

Academic Programs, Degrees and Degree Requirements

Mission Statement

Elon University embraces its founders' vision of an academic community that transforms mind, body and spirit, and encourages freedom of thought and liberty of conscience.

To fulfill this vision, Elon University acts upon these commitments:

- We nurture a rich intellectual community characterized by active student engagement with a faculty dedicated to excellent teaching and scholarly accomplishment.
- We provide a dynamic and challenging undergraduate curriculum grounded in the traditional liberal arts and sciences and complemented by distinctive professional and graduate programs.
- We integrate learning across the disciplines and put knowledge into practice, thus preparing students to be global citizens and informed leaders motivated by concern for the common good.
- We foster respect for human differences, passion for a life of learning, personal integrity and an ethic of work and service.

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Academic Message

An Elon student's highest purpose is Academic Citizenship: giving first attention to learning and reflection, developing intellectually, connecting knowledge and experiences and upholding Elon's honor code.

Elon University Honor Code

All students at Elon University pledge to abide by the Honor Code, which recognizes honesty, integrity, respect and responsibility as critical elements in upholding the values of the academic community. The current Student Handbook, elon.edu/students/handbook, presents sanctions and hearing procedures in detail.

Degrees

Bachelor of Arts (A.B.)

Anthropology
Art
Art History
Arts Administration
Biology

Chemistry
Cinema and Television Arts
Communications Design
Computer Science
Economics
Education
Early Childhood Education

Elementary (K-6)
 Middle Grades (6-9)
 Special Education/General
 Curriculum (K-12)
 English
 Creative Writing
 Literature
 Professional Writing and Rhetoric
 Teacher Licensure (9-12)
 Environmental Studies
 Sustainability
 Global Environmental Issues
 Environmental Arts and
 Communication
 French
 History
 Teacher Licensure
 Human Service Studies
 Independent Major
 International Economics
 International Studies
 Africa
 Asia
 Europe
 Latin America
 Middle East
 Journalism
 Mathematics
 Applied Mathematics
 Pure Mathematics
 Teacher Licensure (9-12)
 Media Analytics
 Music
 Music Performance
 Philosophy
 Physics
 Policy Studies
 Political Science
 Psychology
 Public Health Studies
 Socio-Cultural Context of Health
 and Illness
 Biological Aspects of Health and
 Illness
 Religious Studies
 Science Education (9-12)
 Sociology
 Spanish
 Teacher Licensure (K-12)
 Statistics
 Environmental Statistics
 Statistical Methods in Social Science
 Biostatistics
 Strategic Communications
 Theatre Studies
 Theatrical Design and Production

Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.)

Art
 Cinema and Television Arts
 Dance Performance and Choreography
 Music Theatre
 Theatre Arts (Acting)

Bachelor of Science (B.S.)

Accounting
 Applied Mathematics
 Biochemistry
 Biology
 Integrative Biology
 Foundations for Medical Science
 Biotechnology/Molecular Biology
 Biophysics/Biomedical Engineering
 Chemistry
 Chemistry/Chemical Engineering
 Computer Science
 Computer Science/Engineering
 Dance Science
 Engineering Mathematics
 Engineering Physics
 Environmental Studies/Environmental
 Engineering
 Environmental Studies
 Environmental and Ecological Science
 Exercise Science
 Information Science
 Mathematics
 Teacher Licensure (9-12)
 Music Education (9-12)
 Music Production and Recording Arts
 Physical Education and Health
 Teacher Licensure (K-12)
 Physics
 Sport and Event Management
 Statistics
 Mathematical Statistics
 Biostatistics
 Actuarial Science

**Bachelor of Science in Business
Administration (B.S.B.A.)**

Entrepreneurship
 Finance
 International Business
 Management
 Marketing

Bachelor's Degree Requirements

Elon University offers an academic program consisting of a minimum of 132 semester hours of credit for the bachelor's degree. The degree consists of a major field of concentration, the Elon Core Curriculum and elective courses. To earn a baccalaureate degree the student completes the following academic program:

1. Satisfactory work in one major subject
2. Completion of the Elon Core Curriculum as follows:
 - a. First-Year Foundations
 - (1) Core Curriculum 110/The Global Experience 4
 - (2) Core Curriculum /English 110 4
 - (3) Core Curriculum /Mathematics (MTH 110, 151 or higher) 4
(Excludes MTH 208, 209)
 - b. Experiential Learning (two units) (*See* page 36)
 - c. World Language (*See* page 339).....0-8
 - d. Studies in the Arts and Sciences

Transfer students with at least 18 semester hours of transfer credit must complete 32 hours total in Studies in the Arts and Sciences, but may have as few as 7 hours in one or more of the four Studies in the Arts and Sciences areas.

