

Facts About Elon

Overview

Elon University is a premier small, private university on a campus of 575 acres in the town of Elon, North Carolina. Elon is the third largest of the 36 private colleges and universities in the state. For additional information about Elon, go to www.elon.edu/e-net.

Location

Located in the Piedmont Triad area, 20 minutes east of Greensboro and 30 minutes northwest of Durham and Chapel Hill

Exit 140 on Interstate 85/40

Accessible to airports (Raleigh/Durham and Greensboro) and Amtrak (Burlington)

Visitor information: www.elon.edu/e-web/visit

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History

Founded in 1889 as Elon College by the Christian Church

Sustained a major fire in 1923 and was rebuilt 1923-1926

Became Elon University on June 1, 2001

Elon history: www.elon.edu/catalogresources

Students

Fall 2008 enrollment totaled 5,628 students, including 636 graduate students

65 percent of students are from out of state

Students are from 43 states and 51 other countries

Faculty

333 full-time faculty in 2008-09

86 percent of faculty have terminal degree

Student-to-faculty ratio is 14:1

Programs

132 credit hours required for graduation

Most courses are 4 credit hours

54 majors available

Average class size is 22 students

Co-curricular programs in internships, study abroad, undergraduate research, leadership and community service

Primarily daytime classes with limited evening offerings

Undergraduate Calendar

Fall semester: four months, late August to mid-December

Winter term: four-week January term

Spring semester: four months, early February to mid-May

Summer: Session 1 in June, Session 2 in July

Accreditation

Elon University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; telephone number: 404-679-4501) to award bachelor's and master's degrees, the doctor of physical therapy degree and juris doctor degree.

Elon's teacher education program is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and by the North Carolina State Board of Education.

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The School of Communications is nationally accredited by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (ACEJMC).

Elon's Martha and Spencer Love School of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business-International (AACSB-International).

Elon's physical therapy education program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) of the North American Physical Therapy Association, 111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone number: 703-706-3245; e-mail: accreditation@apta.org; Web site: www.capteonline.org.

Elon University is included on the list of colleges and universities approved by the American Chemical Society. Students satisfying the requirements listed for the BS degree with a major in chemistry will be ACS certified upon graduation.

The university is a member of the following associations:

- The American Council of Education
- The American Association for Higher Education
- The American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
- The Association of American Colleges
- The Commission of Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs
- The North Carolina Association of Colleges and Universities

- North Carolina Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators
- North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities
- The National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities
- The European Council of International Schools
- Association of Independent Liberal Arts Colleges for Teacher Education
- National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
- Independent College Fund of North Carolina
- The Council of Independent Colleges
- The Council for Higher Education of the United Church of Christ
- The International Association for Management Education
- Associated New American Colleges
- Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education