

# Admissions

## First-year Applications

Elon University applications are available online at [elon.edu/admissions](http://elon.edu/admissions).

## First-year Application Procedures

First-year 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. TOEFL or IELTS scores will be used for students for whom English is not their first language and who have less than four years of English as their primary language of instruction at the secondary level.

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## 2014–2015 First-year Application Deadlines

	Application Deadline	Notification Date	Deposit Deadline
Early Decision (binding)	November 1*	December 1	January 10, non-refundable
Gap Semester Early Decision (binding)	November 1*	December 1	January 10, non-refundable
Early Action (non-binding)	November 10*	December 20	May 1
Regular Application Deadline	January 10*	March 15	May 1
Gap Semester Final Application Deadline	January 10**	March 15	May 1
Deadline for Fellows Application	January 10**		
Deadline for Watson & Odyssey Application	February 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 first-year application and the separate 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.

\*\*\*Students who are applying for Watson and Odyssey must submit a completed first-year application by the Jan. 10 deadline.

## 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 universities 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:

- an early admissions decision
- the opportunity to attend the first Rising Phoenix Spring Orientation Weekend
- priority consideration for housing

## Early Action Plan

*Application Deadline: November 10*

*Notification Date: December 20*

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 colleges and universities as well as Elon.

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## Regular Deadline Plan and Fellows Application Deadline

*Application Deadline: January 10*

*Notification Date: March 15*

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

The separate 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.

## The Elon Gap Semester Program

Elon offers a Gap Semester Program for high school/secondary school graduates who wish to spend their first-semester at Elon in an off campus environment. The program offers international, leadership and service opportunities with a reduced course load. Designed and administered by the university, the program provides students an opportunity for personal growth through a three-week leadership program led by the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS), a four-week service experience and a six-week international study term in Costa Rica. Students return to Elon for January Winter Term and the spring semester for traditional first-year studies. Fifteen students are selected for the program; apply through the first-year application process.

## First-Year 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), standardized test scores and the essay. 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/secondary 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  
(students completing high school in the U.S. must have 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.) Three units of English must be completed for admission consideration.

## First-year Admission Notification

Elon operates on a deadline admissions plan. Applicants will be notified of a decision according to the timetable listed on page 9. Some applicants will be asked to submit new information to strengthen their chances for admission, usually first-semester grades and/or new SAT or ACT scores. Applicants who are asked to submit first-semester grades will be reconsidered with the Regular Decision application pool and notified March 15.

All offers of admission are contingent upon satisfactory completion of 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 anytime up to the date of enrollment.

First-time, first-year students may apply for fall or spring admission. Applicants for the fall semester who are not admitted may be offered spring admission. Additional information is available at [elon.edu/e-web/admissions/springadmit.shtml](http://elon.edu/e-web/admissions/springadmit.shtml).

## 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 been enrolled full time with a minimum of 12 transferable university-level credits in the liberal arts and sciences 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.

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

1. Submit a completed and signed application for Transfer Admission with the non-refundable U.S. \$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 students at each institution attended.
4. Submit an official final high school transcript and SAT or ACT scores. The SAT/ACT requirement may be waived for some advanced students or nontraditional students who did not take the test while in high school. Official GED results or Adult Education transcript should be sent, if applicable.
5. Have official Advanced Placement scores sent from College Board, if applicable.
6. Have official International Baccalaureate scores sent, if applicable.

## Transfer Admission Deadlines

The priority deadline for transfer applications for the fall semester is June 1; for Winter Term and 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 and is not guaranteed.)

## Transfer Credit

### Newly Admitted Undergraduate Students

Students earn credit for college-level courses taken through college parallel programs at regionally accredited junior or community colleges and for courses taken at regionally accredited four-year colleges and universities. Remedial courses or coursework in occupational/technical curricula normally do not transfer.

Transcripts are evaluated by the University Registrar in consultation with academic department chairs as appropriate prior to enrollment at Elon. Credit is awarded on a course-by-course basis after the student has been accepted for admission. Elon accepts for transfer undergraduate courses which represent collegiate coursework relevant to the degree, with course content equivalent to that offered in Elon's undergraduate program. Credit is awarded only in areas offered within Elon's current curriculum and appropriately related to each student's educational program. The amount of credit awarded is documented on the student's permanent record. Elon University informs all transfer students before their enrollment about the amount of credit awarded.

The first-year student course, COR 110 Global Studies, is waived for students transferring 18 hours or more. This applies to transfer students only, not first-year students entering college for the first time. Advanced Placement credits will not count toward the 18 semester hours.

Students transferring courses worth fewer than four credit hours must still meet the total semester hour requirements in the affected program area. To earn a bachelor's degree from Elon University students must earn a minimum of 132 total semester hours.

A grade of "C-" or higher must be posted on the official transcript for each course in order for the credits in that course to transfer. Courses posted in an un-graded format, including but not limited to pass/fail, audit, or credit/no-credit, will not transfer. Grades do not transfer, only the credit hours will be posted to the Elon University transcript with no change to the Elon grade point average.

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

Students must earn a minimum of 60 semester hours at Elon.