 - (1) Expression..... 8
Eight hours chosen from at least two of the following: literature (in English or world languages), philosophy and fine arts (art, art history, dance, fine arts, music, music theatre and theatre arts). At least one course must be literature.
 - (2) Civilization..... 8
Eight hours chosen from at least two of the following: history, world languages and religious studies.
 - (3) Society 8
Eight hours chosen from at least two of the following: economics, geography, human service studies, political science, psychology and sociology/anthropology.
 - (4) Science/Analysis 8
Eight hours chosen from one or more of the following: mathematics/statistics, computer science, information science and science. At least one course must be a physical or biological laboratory science.
 - e. Advanced Studies..... 12
Eight hours of 300-400-level courses outside the major field chosen from departments and areas in Expression, Civilization, Society and Science/Analysis in the Arts and Sciences 8
 - f. Core Curriculum Interdisciplinary Capstone Seminar..... 4

Total hours

56-60

3. Completion of elective courses to meet 132 credit hours
4. Satisfactory completion of a comprehensive evaluation in the major field of study
5. A minimum of 36 semester hours of junior/senior level work
6. Sixty or more semester hours of study at Elon, including the last term before graduation
7. Twice as many quality points as credit hours attempted must be earned
8. Students are encouraged to participate in Commencement exercises*

Students must demonstrate competence in English and mathematics or successfully complete English 100 in concurrence with English 110 and Mathematics 100 before beginning the mathematics requirement in the First-Year Foundations.

Students who have not had two years of one world language in secondary school must make up this deficiency by taking a first-level 121 world language course. Courses taken to remove this deficiency will not satisfy the Elon Core Curriculum requirements. *See* page 35 for further details.

A maximum of 16 semester hours of internship/cooperative education credit may be applied to the 132 semester hours required for the A.B., B.S., B.S.B.A. and B.F.A. degrees.

Students must apply for graduation by the dates published by the Registrar. Degrees are conferred in December, January, May and August.

A student may graduate under the provisions of the catalog published the year of first enrollment, provided the course of study is completed within five years. After the interval of five years, a student's credits will be subject to review by the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs.

*Students who meet all other responsibilities but are 1-4 credit hours short in any one area may participate in Commencement exercises; degree will be awarded upon completion of all requirements.

Earning Two Undergraduate Degrees

A student may earn more than one undergraduate degree either consecutively or concurrently in relation to another undergraduate degree provided the degrees are not alike, e.g., not two A.B.s or two B.S.s, etc.

A student must meet the following requirements:

1. earn a minimum of 154 total credit hours, including a minimum of 56 hours at the 300/400 level
2. complete the 56 hours of common core to be used toward both degrees
3. meet all degree and university graduation requirements for both degree programs.
4. earn a minimum of 80 semester hours at Elon.

Students may not earn the same major in multiple degree categories (AB and BS in Chemistry, AB and BFA in Theatre, etc. Additionally, a student who has met graduation requirements for one degree may participate in the commencement activities for that degree and continue on at Elon to earn the second degree.

Students who have completed the requirements for both degrees but have not satisfied the 154 minimum credit hours or 56 hour minimum at the 300-400 level, will receive only one baccalaureate degree. Students in this situation must choose the degree to be conferred. Completed majors will be posted to the transcript.

Once a student has completed all requirements for the second degree, he/she must reapply for graduation in order for the Registrar's Office to confirm completion of requirements and order the diploma.

Student may not participate in more than one commencement ceremony. Students completing multiple degrees at the same time will be awarded multiple diplomas at the time of commencement.

Students who qualify for more than one major must select the primary major for which they will receive a bachelor's degree.

It is the student's responsibility to be familiar with the preceding requirements for graduation.

