

Admissions

Freshman Applications

Elon University applications are available from many high school guidance offices, online at <http://www.elon.edu> or directly from the Office of Admissions, 2700 Campus Box, Elon, NC 27244. Telephone: 800-334-8448 or 336-278-3566. E-mail: admissions@elon.edu. Elon also accepts the Common Application.

Freshman Application Procedures

Freshman applicants must submit:

1. Completed and signed application
2. \$35 application fee
3. High school transcript
4. SAT I or ACT test scores
5. Counselor Evaluation Form

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The SAT or ACT should be taken late in the junior year and again early in the fall of the senior year. In making admissions decisions, Elon will combine the highest math and verbal scores from all test scores submitted. It is important to ensure that we receive all test scores that are available.

Freshman Application Deadlines

Applications for admission should be submitted early in the high school senior year. Application deadlines and priority deadlines for admission are as follows:

November 15 – Early Decision

January 10 – Priority Deadline for Regular Freshman Admissions; Final Deadline for Fellows program and scholarship application.

February 1 - Applications received after this date will be considered on a space-available basis.

Freshman Admission Requirements

Admission to Elon is competitive. Elon seeks students from a variety of backgrounds with strong academic preparation who can contribute to and benefit from the university's many scholastic and extracurricular programs.

The most important factors in the admissions decision are the academic record (including courses taken, grades attained and class standing) and standardized test scores. Other factors, which may be considered, include leadership potential, extracurricular and service-related activities, special talents, relationship with the university, and the ability to contribute positively to the campus community. Other than the Counselor Evaluation Form, recommendations are not required but will be taken into consideration if submitted.

A student's high school academic record is a primary factor in every admissions decision. In general, students should have taken a rigorous selection of college preparatory or higher-level courses throughout their four years of high school. The most promising candidates for admission will have demonstrated solid achievement in five or more academic subjects each year. Minimum preparation must include:

1. Four years of English
2. Three years of mathematics, including Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II
3. Two years of science, including one laboratory science
4. Two years of social science, including U.S. History
5. Two years of the same foreign language

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Elon operates on a modified Rolling Admissions plan. Generally, applicants will be notified of a decision within four to eight weeks from the time that the application is complete, beginning October 1 for fall admission. Some applicants will be asked to submit new information to strengthen their chances for admission, usually with new SAT or ACT scores and/or first semester grades. All the files of the students who are asked to submit first semester grades will be reconsidered in late February or early March and decisions will be mailed prior to April 1.

All offers of admission are contingent upon satisfactory completion of the senior year courses. Elon reserves the right to withdraw an acceptance if the final grades are unsatisfactory.

The Early Decision Plan

Well-qualified high school students who decide at the close of their junior year that Elon University is their first choice may take advantage of the Early Decision Plan.

To be considered for Early Decision, a student may apply any time after completion of the junior year, but the application must be completed no later than November 15 of the senior year. The application must be submitted with the high school record, scores on the SAT and/or ACT, the Counselor Evaluation Form

and a signed Early Decision agreement, in order to be complete.

Students accepted under the Early Decision Plan have several advantages: (1) notification of the admissions decision within three weeks of the receipt of the completed application package, beginning October 1; (2) the opportunity to attend the first Spring Orientation Weekend; (3) priority status for housing and registration; and (4) an early financial aid estimate.

Accepted Early Decision students must withdraw applications from all other colleges or universities at that time and submit a nonrefundable \$300 deposit by January 15.

Transfer Admission

Transfer students are admitted to Elon University based on their academic record at the institution from which they are transferring. In order to graduate, one full academic year of study (at least 33 semester hours) must be completed at Elon, including the last term before graduation.

Students who would have been admissible to Elon out of high school must have a strong “C” average on work at other institutions. Students not admissible out of high school are required to have 24 transferrable college level credits demonstrating a record of consistent success. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 is required from two-year institutions. From four-year institutions, a minimum 2.3 GPA is required. In addition, the student must be eligible to return to the last institution attended and be recommended by college or university officials.

In order to be considered for transfer admission a student must:

1. Submit a completed and signed Application for Transfer Admission with the \$35 application fee.
2. Have official transcripts sent from all two-year or four-year institutions attended.
3. Have a Dean’s Evaluation Form completed by the dean of the last institution attended verifying eligibility. This form is not required if the student has received an associate degree.
4. Have an official final high school transcript and SAT or ACT scores sent. The SAT/ACT requirement may be waived for some advanced students or non-traditional students who did not take the test while in high school.

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Transfer Admission Deadlines

The priority deadline for transfer applications for the fall semester is June 1; for spring semester, December 1. After these dates applications will be considered on a space-available basis. (Students seeking housing on campus will want to apply as soon as possible, as housing for transfers can become limited.)

Transfer Credit

Students earn credit for college-level courses taken through college parallel programs at accredited junior colleges or community colleges and for courses

taken at accredited four-year colleges and universities. Transcripts are evaluated and credit is awarded on a course-by-course basis after the student has been accepted for admission. The freshman course, GST 110, Global Studies, is waived for students transferring 18 hours or more.

