

UPPER SCHOOL EXCURSION

Excursion is an exciting chance for Upper Learning students and teachers to immerse themselves in experiential education. For two weeks, we pause traditional classes and dive into topics that take us off campus and into the wider world. This year, Excursion looks a little different. Although students are not traveling outside of Atlanta, teachers embraced the changes and found ways to make Excursion work for students both in Continuous Learning and on-campus.

Excursion offerings change each year; they may lead students to conduct research on Costa Rica's ecology, explore food cultures represented along Buford Highway, engage with detainees navigating the US immigration system, or experience French culture and family life first-hand. Students across grade levels join to gather information, travel to new places, discuss issues, produce artifacts and deliverables, and generally make the world their classroom. Tapping into their passions, teachers form partnerships across disciplines to create relevant and immersive learning experiences in valuable courses students just can't get in a classroom setting. The result is both an intensive credit-bearing class and an unforgettable experience.

Elliott Galloway encouraged us all to “play the game of learning,” and Excursion offers Upper Learning students a wonderful playground.



Excursion Course Offerings February 2021

- À Table! Bon Appétit!: Francophone Culture Through Traditional Culinary Favorites
- Allusions: Books to Movies
- Mindfulness Workshop: Disconnect to Reconnect
- Film Appreciation & Criticism
- "I Dissent": Performing Politics in Words & Pictures
- In Color: Science, Art, and Culture
- Justice & the Law in 2021: Changing the Conversation
- Movement in Atlanta: How Culture & Place Intersect
- Music Video Production Start to Finish
- Never Home Alone: Hyperlocal Biodiversity
- Outbreak: Chasing a Pandemic
- Responding Through Art: Past, Present, Future
- Installation Art & Engineering: Rope Spaces & Tensile Structures
- Spanish & Latin American Culture
- Staging "The Student Body": The Genesis of a New Play
- The Game of Life: Skills, Hacks, & Tricks
- The Varieties of Cosmic Experience: Science & Religion in the 21st Century
- What Color is Your Lens?: Identity Studies with a Focus on Native Americans
- Independent Study - Create your own Excursion experience!