The Major

A minimum GPA of 2.0 in the requirements for the major is required for graduation. Bachelor of Arts majors require 40–110 semester hours of credit. Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Fine Arts or Bachelor of Science in Business Administration majors require 72-76 semester hours of credit. The student may elect to complete more than one major. No later than the beginning of the junior year, each candidate for a bachelor's degree must select a major field. Requirements for each major are listed with the courses of instruction.

The Minor

A candidate for the bachelor's degree may elect a field (or fields) of minor concentration, consisting of 20-24 semester hours with a minimum GPA of 2.0.

Academic Programs

The academic program at Elon University prepares qualified students to enter graduate and professional schools or readies students to begin work in such fields as business, communications, teaching, public service and allied health. The bachelor's degree consists of a major field of concentration in the liberal arts or in a professional or preprofessional area, a core curriculum program and elective courses.

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Elon Core Curriculum

The Elon Core Curriculum is the set of courses and experiences that are shared by every undergraduate. The Core complements the major, providing the liberal arts and sciences so important to Elon's mission and so vital for globally engaged citizenship in a democratic society. It is an opportunity to explore ideas and expand one's worldview. In the process, students gain the lifelong benefits of complexity of thought, personal fulfillment, economic opportunity, and global awareness.

The mission of the Elon Core Curriculum is to help students cultivate the intellectual curiosity, abilities, and knowledge required for lifelong learning as global citizens. To fulfill this fundamental mission of a liberal arts education, the Elon Core Curriculum is organized around three broad domains—*inquiry, knowledge and communication*—with specific goals for each. Further, this educational mission is deepened through intellectual reflection and practical engagement and is guided by two fundamental principles. First, ethical reasoning must guide the pursuit and use of knowledge. Second, personal and social responsibility must be fostered to encourage students to commit themselves to an intellectual life in the service of their community, country and the world beyond them.

Goals of the Elon Core Curriculum:***INQUIRY: The creative and critical processes used to acquire and develop knowledge***

1. The identification of significant issues, the framing of questions, and the selection of appropriate modes of inquiry to address those questions
2. The knowledge and application of modes of inquiry within the arts and sciences
3. The integration of different modes of inquiry across disciplines

KNOWLEDGE: Theoretical and applied knowledge as constructed according to diverse epistemologies within contemporary and historical contexts

4. The understanding of theoretical knowledge spanning the social, material and natural worlds
5. The understanding of the multiple dimensions of human experience within and across cultures and environments
6. The integration and application of knowledge to address complex problems in local and global contexts

COMMUNICATION: Expressive and receptive communication in multiple contexts

7. The preparation and presentation of ideas and information orally, visually and in writing
8. The analysis, interpretation, evaluation and synthesis of information from multiple sources: oral, visual and written

The program consists of six elements:

I. First-Year Foundations

The First-Year Foundations launch the Elon experience by challenging students to think critically, engage globally, and communicate effectively. The Foundations consist of courses in writing and math, as well as a signature Elon course called “The Global Experience.” The Common Reading Program supplements the Foundations by facilitating shared intellectual experiences both in and out of the classroom.

COR 110. THE GLOBAL EXPERIENCE 4 sh

This first-year seminar examines personal and social responsibility in domestic and global contexts. In developing a personal view of the world and its many peoples, societies, and environments, the student will evaluate the complex relationships that may both promote and obstruct human interaction. The course emphasizes critical thinking and creativity focused on contemporary and salient issues as informed by their historical contexts. The seminar is inquiry-based, writing intensive, and taught from a variety of perspectives. Offered fall and spring.

ENG 110. WRITING: ARGUMENT AND INQUIRY 4 sh

This first-year writing course prepares students to develop as writers through extensive practice in process strategies, argumentation, and research methods. Students will learn and apply rhetorical strategies to write effectively in print and electronic environments for a variety of audiences, and will learn to think, read, and write critically about significant issues in multiple contexts. A grade of C- or better is required for graduation. Offered fall and spring.

MTH 110. GENERAL STATISTICS 4 sh

This course provides an introduction to modern statistics. Students will analyze and critically interpret real world data using information such as the U.S. Census, election results and health issues. This course emphasizes communication, use of technology and collaborative learning. Topics covered include descriptive statistics, inferential statistics and regression analysis. A specific graphing calculator is required. Prerequisite: MTH 100 or placement exemption. Offered fall and spring.

II. Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR) – 2 units

The Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR) prepares students for lives of meaningful work and service. By engaging students in opportunities that integrate knowledge and experience, the

ELR fosters an understanding and life-long appreciation for learning. Students engage in a process that includes preparation, action, and reflection to develop the habits of mind required to learn effectively from experience and the commitment to put knowledge into action as responsible global citizens.

Two units of experiential learning are required to fulfill this requirement. Units may be obtained in the following ways:

Study abroad

4-hour course abroad = 1 unit

8 or more credit hours abroad = 2 units

Research

1 credit hour of research (courses numbered 498 or 499) = 1 unit

Elon's Summer Undergraduate Research Program = 2 units

Internships (including co-ops, teaching and practicums)

1 credit hour of internship = 1 unit

Service-learning

Designated service-learning course = 1 unit

Pre-approved service-learning experience mentored by the Kernodle Center = 1-2 units (40+ hours per unit)

Leadership

Pre-approved leadership experience mentored by the Center for Leadership = 1-2 units (40+ hours per unit)

Designated leadership ELR course = 1 unit

Other courses or experiences with ELR designation

Examples of ways a student could complete the ELR include the following:

- Two credits of internship or research (in one term or across two terms)
- Two winter term study abroad courses
- A semester study abroad program
- One service-learning course and one credit of research
- One leadership experience and one credit of internship
- Many other combinations

III. World Languages Requirement

Learning another language encourages engagement with other cultures and enhances one's ability to participate meaningfully in local, national, and international settings. Advanced proficiency in a second language also deepens one's understanding of multiple worldviews and historical perspectives.

To fulfill this requirement, students must meet one of the following:

1. complete a language course numbered 122 or higher at Elon, or receive transfer or study abroad credit for the same;
2. place into a language course numbered 200 or above upon arriving at Elon, using a department of world languages and cultures approved placement instrument;
3. score 4 or 5 on an AP language exam or similar exam.

In order to ensure consistent treatment of all students, each student must take the language placement test by October 1 of their first full year at Elon. Students are allowed two tries (both

before October 1); the higher score is counted. That score stands and may not be replaced by later testing.

Courses taken to meet the world language proficiency requirement may not be taken pass/fail

IV. Studies in the Arts and Sciences

Studies in the Arts and Sciences courses allow students to explore different approaches for understanding the world. Students learn to think through the lenses of different disciplines and use diverse bodies of knowledge in pursuit of a thoughtful, meaningful life.

V. Advanced Studies

Advanced Studies courses provide the opportunity to pursue depth in the arts and sciences outside the major. Many students use these courses to complete an interdisciplinary minor, a minor or double major in the arts and sciences, or a semester study abroad experience.

To fulfill this requirement, students must complete eight hours of 300-400 level courses outside the major field, chosen from departments and areas listed under the Studies in the Arts and Sciences. COR courses do not count in Advanced Studies.

VI. Interdisciplinary Capstone Seminar

These seminars are the capstone of the Elon Core Curriculum. They are opportunities for students to integrate and apply what they have learned during the Elon experience. More than 40 different seminar topics are offered each academic year, allowing students a wide range of choices. Every capstone seminar is interdisciplinary and writing-intensive, and includes a capstone project.

To satisfy this requirement, students must take an Elon COR course outside the major field at the 300- or 400-level during their third or fourth year of study.

Elon 101

Elon 101 is a specially designed academic advising course/program that introduces first-semester students to life at Elon University. Among the topics discussed are academic expectations, the honor code, advising resources, and campus involvement. An extended orientation to Elon, the course is co-taught by the students' academic advisors and student teaching assistants. This elective class is limited in size to 16 students. The course meets weekly and offers one semester hour of general credit upon successful completion. Grades given in this course are "Pass" or "Fail".

Phi Beta Kappa

Elon University houses a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest academic honor society. Phi Beta Kappa honors the top graduating seniors who have distinguished themselves in the study of the liberal arts and sciences. To be eligible for invitation, a student must demonstrate breadth in the liberal arts and sciences, including competence in mathematics and credit for placement beyond the intermediate level of a foreign language. At least three fourths of the degree program (99 semester hours) must be in liberal work, i.e., not applied or professional work. Further stipulations for eligibility are available at the Eta Chapter of North Carolina website, elon.edu/pbk.