No more than 65 semester hours of credit will be allowed from two-year institutions. No credit is allowed for courses with a grade lower than "C-." Credit will not be given for courses taken while a student is under academic suspension.

International Student Admission

Elon University values intercultural experiences in education. International students from more than 32 countries attend Elon each year. Prospective students from outside the United States can obtain admissions packets from the Office of Admissions. International students must submit the freshman application with a nonrefundable U.S.\$35 application fee, original secondary school transcripts and certified translations, official SAT or ACT scores, personal statement and, for students attending American and International Schools abroad, a completed Counselor Evaluation Form.

In addition to the SAT or ACT, the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required unless English is the student's native language or the language of instruction. Presidential scholarships are available for students with outstanding academic records and SAT scores.

International students may apply online at Elon's Web site: www.elon.edu. Applications and documentation should be submitted as early as possible since it may take several months to receive and process forms from outside the United States. International inquiries may be directed to the office by calling 336-278-3566; fax is 336-278-7699; e-mail address is interadm@elon.edu. Inquiries may also be directed to the office by accessing Elon's Web site at www.elon.edu/international.

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Enrollment Deposit for All Resident Students

To complete acceptance and reserve a room for the fall semester, an enrollment deposit of \$300 is recommended within one month of acceptance but no later than May 1 for fall semester enrollment. (Exception: the nonrefundable \$300 deposit for Early Decision students is due no later than January 15.) For students who are accepted after May 1, the enrollment deposit is due within one week. Room assignments are made according to the date of deposit, with Early Decision students assigned first. For the spring semester, an enrollment deposit of \$300 is recommended within one month of acceptance but no later than January 1.

Refund Policy

The fall semester enrollment deposit may be refunded in full by notifying the Office of Admissions in writing prior to May 1. After that date \$150 is refundable until June 15. Early Decision and spring semester enrollment deposits are not refundable. Exceptions to this policy must be authorized by the Dean of Admissions and Financial Planning and are generally limited to those students for whom Elon is not able to meet demonstrated financial need.

Enrollment Deposit for All Commuter Students

To complete acceptance for the fall semester, an enrollment deposit of \$150 is requested within one month of acceptance but no later than May 1. For students accepted after May 1, the enrollment deposit is due within one week. The deposit is not refundable after May 1.

For the spring semester, the \$150 enrollment deposit is due no later than January 1 and is not refundable.

Residency Requirement

Elon University has a two-year residency requirement. All first- and second-year students are required to live on campus except those who are living with their parent(s), nontraditional students and transfer students who have been out of high school one year or more. Priority for housing assignments is based on the date the enrollment deposit is received by Elon.

Special Students

The university admits a limited number of special students who are not working toward degrees at Elon University. Special students include:

- Persons taking only private music instruction in the Department of Fine Arts. Such applicants are admitted if instructors are able to schedule lessons for them.
- High school graduates taking classes of special interest. Persons out of high school less than two years are required to submit a copy of their high school transcript and SAT/ACT scores.
- Visiting students from other colleges attending summer and winter terms.
- College graduates interested in further study at Elon. Such applicants are admitted if they fulfill requirements for admission to the desired courses.
- College graduates working toward teacher licensure or relicensure. (Official college transcript required with application.)
- High school students taking classes on the Elon campus during their senior year. Credit for this work is generally transferable to other institutions. (Credit Bank application required.)
- Persons wishing to audit courses without doing the assigned preparation or receiving credit.

Special students may register for no more than eight hours per semester without approval of the Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Advanced Placement Examination

Students earning a score of three or better in the Advanced Placement Tests of the College Entrance Examination Board taken in high school may receive credit in the following fields: art, biology, chemistry, computer science, economics,

English, environmental studies, French, German, geography, history, mathematics, music, physics, political science, psychology, Spanish and statistics. Official scores should be sent to the Office of Admissions.

International Baccalaureate

Students earning a score of 4 to 7 on higher level exams will receive at least four semester hours of credit. No credit is awarded for subjects passed at the standard level of IB. Scores should be sent to the Office of Admissions.

College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)

The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) of the College Board enables students to earn college credit by examination. Students desiring credit by examination must earn a scaled score of 50 on the General Examinations and the Subject Area Examinations. Credit may be awarded in the following areas: composition and literature, foreign language, history and social sciences, science and mathematics. Scores should be sent to the Office of Admissions.

Department Examination

Students may contact the chair of the department for details concerning the process of credit through examination at Elon in areas not covered above. The cost for each examination is \$480.

Credit for Veterans

Veterans entering Elon may transfer certified credits from various areas:

- Military personnel on active duty who wish to submit CLEP credits should see their Education Officers concerning CLEP tests or write to USAFI, Madison, Wisconsin.
- Work from other accredited postsecondary institutions may be accepted.
- Students with one year of active duty in military service will receive credit for the physical education requirement by bringing a copy of their DD-214 Form to the Registrar's Office for verification.