

# Admissions

## Freshman Applications

Elon University applications are available from many high school guidance offices, online at [www.elon.edu](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](mailto:admissions@elon.edu).

## Freshman Application Procedures

Freshman applicants must submit:

1. Completed and signed application
2. \$50 application fee
3. Official high school transcript
4. Official SAT or ACT test scores, including writing section
5. Counselor Evaluation Form

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, writing and critical reading scores from all test scores submitted. Students must submit a writing score as part of their standardized test profile. Either the SAT or ACT writing test will meet this requirement. It is important to ensure that we receive all test scores that are available.

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## 2009-2010 Freshman Application Deadlines

	<i>Application Deadline</i>	<i>Notification Date</i>	<i>Enrollment Deposit Date</i>
Early Decision (binding)	November 1*	December 1	January 10, non-refundable
Early Action (non-binding)	November 10*	December 18	May 1
Final Freshman Deadline	January 10*	March 15	May 1
Deadline for Fellows application	January 10**		

\*All deadlines are postmark dates. All materials needed to complete your application must be postmarked by the stated deadline.

\*\*Students who are applying to the Fellows programs must submit a completed freshman application and the Fellows application by the January 10 deadline. Students selected for the Fellows competition will be notified of their admissions decision at the time the Fellows invitation is extended in early February.

**The Early Decision Plan**

*Application Deadline: November 1*

*Notification Date: December 1*

Students whose first choice is Elon are encouraged to apply Early Decision. The Early Decision agreement is a binding agreement that a student will enroll at Elon if accepted. Students accepted for Early Decision agree to withdraw applications from all other colleges and submit a nonrefundable U.S. \$500 deposit to Elon by January 10.

There are several advantages to being accepted under the Early Decision plan:

- the opportunity to attend the first Spring Orientation Weekend
- priority consideration for housing and course selection
- an early financial aid estimate

**Early Action Plan**

*Application Deadline: November 10*

*Notification date: December 18*

Students who would like an early answer on their application status may apply Early Action. Early Action is non-binding, and students are permitted to apply to other schools as well as Elon.

**Regular Decision Plan and Fellows Application Deadline**

*Application Deadline: January 10*

*Notification date: March 15*

This is the final application deadline for freshman admissions. Applications received after this date will be considered on a space-available basis.

The Fellows application must be submitted by January 10. Students selected for the Fellows competition will be notified of their admissions decision at the time the Fellows and Scholarship Weekend invitation is extended in early February.

**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 and grades attained) and standardized test scores. Other factors which are 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 included in the application file 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. English .....4 units (required)
2. Math .....3 units required, 4 recommended  
 .....(Algebra I & II and Geometry are required)

- 3. Science .....3 or more units, including at least one lab science
- 4. Social Studies..... 3 or more units, including U.S. History
- 5. Foreign Language .....2 units required, 3 recommended

(Students who have not completed at least two units in one foreign language must complete a 121-level foreign language course at Elon in addition to meeting the foreign language requirement for graduation.)

**Freshman Admission Notification**

Elon operates on a deadline admissions plan. Applicants will be notified of a decision according to the timetable listed above. Some applicants will be asked to submit new information to strengthen their chances for admission, usually with first semester grades and/or new SAT or ACT scores. All the files of the students who are asked to submit first semester grades will be reconsidered with the January 10 application pool and notified March 15.

All offers of admission are contingent upon satisfactory completion of the senior year courses and a continuing record of good character. Elon reserves the right to withdraw an acceptance for unsatisfactory academic performance or social behavior.

**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, at least 60 semester hours must be completed at Elon, including the last term before graduation.

Transfer students are required to have 24 transferable college-level credits demonstrating a record of consistent success and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 from the current institution. In addition, the student must be eligible to return to the last institution attended and be recommended by college or university officials.

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

- 1. Submit a completed and signed Application for Transfer Admission with the \$50 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 each institution attended to verify 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 nontraditional students who did not take the test while in high school.

**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 is 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. This applies to transfer students only, not freshmen entering college for the first time.

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 45 countries attend Elon each year. Prospective students from outside the United States can obtain all pertinent admissions documents online at [www.elon.edu/admissions](http://www.elon.edu/admissions). International students must submit the freshman application with a nonrefundable U.S. \$50 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. While not required for an admissions decision, a completed Certificate of Financial Responsibility is recommended at the time of application. This will expedite the visa process for enrolling international students.

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](http://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 [admissions@elon.edu](mailto:admissions@elon.edu). For complete information on international admissions, visit [www.elon.edu/e-web/admissions/inter.xhtml](http://www.elon.edu/e-web/admissions/inter.xhtml).

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## **Tuition Exchange**

Elon University is a member of Tuition Exchange, Inc. For information about the Elon University tuition exchange policy, contact the Office of Admissions and Financial Planning, 800-334-8448, or visit [www.elon.edu/catalogresources](http://www.elon.edu/catalogresources).

## **Enrollment Deposit for All Resident Students**

To complete acceptance and reserve a room for fall semester 2009, an enrollment deposit of \$500 is recommended within one month of acceptance but no later than May 1 for fall semester enrollment. (Exception: the nonrefundable \$500 deposit for Early Decision students is due no later than January 10.) 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 \$500 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, \$200 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 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 admission for the fall semester 2009, an enrollment deposit of \$300 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 \$300 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. In order to reside in university housing, a student must be 18 years of age or have completed a traditional cohort secondary education experience of three consecutive years culminating in the senior year.

An applicant who will be younger than 17 at the time of matriculation will be required to interview with university officials and if admitted, must be prepared to be a commuter student residing with a parent or legal guardian until he or she meets the age requirement for university residency.

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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 Performing Arts. Such applicants are admitted if instructors are able to schedule lessons for them.
- High school graduates taking classes of special interest. Special students are required to submit a copy of their high school transcript and SAT/ACT scores.
- Visiting students from other colleges (an official transcript from current college required with the application).
- 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 and available through the admissions office).

- Consortium students taking courses at Elon during fall or spring semester. These students must present the appropriate form from their current institution. Consortium members include Bennett College, Greensboro College, Guilford College, Guilford Technical Community College, High Point University, N.C. A&T University and UNC-Greensboro.
- 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. Students enrolled in the special admission category who want to pursue a degree must complete the appropriate application for regular admission.

### ***Advanced Placement Examination***

Students earning a score of four 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, music, physics, political science, psychology, Spanish and statistics. A three or higher is required in calculus. Official scores should be sent to the Office of Admissions.

### ***International Baccalaureate***

Students earning a score of 5 or greater on Higher Level examinations may receive four semester hours of credit in biology, business administration, computer science, communications, foreign language, literature, philosophy or theatre. No credit is awarded for Standard Level examinations. Scores should be sent to the Office of Admissions.

### ***College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)***

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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 60 on the General Examinations or the Subject Area Examinations. Credit may be awarded in the following areas: foreign language, history and social sciences, and science. 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 \$790.

### ***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.

