Elon College
The College of Arts and Sciences

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Get ready.

*The next four years* of your life will be filled with academic challenge and rewarding discoveries.

*No matter what your major,* your college education begins with the General Studies program. These courses are designed to give you a new perspective on the world as you examine your beliefs, debate the issues and expand your critical thinking skills.

Global Experience, a first-year seminar that examines global citizenship from a variety of perspectives, ushers you into the study of the arts and sciences. Continue your exploration as you choose a major, find a faculty mentor and immerse yourself in your chosen field.

Make a fundamental difference in the world as a human service studies major, embark on scholarly research as a physics major, be the star of your own play as a music theatre major or create your own course of study as an independent major.

Elon College, the College of Arts and Sciences, will provide you with the knowledge and experience to transform your passion into a successful career.
There are 34 challenging majors and a number of interdisciplinary minors housed in Elon College, and nearly half of all students major in a discipline within the arts and sciences. Whatever your major, you’ll learn to write and communicate effectively, think critically, synthesize and analyze information, and open your mind to new cultures and ideas. These are skills prized by employers and foundational competencies for graduate study.

As a student in Elon College, you’ll join generations of scholars who have contributed to the ongoing conversation of ideas, and most likely, you’ll contribute some of your own.

Elon College is organized by subject area, which allows students to pursue more in-depth study. Check out the many majors that may be a possibility for you!

**THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES**
- Acting
- Art
- Art History
- Dance Performance and Choreography
- English
- French
- Music
- Music Education
- Music Performance
- Music Technology
- Music Theatre
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies
- Spanish
- Theatre Studies
- Theatrical Design and Production

**THE SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES**
- Anthropology
- History
- Human Service Studies
- International Studies
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Administration
- Sociology

**THE NATURAL, MATHEMATICAL AND COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCES**
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Environmental Studies
- Mathematics
- Medical Technology
- Physics

Students can also create their own course of study in the arts and sciences with the independent major.

**ADDITIONAL MINORS**
- African/African-American Studies
- American Studies
- Asian Studies
- Classical Studies
- Criminal Justice
- Geographic Information Systems

- Geography
- German Studies
- Italian Studies
- Jazz Studies
- Latin-American Studies
- Leadership Studies
- Multimedia Authoring
- Neuroscience

- Non-Violence Studies
- Professional Writing
- Public Health Studies
- Statistics
- Women’s/Gender Studies
Research Elon College students in any major actively engage in research with faculty mentors. Students present their findings at national conferences or at Elon’s Spring Undergraduate Research Forum, and they say the experience is terrific practice for graduate study. As part of his undergraduate research, physics major Matt Marcum wrote a computer program that calculates whether asteroids passing the Earth will impact the planet. Marcum plans to build on his undergraduate research and pursue a doctorate in physics.

Internships Elon College students apply classroom learning to the field of their choice through internships with corporations, organizations and nonprofit agencies all around the world. Senior Abbe Golding is an intern at Duke University’s Department of Pediatric Medical Genetics, where she has formed relationships with some of the top professionals in the field. When she leaves Elon, she’ll pursue graduate degrees in genetic counseling.

An Experiential Approach to the Arts and Sciences

LESSONS LEARNED IN THE CLASSROOM come to life through the Elon Experiences, the university’s signature experiential education program. Participate in as many of the five experiences as you’d like while deepening your understanding of the arts and sciences. Knowledge imparted in the classroom coupled with real world application creates learning experiences of the highest caliber.

“I had an internship in a hospital in London, and that was very beneficial to my career development. Studying abroad allowed me to challenge myself, develop independence and also broaden my views of the world, looking from the outside in, rather than peering from inside the U.S.”

Donnie Wickline ’02, emergency medicine resident, MetroHealth Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio
Service Learning Connect knowledge gained in the classroom with community service opportunities in North Carolina, across the country or around the world. The result is a truly transformational encounter — where classroom lessons meet reality. More than 90 percent of Elon students participate in service activities, many associated with academic coursework.

Study Abroad Explore Peruvian culture, Australian ecotourism or brush up on the classics in Greece. More than 70 percent of Elon students study abroad at least once before graduation. Study abroad courses rooted in the arts and sciences open up a world of opportunities for students who want to enrich learning through experiences in other cultures.

Leadership Gain the knowledge and learn the skills necessary to make a positive change in your world. Study the dynamics of effective leaders with the Leadership Studies minor, or add an extra dimension to your studies with the four-year Isabella Cannon Leadership program.

The Ultimate Study Group
Elon's Living-Learning Communities
Elon hosts learning communities where students with shared interests take up residence with a faculty advisor in that field to continue their learning experience beyond the classroom. Students interested in the arts and sciences join learning communities such as:

- Deutsches Haus
- La Casa Italiana
- La Maison Francaise
- Sustainable Living
- Collective Action and Responsibility
- Arts and Letters
- Casa de Español
- Service Learning Community
- Fine Arts
- Math, Science and Engineering
- International Pavilion
- Outdoor Learning Community
- Elon College Fellows
- Honors Pavilion

U.S. News & World Report named Elon's Learning Communities one of its “Programs to Look For” in its 2010 “America's Best Colleges” guide.
Join a **Community** of Scholars

Elon College is home to outstanding teacher-scholars with diverse backgrounds and research interests. Here are just a few representatives.

ANTHONY WESTON, philosophy, has written more than 10 books on topics such as environmental ethics and creative problem solving. His innovative teaching earned him the university’s top teaching award in 2002, and in 2007 he received Elon’s Distinguished Scholar Award.