Unusual situations are referred to the appropriate department chairs for clarification.

## Transfer Enrollment Deposits

Transfer enrollment deposits are U.S. \$500 for residential students and U.S. \$300 for commuter students. Fall deposits are due May 1 and are fully refundable until this date by notifying the Office of Admissions in writing. Campus housing assignments are made based on date of deposit. For Spring admission, deposits are due December 1 and are non-refundable. Transfer students accepted after May 1 are required to pay the deposit within one week to reserve a space in the class.

## 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 [elon.edu/admissions](http://elon.edu/admissions). Degree seeking international students must submit the first-year application with a nonrefundable U.S. \$50 application fee, original secondary school transcripts and certified translations, official test scores, essay and a completed Counselor Evaluation Form. (International students transferring from another university should review the requirements listed under “Transfer Admissions”). While not required for an admissions decision, a completed Certificate of Financial Responsibility, copy of passport and bank statement is recommended at the time of application. This will expedite issuing the appropriate immigration documents for enrolling international students.

The SAT or ACT is required for native English speakers or for students whose secondary school curriculum is taught in English. For non-native English speakers who have not been instructed in English, the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) may be taken in lieu of the SAT or ACT. Presidential scholarships are available for students with outstanding academic records and test scores.

International students may apply online at Elon University’s website, [elon.edu/admissions](http://elon.edu/admissions). 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 001-336-278-3566 or by emailing [admissions@elon.edu](mailto:admissions@elon.edu). The fax number is 001-336-278-7699.

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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 [elon.edu/e-web/admissions/FinancialAid/tep.xhtml](http://elon.edu/e-web/admissions/FinancialAid/tep.xhtml).

## Enrollment Deposit for All Resident Students

To ensure enrollment and reserve a room for fall semester, an enrollment deposit of U.S. \$500 is recommended within one month of acceptance but no later than May 1 for fall semester enrollment. (Exception: The nonrefundable U.S. \$500 deposit for Early Decision and Early Decision Gap is due no later than January 10.) The Regular Decision Gap deposit is U.S. \$500 and is due May 1. 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 stu-

dents assigned first. For the spring semester, an enrollment deposit of U.S. \$500 is recommended within one month of acceptance but no later than January 1.

## Enrollment Deposit 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, U.S. \$200 is refundable until June 15. Early Decision, Early Decision Gap semester 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 Commuter Students

To ensure enrollment for the fall semester, an enrollment deposit of U.S. \$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 U.S. \$300 enrollment deposit is due no later than January 1 and is not refundable.

## Deferred Admission

Accepted students interested in deferring admission must submit a written request to the dean of admissions. The request should provide a detailed account of how the student will spend the period of deferral. Students whose requests are approved may not take coursework for credit during the period of deferral and must pay a non-refundable U.S. \$500 enrollment deposit before the deferral is granted. Early Decision applicants are not eligible for deferred admission.

## 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 assignment is based on the date the enrollment deposit is received by Elon.

In order to reside in university housing, a student must be 18 years of age within his or her first semester of enrollment. A student who will be 17 years of age at the time of matriculation, and will not reach 18 years of age within the first semester of enrollment, will be required to interview with university officials to determine housing eligibility.

Any student younger than 17 years of age will not be permitted to live on campus, and if admitted to the university, 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.

## Special Students

The university admits a limited number of special students who are not working toward degrees at Elon University. Prospective special students may request an application from the admissions office at [admissions@elon.edu](mailto:admissions@elon.edu) or (800) 334-8448.

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/secondary school graduates taking classes of special interest. Special students are required to submit a copy of their high school/secondary school transcript and SAT/ACT scores.

- Visiting students from other universities (an official transcript and a dean's evaluation form from the current university or college required with the application).
- College/university graduates interested in further study at Elon. Such applicants are admitted if they fulfill requirements for admission to the desired courses. (Official college/university transcript and a Dean's Evaluation form is required with application.)
- College/university graduates working toward teacher licensure or relicensure (official college/university transcript required with application).
- Persons wishing to audit courses without doing the assigned preparation or receiving credit. (Official college/university transcript required with application.)

Unique special student programs:

- High school students taking classes on the Elon campus during their senior year. Credit for this work is generally transferable to other institutions (Collegiate Start @ Elon application required and available through the School of Education 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, North Carolina A&T State University and The University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Special students may register for no more than eight hours per semester without approval of the Associate 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.

## Readmission

Elon students who have withdrawn from the university and wish to return to complete their degree should apply for readmission. A special application is available from the Office of Admissions or [elon.edu/readmission](http://elon.edu/readmission). The readmission process requires approval from the Offices of Student Life, Academic Support, Judicial Affairs and the Bursar. The process may take up to six weeks so students should apply well in advance of their desired start term. Applications for fall admission must be received by May 1 and January 1 for spring admission.

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## 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 five 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.

### **Academic Credit for International Curricula**

Students enrolled in the Swiss Maturite, German Arbitur, the French Baccalaureate or those taking British A levels may also receive university credit for exam results. Please have all results 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 university 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 social sciences and science only. Scores should be sent to the Office of Admissions.