Elon College, the College of Arts & Sciences

ACTING (BFA in Theatre Arts with an acting emphasis)* | ANTHROPOLOGY (BA)* | APPLIED MATHEMATICS (BS)* | ART (BFA & BA)*
ART HISTORY (BA)* | ARTS ADMINISTRATION (BA) | BIOCHEMISTRY (BS) | BIOLOGY (BA & BS)* | CHEMISTRY (BA & BS)*
COMPUTER SCIENCE (BA & BS)* | DANCE PERFORMANCE AND CHOREOGRAPHY (BFA) | DANCE SCIENCE (BS) | ENGINEERING ENGLISH (BA)* | ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECOCLOGICAL SCIENCE (BS) | ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES (BA & BS) | EXERCISE SCIENCE (BS)*
FRENCH (BA)* | HISTORY (BA)* | HUMAN SERVICE STUDIES (BA)* | INDEPENDENT MAJOR | INFORMATION SCIENCE (BS)*
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (BA)* | MATHEMATICS (BA & BS)* | MUSIC (BA)* | MUSIC EDUCATION (BS) | MUSIC PERFORMANCE (BA)
MUSIC TECHNOLOGY (BS)* | MUSIC THEATRE (BFA) | PHILOSOPHY (BA)* | PHYSICS (BA & BS)* | POLITICAL SCIENCE (BA)*
PSYCHOLOGY (BA)* | PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (BA)* | PUBLIC HEALTH STUDIES (BA)* | RELIGIOUS STUDIES (BA)*
SCIENCE EDUCATION (BA) | SOCIOLOGY (BA)* | SPANISH (BA)* | STATISTICS (BA & BS)* | THEATRE STUDIES (BA)*
THEATRICAL DESIGN AND PRODUCTION (BA)

* also offers a minor

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Elon College will open your mind to new ideas and ways of thinking. Students and faculty are united by a shared love of learning and an insatiable desire to understand and improve their world. Diverse areas of study allow students to embark on interdisciplinary projects and learn from faculty across a variety of fields.

So what is Elon College really about? It’s simple. Engaged Learning. Global Interest. High Academic Standards. Interdisciplinary Integration. Academic Discovery. Innovative Facilities. Those guiding principles reverberate in all that you’ll do at Elon and will be an asset to your future career.

Engaged Learning

The university’s signature program, The Elon Experiences, connects education to the real world through hands-on learning.

- Study Abroad - Elon offers 100+ study abroad programs.
- Research - Spend a semester, summer or year conducting original research with a faculty mentor.
- Academic Service Learning - Elon connects students with service opportunities locally, regionally and around the world.
- Internships - Elon students intern at companies and nonprofits all over the world and many say that experience opened the door to their first job. Seventy-nine percent of seniors participated in at least one internship.
- Leadership - Elon’s Center for Leadership helps students learn more about their leadership interests and empowers them to be advocates in their communities.

Students involved with the Elon Poll conduct regional and statewide surveys on important economic and political issues in North Carolina and beyond.

Dr. Beth and Bud Warner, human service studies, work with students to improve quality of life in a local lower-income neighborhood. The Warners were awarded the N.C. Governor’s Award for Volunteer Service.

Britten Pund ’06, named an “AIDS Hero” by national nonprofit, Housing Works, for her work helping states reduce their waiting lists for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program.

Dr. Prudence Layne, English, coordinates African and African-American Studies at Elon and leads a Winter Term service-learning trip to South Africa that examines the role of art in civil rights.
Four years ago Dr. Beth Warner’s Working with Groups and Communities service-learning class conducted a neighborhood survey that revealed unmet needs. Since then, Elon faculty and students have helped create an advisory board and secured a state grant for improvements such as street lighting, walking trails, outdoor exercise equipment and a dance studio.

**John Tumbleston ’06**, a postdoctoral researcher at North Carolina State University, is focused on a green energy project to create materials and devices that can absorb sunlight to convert into electricity. He’s committed to academic work that will make a tangible difference in the lives of future generations.

**Global Interest**

The **International Studies major** provides a broad knowledge of international affairs and empowers students to become experts on one of the world’s regions. Study abroad and foreign language are key, and students have considerable freedom to design their studies. Students often double major in fields such as political science, history and foreign languages.