Degrees and Major Fields of Concentration

Elon offers courses leading to the undergraduate degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

The Bachelor of Arts degree is awarded in the following fields: Anthropology, Art, Art History, Arts Administration, Biology, Chemistry, Cinema and Television Arts, Communication Design, Computer Science, Economics, Education (Early Childhood Education, Elementary, Middle, Special Education/General Curriculum), English (Creative Writing, Literature and Professional Writing and Rhetoric, teacher licensure 9-12), Environmental Studies (Sustainability, Global Environmental Issues, Environmental Arts and Communications), French, History (teacher licensure 9-12), Human Service Studies, Independent Major, Information Science, International Economics, International Studies, Journalism, Mathematics (Applied Mathematics, Pure Mathematics, teacher licensure 9-12), Media Analytics, Music, Music Performance, Philosophy, Physics, Policy Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Public Health Studies, Religious Studies, Science Education (9-12), Sociology, Spanish (teacher licensure K-12), Statistics (Environmental Statistics, Statistical Methods in Social Science, Biostatistics), Strategic Communications, Theatre Studies and Theatrical Design and Production.

The Bachelor of Fine Arts degree is awarded in Art, Cinema and Television Arts, Dance Performance and Choreography, Music Theatre and Theatre Arts (acting emphasis).

The Bachelor of Science degree is awarded in the following fields: Accounting, Applied Mathematics, Biochemistry, Biology, Biophysics/Biomedical Engineering, Chemistry, Chemistry/Chemical Engineering, Computer Science, Computer Science/Engineering, Dance Science, Engineering Mathematics, Engineering Physics, Environmental and Ecological Science, Environmental Studies, Environmental Studies/Environmental Engineering, Exercise Science, Information Science, Mathematics (teacher licensure 9-12), Music Education K-12, Music Production and Recording Arts, Physical Education and Health (teacher licensure K-12), Physics, Sport and Event Management, and Statistics (Mathematical Statistics, Actuarial Science, Biostatistics).

The Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree is awarded in the following fields: Entrepreneurship, Finance, International Business, Management, and Marketing.

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Preprofessional Programs

Elon University offers programs that prepare students for professional studies in such fields as dentistry, engineering, law, medicine and physical therapy. Students entering any preprofessional program should plan carefully, using the catalog of the professional school they wish to enter as a specific guide to choosing courses at Elon University. In addition to the preparation students receive through the regular academic curriculum, Elon offers pre-professional advising programs for health profession fields and law school that emphasize careful academic advising, special programs and workshops, and assistance in the graduate application process. Faculty advisors are available to assist students in this planning. If you are interested in Health Professions visit: www.elon.edu/healthprofessions for more information or contact Dr. Caroline Ketcham (cketcham@elon.edu). If you are interested in law school visit: www.elon.edu/prelaw for more information or contact Dr. Dion Farganis (dfarganis@elon.edu).

Minor Fields of Concentration

Candidates for the bachelor's degree may elect a minor concentration consisting of 20-24 semester hours.

The following minor fields are available: Accounting, African and African-American Studies, American Studies, Anthropology, Applied Mathematics, Art, Art History, Asian Studies, Astronomy, Biology, Business Administration, Chemistry, Classical Studies, Coaching, Communications, Computer Science, Criminal Justice Studies, Dance, Digital Art, Early Childhood, Economics, Literature, Creative Writing, Entrepreneurship, Environmental and Sustainability Studies, Exercise Science, Finance, French, Geography, German Studies, History, Human Ser-

vice Studies, Information Science, International Studies, Italian Studies, Jazz Studies, Jewish Studies, Latin American Studies, Leadership Studies, Mathematics, Middle East Studies, Multimedia Authoring, Music, Neuroscience, Peace and Conflict Studies, Philosophy, Physical Education and Health, Physics, Political Science, Poverty and Social Justice, Professional Sales, Professional Writing Studies, Policy Studies, Psychology, Public Health Studies, Religious Studies, Sociology, Spanish, Sport and Event Management, Statistics, Theatre Arts, Wellness and Health Education, and Women's/Gender Studies.

Experiential Education Programs

Leadership Development

Special courses, service projects, organizational leadership and internships help students develop the characteristics that identify a leader in any field: strong character, good communication skills, self-confidence, the ability to make decisions and motivate others, solve problems and take risks. Leadership development programs are described more fully in the Student Life section of Elon's website and the university offers a minor in Leadership Studies.

