

Facts About Elon

Overview

Elon University is a selective, independent, private university on a campus of 600 acres in the town of Elon, North Carolina. Elon is renowned as a national model for engaged learning, along with excellence in the liberal arts and sciences and professional programs. For additional information about Elon, go to 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: elon.edu/e-web/visit

History

Founded as Elon College in 1889 by the Christian Church

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

Became Elon University on June 1, 2001

Elon history: elon.edu/catalogresources

Students

Fall 2011 enrollment totaled 5,916 students, including 691 graduate students

68 percent of undergraduate students are from out of state

Students are from 48 states and 57 other countries

Faculty

364 full-time faculty in 2011–12

88 percent of faculty have terminal degree

Student-to-faculty ratio is 13:1

Programs

132 credit hours required for graduation

Most courses are 4 credit hours

More than 50 majors available

Average class size is 21 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 One in June, Session Two in July

Accreditation

Elon University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award bachelor's and master's degrees, the doctor of physical therapy degree and juris doctor degree. Contact the Commission on colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4501 for questions about the accreditation of Elon University, to file a third-party comment at the time of Elon University's decennial review, or to file a complaint against Elon University for alleged non-compliance with a standard or requirement. For normal inquiries about Elon University such as admissions requirements, financial aid and educational programs, etc. contact Elon University at 336-278-2000.

Elon University School of Law is accredited by The American Bar Association (ABA).

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.

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, 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone number: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: 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 B.S. degree with a major in chemistry will be ACS certified upon graduation.

The university is a member of the following associations:

- American Council on Education
- American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
- Association of American Colleges and Universities
- North Carolina Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators
- North Carolina Independent Colleges & Universities
- National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities
- Council of International Schools
- UCC Council for Higher Education
- International Association for Management Education