Elon College Fellows

Program Overview
Elon College Fellows is a creative, comprehensive program that provides an enhanced academic experience through special classes and events and collegial mentoring by Elon College faculty in an undergraduate research experience. Fellows will develop a deeper understanding of discipline-based “ways of knowing”, acquire an appreciation for the fundamental significance of all of the arts and sciences and benefit personally and professionally by engaging in disciplinary research with a faculty mentor. The Fellows program will enable you to explore and develop your interests in the arts and sciences, acquire a deeper understanding of your academic major and equip you for exciting career possibilities, graduate studies and lifelong learning. The highlights of your 4 year Elon College Fellows experience are described below.

Freshman Fellows will
- Participate in a special Fellows ELON 101 advising class (1 credit / fall).
- Take a special section of GST 110 (required seminar for all first year Elon students / 4 credits / fall).
- Get acquainted with other Fellows and the Fellows Directors at a fall picnic.
- Be introduced to the arts and sciences in three interactive evening colloquia (0 credits / fall).
- Explore Paths of Inquiry in the Arts and Sciences, a winter term course. This course includes five days in Washington, D.C. (4 credits/ January term).

Sophomore Fellows will
- Be a mentor to first year Fellows.
- Attend a fall social and information event.
- Examine in detail the realm of the natural sciences, or the social sciences or the arts and humanities through a special team-taught seminar (1 credit / fall).
- Take courses in the intended academic major.
- Possibly study abroad in winter term or the spring semester.
- Officially declare the major by the end of the sophomore year.
- Get to know faculty in the chosen department and find a faculty mentor with whom to work on the Fellows Project.
- Participate in a spring “rite of passage” celebration and officially become an Arts and Humanities Fellow, a Math and Science Fellow or a Social Sciences Fellow.

Junior Fellows will
- Take a 2 credit research seminar in the chosen academic area to develop the Fellows Project (2 credits/fall).
- Register for a minimum of 4 hours of 499 (research credit) over the course of the junior and senior years to support the development and implementation of the Fellows Project. At least 1 hour of 499 must be taken concurrently with the 2 credit fall seminar. Work with the faculty mentor to develop and implement the Fellows Project.
- Possibly study abroad in winter term or the spring of the junior year.

Senior Fellows will
- Complete the requirements for the academic major.
- Complete the Fellows Project and have a final professional product appropriate for the discipline.
- Give a professional presentation of the work to an appropriate audience and produce a piece of reflective writing about the Fellows Project.
- Participate in a spring Senior Fellows Celebration event.