

English

More than a simple degree

What can you do with an English degree? The answer, as generations of English majors at Elon University know, is another question: What can't you do?

As an English major at Elon University, you will learn to write clearly, persuasively and effectively. You will learn to read critically, with an understanding of the patterns, meanings, purposes and techniques of communication. You will be exposed to new ways of analyzing information and expressing precise ideas. You will learn to think critically, analytically and creatively. The skills English majors master are prized by employers and recruiters in a virtually limitless range of careers.

Many Elon English graduates proceed to postgraduate studies in English, creative writing, library science, journalism, education, law and other disciplines. Others move straight into professional careers in writing, editing, technical writing, business management, corporate communications, advertising, public relations, journalism and teaching, just to name a few. Whatever path you choose, Elon's English program will give you the tools to succeed.

A BALANCED CURRICULUM

Elon's English program is designed to provide both the fundamental building blocks of the study of English and a targeted focus on each student's particular talents and interests.

All English majors study the three principle areas of the discipline — literature, language study and writing — through five core

courses above the freshman level. Each student builds his or her own curriculum on top of that foundation, selecting a path in one or more of four concentrations: literature, professional writing and rhetoric, creative writing or English teacher licensure.

“Going to Elon was the best decision I could have made for myself and my goals in writing and publishing. Elon’s small class size and attentive faculty made every minute count. I studied for a semester in London, and while there participated in an internship at a magazine. I was able to graduate from Elon with the tools that made me a more competitive candidate in a very competitive field.”

AMY KUNZ '99

Publicity department of the Knopf division of Random House Books

Elon's course offerings cover a vast range: from Shakespeare and Hemingway to Native American Literature, Literature of Terror and the Supernatural, Laughter and Comedy, Scientific and Technical Communication, American Environmental Writers, Appalachian Literature, the African Experience in Literature, Literature of

Nonviolence, Creative Writing and Modernism.

LEARNING BY DOING

The Elon education is built on the concept of active learning; the university has a national reputation as an institution that prepares students for life beyond college by encouraging them to learn by doing. For English majors, that means a lot of opportunities to “do” English: to write and publish, to teach, to conduct historical, cultural or other research and present your findings at local, regional and national conferences, to work alongside professors on research projects, and to complete internships both at Elon and with organizations and institutions off campus.

FIRST-RATE FACULTY

At Elon, English majors learn from and work alongside a dynamic faculty that blends professional experience, academic training, creativity, dedication and a passion for teaching. Elon's English faculty includes experts on Arthurian studies, medieval literature, Shakespeare, Latin American authors, Native American writing, African-American literature, gender studies, technical writing, creative writing and teacher education.

Highly regarded authors and researchers, our faculty members know how to negotiate the worlds of professional writing, publishing, teaching and editing. More important, they know how to convey that knowledge to you. Several English Department faculty members have

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won Daniels–Danieley Awards for Excellence in Teaching at Elon.

STUDY ABROAD

Elon University is a national leader in study abroad opportunities, and English majors are among the most well-traveled students on campus. Studies in London is a semester-long immersion in the world of London theatre, art, society and religion. Students also have the opportunity to participate in Winter Term programs in Africa, England, Ireland, France, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Denmark, Argentina, Chile, Mexico, Costa Rica, Belize, Japan and Australia.

In addition, you can take advantage of study tours within the United States. Among the offerings are the American Heritage Tour of historic cities, Broadway Bound, an exploration of the world of the New York theatre, and Southern Literature Pilgrimages, visiting the homes and haunts of Southern writers such as William Faulkner and Kate Chopin.

INTERNSHIPS

Many English students gain valuable real-world experience through internships, working on projects with their professors, learning the ropes in magazine editorial offices or applying their skills in the context of a business office.

Recently, English majors have interned at such places as:

- *Greensboro News & Record*
- *The Sales Factory*
- *Questcon Technologies*
- *Monkeyshines Publishing*
- *Fidelity Mutual*
- *United States Chamber of Commerce*
- *Carolina Biological*

Students write, edit and publish Elon's literary magazine, *Colonnades*,

gaining useful experience in all the aspects of the process of getting words into print.

English majors are also given a chance to enhance their own writing ability while helping their fellow students by tutoring at Elon's highly regarded Writing Center.

HONORS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

English majors may be eligible for the Elon College Fellows program in the College of Arts and Sciences. Sixty students will be selected for the program each year. Fellows explore the arts and sciences and participate in a Winter Term trip to Washington, D.C., before focusing on a specific course of study. Fellows enter one of three discipline-based programs: Arts and Humanities, Social Science or Math and Science. All Fellows are eligible for grants of up to \$750 for research or study abroad programs. Thirty Elon College Fellows will receive scholarships valued at \$3,000 annually. A special application is required and can be obtained at www.elon.edu/fellows.

English majors are also eligible for membership in Sigma Tau Delta, the English honor society.

PROMINENT SPEAKERS

Every year, Elon brings a number of guest writers and scholars to campus to conduct workshops, visit classes or deliver readings and talks. Recent visiting writers have included Alan Shapiro, Stephen Dobzyns, Billy Collins, Van Jordan, Rodney Jones, Tom Franklin and Beth Ann Fennelly.

GENERAL STUDIES

Elon provides a dynamic and challenging undergraduate curriculum grounded in the traditional liberal arts and sciences. Known as Gen-

eral Studies, these courses form the core of an Elon education and give you more than knowledge of the sciences, sociology, psychology, literature and the arts. They equip you with a broad set of skills you will use for a lifetime, allow you to open your mind and solve problems, and help you appreciate other people and their ideas while clarifying your own values.

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Many English graduates go on to pursue further study at some of the nation's leading institutions, including:

- *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
- *University of North Carolina at Greensboro*
- *University of Iowa*
- *University of Arizona*
- *Columbia University*
- *University of Mississippi*
- *Florida State University*
- *New York University*

For more information on Elon's English program go to: www.elon.edu/english.

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