



ELON

UNIVERSITY

History and Governance

Elon is a premier private university founded in 1889 by the Christian Church, now the United Church of Christ. Elon is governed by a 41-member board of trustees.

Majors, Degrees and Special Programs

- Elon operates on a 4-1-4 academic calendar, which includes a four-week January term.
- Students may choose among 50 major fields of study leading to bachelor of arts, bachelor of fine arts or bachelor of science degrees. A dual-degree engineering program, affiliated with North Carolina State University, Georgia Tech, Virginia Tech, Columbia University, Washington University in St. Louis and North Carolina A&T State University, allows students to earn undergraduate degrees from both Elon and a partnering school.
- During the 2003-04 school year, Elon students put in more than 82,500 hours of community service; 88 percent of Elon's graduating seniors participate in some type of volunteer service.
- Elon has three graduate programs: doctor of physical therapy, master of business administration and master of education.
- Elon offers students co-curricular programs called the Elon Experiences: undergraduate research, internships and co-ops, study abroad, leadership and service learning.
- The most popular academic majors include business, communications and journalism, education, psychology and biology.

- Seventy-five percent of Elon students complete an internship or co-op work experience before they graduate.
- Elon sends more undergraduate students to study abroad than any other master's-level school in the nation. Sixty-three percent of students study abroad at least once during their time at Elon.
- Selective four-year Fellows programs are available. They include the following: Honors Fellows, Isabella Cannon Leadership Fellows, Jefferson Pilot Business Fellows, North Carolina Teaching Fellows (one of only two private schools in N.C. to offer this program), Elon College Fellows (math and science, arts and humanities, and social sciences), and Journalism and Communications Fellows.
- Sixty-five percent of Elon students graduate within four years; 74 percent graduate within six years.

Campus and Facilities

- Elon has a beautiful, well-maintained campus on more than 575 acres in the town of Elon. It is 45 minutes northwest of Durham and Chapel Hill, N.C., and 30 minutes east of Greensboro.
- The expanding Academic Village includes the Isabella Cannon International Studies Pavilion, the William R. Kenan Jr. Honors Pavilion and the Ella Darden and Elmon Lee Gray Pavilion for political science. The Academic Village also includes an outdoor amphitheatre.
- The \$13 million Rhodes Stadium, capacity 8,250, opened in September 2001.

- Irwin Belk Track, an eight-lane, all-weather track and field facility in the North Athletics Complex, opened in August 2002.
- The \$14 million Carol Grotnes Belk Library opened in February 2000. It incorporates the traditional library setting with new electronic media, housing more than 240,000 volumes and 195 computers. The building features wireless computer capabilities, multimedia and audiovisual stations, and a variety of networked classrooms and collaborative spaces.
- The \$18 million Dalton L. McMichael Sr. Science Center, which opened in the fall of 1998, is designed around the themes of discovery-based learning and interdisciplinary collaboration. The facility, which houses the biology, physics and chemistry departments as well as the doctor of physical therapy program, includes 17 teaching labs, 14 student research labs, specialized computer labs and 27 high-tech instrument packages purchased with the help of a Kresge Foundation grant.

Faculty

- Elon has 261 full-time and 74 part-time faculty members.
- Eighty-five percent of the full-time faculty hold the highest degrees in their fields.
- The student-faculty ratio is 15-to-1, with 22 students in the average class.
- Sixty-five percent of faculty members did research during the 2003-04 academic year.

Students

- Fall 2004 enrollment totaled 4,796 students, including 174 graduate students.
- For the fall 2004 academic term, 8,064 freshmen applied, 3,312 were admitted and 1,232 enrolled.
- The average SAT score of fall 2004 freshmen was 1169.
- The average high school GPA of freshmen students was 3.6; 59 percent ranked in the top quartile of their graduating class.
- Elon students come from 47 states, the District of Columbia and 40 other countries. Thirty-one percent of Elon students are from North Carolina, while 12.4 percent come from Maryland. Other top states include Virginia, with nearly 10 percent, and Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Florida and Ohio, approximately five percent each.
- The average age of undergraduate students is 20. Four percent of students are age 25 or older.
- Fifty-nine percent of Elon students live on campus in 68 residence halls and other university-operated housing.
- More than 150 campus organizations and programs are available, including student media, musical ensembles, honor societies, spiritual life organizations, club and intramural sports, and service groups.
- As of spring 2004, 25 percent of male students and 44 percent of female students were members of Elon's 21 inter/national fraternities and sororities.

Computer Resources

- The administrative and services functions are supported by a campuswide Datatel system.

- Ninety-five percent of students bring their own computers to campus.
- All academic buildings and residence halls are fully wired to the campus data network and the Internet.
- Students have access to 620 workstations in 20 computer labs.

Athletics

- Elon competes in 16 intercollegiate men's and women's sports in NCAA Division I (I-AA in football), and is a member of the Southern Conference.
- Elon offers 20 intramural sports and 14 club sports for men and women.

Finances

- Tuition, fees, room and board for the 2004-05 academic year total \$23,565.
- The 2004-05 operating budget is projected to be \$96.7 million.

Rankings

- Elon University is ranked #6 among 131 master's-level southern universities in the 2005 U.S. News & World Report "America's Best Colleges" guide. As the top North Carolina school in the regional rankings, Elon earns outstanding scores for academic reputation, student retention and graduation rates.
- For the fourth year in a row, the National Survey of Student Engagement found that Elon is performing among the nation's top schools on five benchmarks of academic excellence.
- The Princeton Review lists Elon among the nation's top schools in its 2005 *The Best 357 Colleges* guide.

Princeton Review gives Elon top scores for academic quality and interesting and accessible professors and ranks Elon's campus among the most beautiful in the nation.

- The 2005 edition of the *Fiske Guide to Colleges* calls Elon University a "rapidly rising star ... with a welcoming environment and a supportive faculty." The guide also lists Elon among 23 of the nation's "best buy" private colleges and universities.

Accreditation

- Elon University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; telephone number: 404-679-4501) to award bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees.
- Elon's Martha and Spencer Love School of Business is accredited by AACSB International - the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

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