Elon College offers programs in **eight languages** and emphasizes comprehension within cultural context. Foreign language living-learning communities and language clubs are great ways to immerse yourself in your chosen field. Merveilleux!

**Arabic Studies and Middle East Studies** promote a deeper understanding of regional issues and perspectives. Supported by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education’s Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program, the programs include enhanced foreign language offerings and study abroad opportunities in the region.
Interdisciplinary Integration

**Collaboration is key in the arts and sciences.**
What do we mean? Here’s an example: the Environmental Studies program offers students a core of classes focused on ecological understanding. The program’s strength is considering the environment from many perspectives, such as discussing water resources in science, social science and humanities classes. Students use that knowledge to further careers in any number of fields.

The Department of Foreign Languages and Elon’s Martha and Spencer Love School of Business collaborated to create the **Business German program**, which connects the study of German language and culture with post-graduation career opportunities. The program features an online component as well as biweekly labs to provide face-to-face support. Learn more: [www.elon.edu/businessgerman](http://www.elon.edu/businessgerman).

**Prelaw and Pre-Health Professions advising programs** help you get into graduate programs in fields such as law, medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine. Both programs offer opportunities to meet professionals in the field.

**Study abroad meets field research.** Dr. Rissa Trachman, sociology and anthropology, developed an anthropological field school in the Eastern Petén Forest of Northwestern Belize, where she takes Elon students for summer research.

“It’s a little different from most study abroad programs because it is an actual field school. Rather than going to different places and seeing different archaeological sites and learning about them, students come to Belize with me to conduct hands-on research.”

**Letitia Lee ’99,** has shown her work in galleries and museums across the country and served as a muralist in an episode of the ABC hit show “Extreme Makeover Home Edition.”

More than half the music faculty have had a book or composition published, or released a major recording in just the past three years.

**Business German**
**Art and Art History**
**Psychology**
**Neuroscience**
**Music**
**Music Technology**
**Dance**
**Acting**
**Music Theatre**
**Arts Administration**
**Performing Arts**

**UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND CREATIVITY**

**INTERDISCIPLINARY INTEGRATION**

42 Majors | 19 Departments | 18 Interdisciplinary Minors
Dr. Geoffrey Claussen, coordinates the Jewish Studies program, which exposes students to religious, cultural, philosophical and linguistic traditions. The program covers topics related to religious studies, foreign languages, philosophy, history and geography, sociology and anthropology and English.

Periclean scholar Gloria So created her own major, human rights and social justice activism. Gloria and her mentor, Dr. Ken Hassell, art, pose in front of one of her photos taken during an internship in Lithuania. She found the internship through the Isabella Cannon Center for Leadership and plans to use imagery in her major.

High Academic Standards

Elon College students are academically talented and intellectually curious. They pursue a broad range of scholarly interests and find success in professions and graduate schools across the country and around the world.

For an additional challenge, consider the Elon College Fellows Program. Fifty Fellows are selected each year based on their high school academic performance, interviews and essay. All Fellows receive a $1,000 Elon Experiences grant, research support and a $4,500 scholarship. Learn more and apply: www.elon.edu/fellows.

Dr. Maureen Vandermaas-Peeler, psychology, serves as a mentor to students developing research interests. She includes students in her research and collaborates with alumni on published work.

Each spring, Elon devotes an entire day to SURF (Spring Undergraduate Research Forum), an event during which hundreds of students and faculty present original research.

Elon hosts a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation’s oldest and most prestigious academic honor society. Only about 10 percent of colleges and universities in the U.S. shelter Phi Beta Kappa chapters.

Elon College alumni achieve and succeed across the professional spectrum. Graduates work with organizations such as the Smithsonian Institute, SAS Institute, Inc., the Peace Corps, the Oakland Museum of California, Credit Suisse, Teach for America and the U.S. Census Bureau. Alumni also pursue graduate degrees at institutions including the University of Chicago, Harvard University, Yale University, Columbia University, Duke University and American University.