Service Learning

Academic Service-Learning gives students the opportunity to link knowledge and skills learned in the classroom with the world around them. Through Academic Service-Learning courses, students develop a deeper understanding of disciplinary knowledge as they engage in academic coursework and relevant community projects guided by the expertise of faculty members and community practitioners. Students engage in structured reflection and complete academic assignments that enhance their understanding of the connections between course content and service. Academic Service-Learning has numerous demonstrated benefits for students including increased mastery of course content, improved critical thinking and problem-solving skills, increased understanding of social responsibility, and enhanced self-awareness and personal growth. Some Academic Service-Learning courses fulfill the Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR).

The Kernodle Center for Service-Learning and Community Engagement and Elon Volunteers! (the umbrella organization that coordinates and facilitates service experiences for students) combine volunteer service with education about social issues. Students may partly complete the ELR through one of the Kernodle Center's volunteer service programs when they are linked with appropriate reflection and academic assessment.

Internship and Co-op Opportunities

Through internships and co-op opportunities, Elon helps students apply classroom knowledge, understand the value of productive work and develop the knowledge and skills to compete and progress in meaningful employment. More than 89 percent of 2013 Elon graduates reported participation in internships and co-ops on the graduation survey. (Additional information on page 44.)

Study Abroad

The Isabella Cannon Global Education Center (ICGEC) provides Elon students with opportunities to study, conduct research, engage in service learning or intern abroad during Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer terms. Details of the programs can be found at elon.edu/studyabroad. Elon study abroad programs may not be taken pass/fail and may not be audited.

Elon operates its own overseas semester programs in San José, Costa Rica; London, England; and Florence, Italy. An Elon faculty member serves as Faculty-in-Residence for these programs and teaches one course. Local faculty teach additional courses.

During Winter Term, Elon offers over 35 faculty-led programs. These begin with a 1-credit required course in the Fall semester, followed by the 4-credit program abroad in January.

Students who study abroad on the 100+ affiliate or exchange semester programs will receive Elon credit, pay through Elon, maintain the same financial aid and scholarships available to them on campus, satisfy two units of their Experiential Learning Requirement, and generally have the support of the Elon campus. The ICGEC has vetted and approved these programs based on safety, level of support, academic rigor and overall fit with the Elon University curriculum and philosophy.

Students may petition to study in a program that is not affiliated with Elon. Students on non-Elon programs are not enrolled at Elon, pay directly to the institution abroad, do not receive institutional scholarship money. The associate registrar reviews the credits for transfer if they were from any other university.

Any student applying to participate in a Study Abroad program must be enrolled full-time at Elon for the semester which precedes the off-campus term. This policy applies to all programs, including Elon-administered programs, affiliated programs, exchange programs and non-Elon programs.

For further information, students should visit the Isabella Cannon Global Education Center or visit elon.edu/studyabroad.

Study Abroad

STA 300 (16 semester hours) This course is the registration placeholder for students attending an Elon – affiliate semester study abroad program.

STA 301 (4–12 semester hours) This course is the registration placeholder for students attending an Elon – affiliate summer study abroad program.

STA 302 and 303 (12–16 semester hours) These courses are the registration placeholders for the Elon Centre programs in London and Costa Rica respectively.

Non-Elon Study Abroad Program Policies

The Isabella Cannon Global Education Center (GEC) requires students to attend Elon-vetted study abroad programs unless there is a compelling academic reason to attend a program not reviewed and approved by Elon. Elon University offers more than 60 semester programs, 30 Winter Term programs and 30 summer programs. The Global Education Center has assessed the academic components as well as student life and student support services on each of these programs. The GEC works closely with the faculty and staff on each of these programs.

Definition of non-Elon Study Abroad Program

A non-Elon program is one that is not affiliated with Elon University through an agreement. Elon will approve study abroad at such a non-Elon program if there is a compelling academic reason. If offered through a U.S. college or university, the institution must be regionally accredited. If offered through an institution in another country, the institution must be recognized by the ministry of education in that country to award bachelor level degrees.

Petition Submission Deadlines

- Fall, Year, and Summer Programs: April 30
- Spring, and Winter Term Programs: December 1

Once a petition has been approved, students will be directed to complete the Transfer Request process.

