

ACADEMIC PLAN OF STUDY: Getting started

So, you think that you're ready to develop an academic plan of study? An academic plan of study provides you and your advisor with a roadmap to help you arrive at your destination – graduation – in a timely manner and with few detours. Before drafting a plan of study, you need to answer the following:

1. What is your intended major(s)?

Have you explored the majors offered at Elon and chosen one that is a good fit with your interests, values and goals? See your academic advisor or someone in the Academic Support Center for assistance.

2. Do you plan to pursue a minor(s)? If so, what?

Some majors require minors but most do not. In either case a minor can assist you with developing a subset of skills and knowledge different from your major. A minor might also be a useful way to pursue leisure activities, personal interests or hobbies.

3. Do you plan to study abroad? Does your major require study abroad? For a semester or a winter term? What programs are you considering? When do you plan to study abroad? What coursework might be available to you while you're abroad?

(See [Isabella Cannon International Centre website](#) or talk with someone in the Isabella Cannon International Centre in Global Commons 360.)

4. Are you a member of a fellows program, Periclean Scholars, ROTC, or another program? If so, what coursework/project work/research/travel is required? When are you expected to complete each of the requirements?

ACADEMIC PLAN OF STUDY: Putting it on paper

Before drafting your plan, familiarize yourself with degree requirements in your major(s) / minor(s) by reviewing checksheets, your degree audit & your academic catalog. To draft your academic plan of study, you need:

- **a pencil** (it's easier to erase and make adjustments if you use a pencil)

- **an academic plan of study form**

(available online at <https://elon.edu/docs/e-web/academics/support/academicplan.pdf> or in the Academic Support Center, Duke 108).

- **your academic catalog**; (course prerequisites are listed within course descriptions in the catalog; you can find your academic catalog by the year you enrolled at Elon at: <http://www.elon.edu/e-web/academics/catalog/>)

Once you have these resources, complete as much of the academic plan of study form as you can. An academic advisor can meet with you to review your plan and answer your questions.

AP/ IB / Transfer credits:

Total credits:

NAME:

MAJOR(S):

MINOR(S):

STUDY ABROAD:

1st YEAR COURSES Fall _____

Term Credits _____ Total Credits _____

Winter _____

Term Credits _____ Total Credits _____

Spring _____

Term Credits _____ Total Credits _____

Summer _____

Term Credits _____ Total Credits _____

2nd YEAR COURSES Fall _____

Term Credits _____ Total Credits _____

Winter _____

Term Credits _____ Total Credits _____

Spring _____

Term Credits _____ Total Credits _____

Summer _____

Term Credits _____ Total Credits _____

3rd YEAR COURSES Fall _____

Term Credits _____ Total Credits _____

Winter _____

Term Credits _____ Total Credits _____

Spring _____

Term Credits _____ Total Credits _____

Summer _____

Term Credits _____ Total Credits _____

4th YEAR COURSES Fall _____

Term Credits _____ Total Credits _____

Winter _____

Term Credits _____ Total Credits _____

Spring _____

Term Credits _____ Total Credits _____

Summer _____

Term Credits _____ Total Credits _____