TOM MOULD, sociology and anthropology, is the director of PERCS, the Program for Ethnographic Research and Community Studies, and teaches a class in which students produce their own video ethnographies. Several of his students’ videos have garnered national and international attention.

SIRENA HARGOVE-LEAK, engineering, was named to *Ebony* magazine’s list of the “30 Leaders of the Future.” She is one of Elon’s five Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning scholars for 2007–09.

BRANT TOUCHETTE, biology and environmental studies, conducts research on the eco-physiology of aquatic plants in order to understand how plants have adapted to aquatic environments. He serves as a mentor to Elon students conducting research in coastal estuaries and marshes.

HUNTER BACOT, political science, teaches Public Opinion Polling by directing the Elon University Poll. Students develop poll questions about issues such as the economy, jobs and presidential politics. Poll results have appeared in *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*, as well as on CNN and NBC’s “Meet the Press.”

KATHRYN MATERA, A.L. Hook Emerging Scholar in science and mathematics, conducts research on molecules in walnut extracts that show promise in eventually treating Alzheimer’s disease. Matera is also an active mentor for students engaged in undergraduate research.

LYNNE FORMATO, dance, is a professional director/choreographer and has more than 30 years of experience and 300 productions to her credit. She recently worked as a faculty liaison for “Bohemia: A Downtown Look at Identity,” which sought to encourage conversation among students about self-discovery, feminism and diversity.

SOPHIE ADAMSON, French, specializes in contemporary French and Francophone literature, with an emphasis on works by novelist Tahar Ben Jelloun. Her other research interests include the question of identity in contemporary France and the study of social criticism through humor in literature, media and film.

“Having faculty who were interested in me, who were so smart and who clearly loved teaching and meeting with students, was the most transformative part of my college career. I felt so much support from the faculty and I felt they would have gone the extra mile to help me succeed.”

Malwina Niemierko ’07, now a graduate student of International Health at Boston University, spent her last semester as an Elon student studying in Ecuador. She stayed in the country for two years working for the United Nations and teaching English at the National Polytechnic Institute in Quito.
Learn on a deeper level as an Elon College Fellow

If you’re an academically talented student ready for an experience to challenge your intellect and expand your global perspective, consider the Elon College Fellows program.

Benefits include special Fellows courses, scholarships, research and study abroad grants, faculty mentoring and special housing opportunities.

Fifty Elon College Fellows are selected each year based on their high school academic performance, interviews and essays. All Fellows receive a $1,000 study abroad grant, research support and a $3,500 scholarship, which is renewable annually as long as a student remains a Fellow in good standing. This is in addition to any Presidential Scholarship received. A special application is required.

[www.elon.edu/fellows]

The Next Step: Elon College Alumni achieve professional success

Elon College graduates possess a strong academic foundation that makes them well-qualified candidates for graduate schools and prepares them to pursue a wide range of careers in a variety of exciting fields. Alumni have found success in the following fields:

- Government
- Nonprofit
- Business
- Education
- Medicine
- Research
- Arts
- Media
- Social Work
- Law

Elon alumni have enrolled at respected graduate schools including:

- University of Chicago
- University of Virginia
- Harvard Divinity School
- Rice University
- Columbia University
- University of California – Davis
- Michigan State University
- Georgetown University
- University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill
- University of Connecticut

“My experiences in the research lab have been especially fulfilling. I have developed a close relationship with my research mentor and enjoyed all the time spent in the lab, working to shed new light on the study of heart disease. My research experience has also inspired me to pursue my Ph.D. in addition to my M.D.”

Amanda Clark ’11, Elon College Fellow, Biochemistry major

Graduate Studies

Breanna Detwiler ’09, an environmental studies major, is a Truman, Udall and Mitchell Scholar studying at the University College Cork in Ireland. While at Elon, she pursued research interests in food security and farmland conservation and says that writing a thesis as an undergraduate gave her an edge in the preparation for graduate school.
About ELON

NATIONAL RANKINGS
Elon was named the top “up and coming” university in the nation by U.S. News & World Report in its 2010 “America’s Best Colleges” guide. The guide also ranked Elon #2 among 117 Southern master’s-level universities. The Princeton Review lists Elon among the nation’s top schools in its 2010 “The Best 371 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 4,992 undergraduates come from 43 states, the District of Columbia and 51 countries. Admission to Elon is selective; two-thirds of incoming freshmen rank in the top 25 percent of their high school class.

MAJORS AND DEGREES
Elon offers more than 50 majors leading to the bachelor of arts, bachelor of science or bachelor of fine arts degrees. Thirty-four of these majors — in the arts and humanities, the social sciences and the mathematical and natural sciences — are housed in Elon College, the College of Arts and Sciences. Elon awards master’s degrees in business administration, education and interactive media. A doctor of physical therapy degree is offered and the Elon University School of Law offers the J.D. degree.

FACULTY
Eighty-five percent of Elon’s full-time faculty holds the highest degree in their fields. The student-to-faculty ratio is 14:1, and the average class size is 22.

ELON EXPERIENCES
The Elon Experiences program encourages students to participate in study abroad, service, undergraduate research, internships and leadership. Seventy-one percent of Elon students study abroad at least once before graduating. Eighty percent of students complete at least one internship and 89 percent participate in service. One in three students hold a leadership role in Elon’s more than 150 organizations, and more than 330 students conduct research projects.

SEE FOR YOURSELF
Visit Elon, tour the campus and sit in on a class or talk with a professor. Contact the Office of Admissions 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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