Enrollment Status

A student is not considered an Elon student while participating in a non-Elon program. However, if a student's petition is approved prior to the non-Elon study abroad experience, the student will not need to re-apply to Elon upon return. A student's @elon.edu email address will remain active during the term abroad on a non-Elon program. Students who are approved to participate in a non-Elon program should NOT withdraw from Elon; the GEC will notify relevant offices of students' participation in the non-Elon programs.

Transfer Credit Non-Elon Study Abroad

Students who follow the proper procedure and complete the course approval process before enrolling in a non-Elon study abroad program may receive transfer credit. Transfer credit is not guaranteed, and is given on a course-by-course basis to be decided by the Registrar's Office in consultation with academic department chairs as appropriate. Courses with a grade of "C-" or better are transferred and the hours earned transfer as well as the course itself. Grades do not transfer; therefore, GPA is not affected. Semester-hour credit will transfer the same (e.g., 3 hrs. for 3 hrs.). Students should keep everything related to coursework abroad: syllabi, course descriptions, class notes, papers, exams, etc.

Study USA

Study USA, housed within the Isabella Cannon Global Education Center, coordinates short term, summer, and semester credit-bearing programs at locations across the United States. Our signature course and internship programs are located in Alaska (summer), D.C. (summer & semester), Los Angeles (summer and spring) and New York City (summer and fall). Students enrolled in these off-site programs remain enrolled at Elon, receive Elon credit, pay Elon directly, maintain financial aid and scholarships, and satisfy one or two units of the Experiential Learning Requirement. Study USA also offers faculty-led Winter Term programs in locations such as Arizona, Hawaii, Utah, rural Appalachia, DC, and New York City. Details for individual programs may be found at www.elon.edu/study-usa.

Study USA courses may not be taken pass/fail or audited. Students on Disciplinary Probation or Preliminary Suspension may not be eligible for some programs.

Non-Elon Study USA Program Policies

The Isabella Cannon Global Education Center (GEC) requires students to attend Elon-vetted Study USA programs unless there is a compelling academic/programmatic reason to attend a program not reviewed and approved by Elon. Elon University offers numerous domestic Winter Term programs and several domestic summer programs in places like New York City, Los Angeles and Washington, DC. The Global Education Center has assessed the academic components as well as student life and student support services on each of these programs. The GEC works closely with the faculty and staff on each of these programs. We encourage students to consider these programs before making the decision to participate in a non-Elon program.

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Petition Submission Deadlines

- Fall, Year, and Summer Programs: April 30
- Spring, and Winter Term Programs: December 1

Students should submit petitions by clicking –Apply Now at the top of the study abroad page. Once they have received Elon's approval, they will be e-mailed and told the next steps at Elon before applying to the non-Elon program. Students are encouraged to complete the petition at least one month in advance of the non-Elon program's deadline. Many non-Elon programs require completion of paperwork by the GEC. Such forms cannot be completed until students have been approved, paid the administrative fee to Elon, and gone through the subsequent course request process.

Cost

Elon will charge a non-refundable \$1,000 administrative fee for all non-Elon semester and year Study USA programs once the petition has been approved. Program costs are paid directly to the non-Elon program and are set by the program provider.

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Transfer Credit

Students who follow the proper procedure and complete the course approval process before enrolling in a non-Elon Study USA program may receive transfer credit. Transfer credit is not guaranteed, and is given on a course-by-course basis to be decided by the Registrar's Office. Courses with a grade of "C-" or better are transferred and the hours earned transfer as well as the course itself. Grades do not transfer; therefore, GPA is not affected. Semester-hour credit will transfer the same (e.g., 3 hrs. for 3 hrs.). Students should keep everything related to coursework abroad: syllabi, course descriptions, class notes, papers, exams, etc.

Undergraduate Research

Undergraduate research is an integral component of the Elon experience. Mentored by a faculty member, student researchers engage in the exploration of new ideas and seek to further the knowledge in their chosen disciplines. As researchers, they enhance their disciplinary skills, gain confidence as emerging scholars and often develop contacts within the disciplinary network. Many undergraduate research projects lead to dissemination in the form of public presentations ranging from Elon's Spring Undergraduate Research Forum (SURF) to regional, national and international conferences. It also is possible for students, as a result of their research, to be co-authors on peer-reviewed scholarly publications. Whether a student intends to transition immediately into the workforce after graduation or plans to pursue post-graduate studies, participating in undergraduate research will enhance his/her chances for ultimate success.

