/international-study-external-programs/kasteel-well-netherlands>
- * They also offer a program in Los Angeles, California, for Seniors. This program is known for placing graduates in the heart of the film industry with internships in Hollywood's top movie studios and casting agencies.



ACADEMICS

In contrast to a traditional school with mainstream majors, Emerson beats to a different drum with areas of study exclusively under the umbrella of communications and the arts. This includes majors from Television to Animation, and from Musical Theatre to Digital Media. This often includes outside-the-box classes like Comedy Writing and Film Cinematography (two classes I remembered fondly). Emerson is also known for having very small classes where students are able to reap the full benefits of the school's fantastic faculty. The academic programs can be rigorous and stress levels can be quite high, especially since there are a lot of talented students competing for a place in the Arts & Entertainment world. Admission to Emerson is competitive and continues to get more so. Last year, almost 7,000 students applied, but only 3,000 were admitted. Over 80% of those admitted were ranked in the top 25% of their high school graduating class, with an average high school GPA of 3.6.

HAVING FUN

It is hard to imagine boredom at a place like Emerson in a city like Boston. Boston is not only a vibrant, exciting place, but it is the college mecca of the country. It is home to literally hundreds of outstanding schools, all in close proximity to one another, so it's common to mingle and meet friends from a vast array of schools and different backgrounds. The main Emerson building (lovingly referred by students as the "Little Building") is literally right across the street from the historic Boston Commons, with China Town right around the corner. The city is a destination filled with endless adventure and culture. In other words, for most Emerson kids the experience is not contained to the dorms and campus because the whole city serves as the backdrop for college life. There are fraternities, sororities, and some traditional college facets to this school, but these never dominate campus life. And why should it, when you are at a place like Emerson!