History and Geography

History and Geography is a healthy, active department that prides itself on its excellence in teaching, scholarship and service to the university. Department members are committed educators, active scholars and university leaders.

Outstanding faculty

- Our award-winning faculty have been the recipients of all major Elon honors. Within the last year, they received the Elon Medallion and Senior Faculty Research Fellow Awards.
- They are professionals active in scholarly communities as conference organizers, expert witnesses, guest speakers on radio and television, and editors and manuscript reviewers of national and international journals.
- They are primary authors of two dozen published or contracted books in English and foreign languages, including two published last year on the oral histories of lung transplant survivors and the regulator movement in the N.C. Piedmont.
- During the 2011-12 academic year, more than half of our full-time, permanent faculty served as mentors for Honors, Lumen, Project Pericles, Elon College Fellows, SURF, SURE, students applying for National Fellowships, or giving papers at regional- or national-level conferences.
- The department also launched the Brown Bag lecture series, an event devoted to promote departmental faculty scholarship and student research that provided an opportunity for the larger Elon community to become more familiar with our strongest students.

Global approach

- 94% of our full-time, permanent faculty regularly lead study travel courses and 16% are foreign born, offering students chances to learn the history, geography and culture of Brazil, Germany, China, Honduras, Costa Rica, Ghana, Greece, Italy, Turkey and the United Kingdom from faculty who speak foreign languages and have lived overseas.
- Last year, the department provided students with global opportunities through study abroad courses in China, South Africa, Ghana, Greece and Costa Rica, as well as a U.S. History study travel course.
- Courses offered with a global focus included:
  - Modern Middle East
  - Africa’s People & Environments
  - The Mediterranean World
  - World Religions
  - World in the 20th Century
  - Modern Mexico
  - History of the Holocaust
  - Russian 1801-the Present
  - Caribbean History
  - Modern Latin America
  - Ancient Rome
  - China: Empire and Revolution, 1800-1948
  - Great Explorers and their World
  - Senior Seminars with an international theme (Mexican Revolution and The Victorians).

For more information about what the department has to offer, visit our website at www.elon.edu/e-web/academics/elon_college/history_geography/. 