Independent Study

Students may undertake independent study to explore special subject matter that is not available through catalogued courses. To receive credit for independent study, a student will work with a faculty member with the requisite expertise. A course may not be repeated by Independent Study.

Military**ROTC**

The Reserve Officers' Training Corps program offers a military science curriculum leading to commission in the U.S. Army upon graduation. This course offers built-in financial assistance and special scholarship programs. In cooperation with North Carolina A&T State University, an option for Air Force ROTC is available.

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.

The student is responsible for having an official transcript sent to Elon University. Credit will be posted only upon receipt of the official transcript.

Services to Support Academics

Elon University seeks to meet the individual academic needs of all students. In order to accomplish this, the university places emphasis on a variety of academic support services.

Academic Support and Advising Center

Students are assigned academic advisors before they enter Elon University. An important part of the Academic Advising Center's service is Elon 101, a freshman advising course. Students without clear career goals may be counseled in selecting a major. The center processes advisor assignments for the major departments. Transfer students are assigned an academic advisor in the department of their majors at the time they enter.

Student Professional Development Center/Office of Career Services

The Student Professional Development Center offers services and programs to support students and alumni in the lifelong process of defining career goals, learning the skills to attain them and developing employment opportunities. Internships, co-ops and individualized learning are coordinated through the Student Professional Development Center, where students can find assistance in identifying opportunities related to their major and career interests.

Career assistance is provided through assessment and advising to identify abilities, interests and values related to career choices, developing a career plan and finding available job or graduate school options. Center staff also offers individual appointments, workshops and programs that help students develop the skills required for a successful search. Designing effective resumes and job search letters, learning the art of networking, conducting a comprehensive job search and preparing for interviews are examples of skill sets that students can develop at the Student Professional Development Center.

Disability Services

Although Elon has no formal program for students with disabilities, the university does attempt to make reasonable classroom accommodations for students who provide formal documentation from a licensed/certified doctor for health concerns, and a licensed/certified psychologist or learning specialist for learning disabilities. The documentation should be dated within four years of the student's enrollment at Elon, should explain the limitations resulting from the disability and include specific accommodations needed. Students who wish to discuss their disabilities and appropriate accommodation should contact Susan E. Wise, Coordinator of Disability Services, in the Academic Support and Advising Center in Duke 108. The Elon University disabilities policies and procedures may be seen online at elon.edu/disabilities. Jana Lynn Patterson, located in Ellington Health and Counseling Center, is the Section 504 Coordinator.

Peer Tutoring

Peer tutoring targeting most subject areas is offered to all students through Tutorial Services. Walk-in tutoring is held in Belk Library, Sunday through Thursday evenings. By-appointment tutoring is also available. The walk-in tutor schedule and the by-appointment tutor list are located at elon.edu/tutoring. No additional fee is required. The tutoring website also offers links to Internet sites containing useful study guides and study skills building information as well as study skills inventories.

Internships or Co-ops

Elon University strongly supports programs that allow students to relate their classroom learning to work experience. Active cooperative education and internship programs provide opportunities throughout the academic year and during summers for students to explore careers, integrate theory with practice and examine future job possibilities. In each learning experience, the student's academic or career-related work assignment is supervised and evaluated by Elon faculty. Internships are directly related to majors or minors, may be full or part time and paid or unpaid. Most departments offer internship credits. Co-ops usually offer pay, are full or part time, may be repeated and count toward elective credit.

Eligibility Requirements: Students must be a junior or senior (sophomore for co-op), have a 2.0 minimum GPA, have completed departmental prerequisites and have approval from the faculty sponsor/Experiential Education Director.

The Elon Experiences Transcript

Elon University maintains a co-curricular transcript for all students called the Elon Experiences Transcript. The Elon Experiences Transcript allows students to present a record of their participation in the five Elon Experiences; study abroad, service, leadership, internships/co-ops, and undergraduate research. The university validates a student's participation in these experiences. The transcript is available to students and advisors through OnTrack and serves as a catalyst for incorporating out-of-class experiences with academic, career, and personal development goals. The Elon Experiences Transcript can be requested as an official document through the Office of the Registrar.