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Academic Discovery

The Elon College faculty believe scholarship and teaching are inseparable because scholarship is the foundation of teaching. They share their knowledge in publications, presentations at national and international conferences and in their daily interactions with students.

Like all Elon College faculty, Dr. Ben Evans, physics, is a teacher and a mentor. He co-authored a manuscript with three Elon students, worked with students as they presented at the annual meeting of the Biophysical Society and mentored a student who received an Honorable Mention from the Goldwater Foundation.

Elon’s campus is designed for academic discovery. Students learn and explore in high-tech spaces such as McMichael Science Center, which is being renovated for three new teaching labs and classrooms for environmental science, engineering and biology. The new space will also feature enhanced undergraduate research areas for physics and biology, and will include a new space for engineering students and an enhanced space for the Center for Environmental Studies.

Niclas Stiernholm ’89 is the CEO of Trillium Therapeutic, a Canadian biopharmaceutical company. After graduating from Elon, he earned a doctoral degree in immunology from the University of Toronto and worked for several corporate and scientific advisory boards, including the Ontario Genomic Institute and the Ontario Bioscience Industry Organization.

Dr. Toddie Peters, religious studies, is a well-published author and has become the go-to person within the field of Christian social ethics when it comes to addressing issues facing the church and
the world. “My philosophy of scholarship incorporates four complementary tasks: writing and publishing, teaching and mentoring, service to the profession and service to society,” Peters says.

Innovative Facilities

Elon’s 30-acre Loy Farm is being transformed into a multidisciplinary eco-hub. The innovative learning environment will serve as a lab, meeting area and storage space to be used by faculty and students pursuing projects related to sustainable food production, environmental studies and green architecture.

Martha S. and Carl H. Lindner Hall is the 35,590-square-foot home of Elon College. It has LEED Gold certification and includes flexible teaching spaces and changing rooms for those who choose to bike to campus. A touchscreen in the lobby displays real-time energy expenditures for all the major uses in the building including the energy generation of the building’s solar systems.

A new math and statistics computer lab in Duke Building allows the Department of Mathematics and Statistics to offer a wide variety of courses that use specialized software.

Powell House provides a new home for art history, a renovated space for the Elon Academy and a new resource room for women’s/gender studies and the LGBTQ student organization.

The Global Neighborhood will be an international-themed residential area that will include the Isabella Cannon Global Education Center and foreign language living-learning communities. Elon’s Lakeside Dining Hall will be next door and will feature food selections from around the world.
National Rankings: Elon was named the #1 school “Focused on Their Undergrads” by U.S. News & World Report in its 2012 “America’s Best Colleges” guide. The guide also ranked Elon #2 among 127 Southern universities. The Princeton Review lists Elon among the nation’s top schools in its 2012 “The Best 376 Colleges” guide. The National Survey of Student Engagement consistently names Elon one of the top master’s-level schools in the country for actively engaging students in their educational experience.

Enrollment: Elon’s 5,225 undergraduates and 691 graduate students come from 48 states, the District of Columbia and 57 other countries. Admission to Elon is selective; two-thirds of incoming first-year students rank in the top 25 percent of their high school classes.

Majors and Degrees: Elon offers more than 60 degrees leading to the bachelor of arts, bachelor of science or bachelor of fine arts degrees. Elon awards master’s degrees in business administration, education, interactive media and physician assistant studies. A doctor of physical therapy degree is also offered. The Elon University School of Law offers the J.D. degree.

Faculty: Eighty-six percent of Elon’s full-time faculty hold the highest degree in their fields. The student-to-faculty ratio is 13:1, and the average class size is 21.

Elon Experiences: The Elon Experiences encourage students to participate in study abroad, service, undergraduate research, internships and leadership. Seventy-two percent of Elon students study abroad at least once before graduating — Elon is #1 in the percentage of students studying abroad among U.S. master’s-level schools. Seventy-nine percent of students complete at least one internship and 79 percent participate in service. Almost half of all Elon students hold at least one leadership position before graduating; more than 1,000 students conduct research projects.

See for Yourself: Visit Elon, tour the campus and sit in on a class or talk with a professor. Visit www.elon.edu/visitelon to make an appointment. Office hours are Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

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