

Optional Day – Atlanta as Hollywood of the South

Have you signed up for the [Optional Day](#) for the 36th Annual Course? We hope you will join us Thursday, October 26, 2017 when Lisa Moore, principal of The Moore Firm, will speak to participants about the legal aspects of the Georgia film industry in the morning, then after lunch in the Emory Conference Center Hotel dining room, we will be heading out with [Atlanta Movie Tours](#) for a custom-designed bus tour of several Atlanta filming locations!

Did you know that Atlanta, Georgia is rapidly becoming the center of the film and television industry? In 2016, [Georgia was the number one location](#) for production of feature films according to a study conducted by Film L.A., a non-profit film office in the Los Angeles, California area. In fact, so many [new film studios](#) are opening in DeKalb County, (where Emory University is located) that the county has created a [DeKalb County Film, Music & Digital Entertainment Commission](#), which will seek to expand the local entertainment industry even more – especially if Georgia’s [Governor Nathan Deal](#) has anything to say about it.

[Numerous Atlanta locations](#) have been used for making popular films and television shows, including The Walking Dead, the Hunger Games movies, [the Marvel Studios movies](#), and Tyler Perry’s television and film productions. In addition to creating thousands of jobs throughout, the ever-expanding television and film industry has spurred growth in [Emory University’s Film and Media Studies program](#) with several alums living their Hollywood dreams right here in Atlanta.

Recently, the Atlanta Journal Constitution (newspaper) produced this informative photo-journalism piece on the history, sights, and sounds of the filming currently happening in Atlanta, [Lights, Camera, Atlanta, Action: Landmarks of the Hollywood of the South](#). For more Atlanta movie magic, consider checking out these films before you visit... you just might recognize some of the locations in the films during our exciting tour! We look forward to welcoming you to Atlanta this October. You might catch a glimpse of an [upcoming film or TV show in production](#), or [sight a celebrity](#) while out dining!



[Selma \(2014\)](#)

“A chronicle of Martin Luther King’s campaign to secure equal voting rights via an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama in 1965.”
—IMDb.



[Hidden Figures \(2016\)](#)

“The story of a team of female African-American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program.”—IMDb.



[The Hunger Games: Mockingjay \(Part 1, 2014\) \(Part 2, 2015\)](#)

“Katniss Everdeen is in District 13 after she shatters the games forever. Under the leadership of President Coin and the advice of her trusted friends, Katniss spreads her wings as she fights to save Peeta and a nation moved by her courage.”—Part 1, IMDb



[Captain America: Civil War \(2016\)](#)

“Political interference in the Avengers’ activities causes a rift between former allies Captain America and Iron Man.”
—IMDb.