

**Elon University**  
**College Writing for High School Juniors**  
**Center for Access and Success, Office of Collegiate Start@Elon**  
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*College Writing for High School Juniors* is a non-credit, college writing course designed by Elon English faculty and K-12 curriculum specialist to provide a critical writing and inquiry experience for *high-achieving* high school juniors. Eligible students who are selected to participate are classified as a *Special Student* through the Elon University Admissions Office.

### **Course Goals**

- Students will learn about and practice writing process strategies, particularly the strategies of revision and editing
- Students will receive and learn to respond to feedback on their writing from peers and teachers
- Students will learn how to find, select, evaluate, and incorporate into their writing multiple academic sources
- Students will acquire rhetorical knowledge, specifically an awareness of how writing changes in response to multiple audiences, purposes, and contexts
- Students will practice composing texts in print and electronic environments
- Students will become reflective writers

### **Signature Experiences**

- Students will learn how to conduct college-level inquiry, from developing a research question to finding, evaluating, incorporating, and documenting evidence into their writing in order to develop information literacy and analytical writing skills.
- Students will practice composing compelling responses to prompts for college application and scholarship essays, in order to gain experience composing texts for authentic audiences and purposes as well as to gain rhetorical knowledge.
- Students will be assigned writing both in class and out of class (approximately one hour of homework per week) to encourage a sustained process of writing. When appropriate and available, students may work on writing assignments from their high school courses.
- Students will receive regular formative feedback on their writing from the course instructor. This may take the form of verbal feedback during class or during one-on-one and/or group conferences as well as written feedback on projects.
- Students will reflect on their learning and will be aided in identifying how they can use their rhetorical knowledge and writing skills in future contexts, such as the senior project, Advanced Placement courses, and college courses.

### **Course Components**

- The course will meet on Mondays, 4-5:45 p.m., in 113 Belk Library on the Elon University campus. Parking is available in the McMichael parking lot.
- Students will have access to the Writing Center.
- All students will be assigned an advisor who is the contact person for questions and concerns from faculty, students, home/school administrators, and family members.
- All students will receive interim and cumulative narrative feedback on their performance. Upon successful completion of the course, including an attendance rate of 90%, students will receive a certificate of completion. Outstanding students may request a letter of recommendation from the course instructor as evidence of their achievement.

### **Admission Requirements**

1. Must be enrolled as a high school junior based on school district or home-school requirements
2. Must submit PLAN/ACT or PSAT/SAT scores and be eligible for admissions
3. Must have a cumulative grade point average (unweighted) of 3.5 or higher. A careful review of English course grades will also be used to determine admission.
4. Must have approval from principal and guidance counselor acknowledging that the student is: (1) in good academic standing, (2) able to handle the challenge and rigor of college studies, and (3) exhibits exemplary citizenship and character
5. Submit a well developed writing sample. **The writing prompt can be found on the application.**

### Tuition and Fees

1. **Application Deadline:** November 4, 2016
2. **Application fee:** \$10 (cash or check must be submitted with the application)
3. **Tuition:** Tuition remittance is expected on behalf of the student/parent and school district. Tuition bills will be sent directly to student/parent and school district by the Bursars Office. Tuition payment deadlines set forth by the Bursars Office must be adhered to.  
\*Student/Parent: \$105  
\*School District: \$105  
  
\*\*\* *Students whose parent/s is employed with Elon University (faculty or staff) may qualify for tuition remission under the policies and regulations established for University personnel. Eligibility questions should be directed to Elon University, Human Resources.*
4. **Textbooks/ Materials:** There are no required textbooks. Students/parents are responsible for purchasing a jump drive for maintaining course documents.
5. **Tuition and Book Fee Waiver:** Students who receive free/reduced meals are eligible for a tuition waiver. Eligible students must submit documentation from their school system validating eligibility.

### Admission/Registration Process

1. Students interested in enrolling in the College Writing Course must notify their guidance counselor of his/her intent and work with the counselor to determine if you meet the eligibility requirements and if the course is appropriate for you.
2. Students must complete and submit application – College Writing Course to counselor/principal for approval. The following must accompany the application: \$10 application fee (cash or check), copy of PLAN/ACT or PSAT/SAT scores, official transcript, writing sample (**see writing prompt on the application**) and free/reduced meals documentation (if applicable).
3. Students will be notified of the admissions decision in writing by Elon University, Collegiate Start@Elon office.
4. Submit tuition/fees (return by the appropriate deadline set by the Bursars Office).
5. Complete and submit the Elon University, *Ellington Health and Counseling Center Immunization Form* by January 1, 2016. The Immunization Form can be retrieved online: [http://www.elon.edu/e-web/students/health\\_services/](http://www.elon.edu/e-web/students/health_services/). Forms should be returned directly to Ellington Health and Counseling Center, 2040 Campus Box, Elon, NC 27244.
6. Students are **required** to attend the Collegiate Start@Elon Orientation in January (date will be announced in the acceptance letter).

### Academic Expectations

High school students enrolled in the College Writing Course are considered college students of Elon University while on campus. Like our Elon University college students, high school students are expected to uphold the Elon Honor Code and perform at the same level of high academic rigor, maturity and intellectual curiosity to undertake college-level work. Students will be expected to engage in in-class and outside class work assignments. High school students have access to all academic resources and student support services, including the library, writing/tutoring center, computer laboratories, and an academic advisor. **Students are not permitted inside the Residence Halls.**

### Meeting Dates – All meeting dates are on Monday and held in Belk Library

Feb 6, 2017

Feb. 13

Feb. 20

Feb. 27

March 6

March 13

**March 20-NO CLASS MEETING** (Elon Spring Break)

March 27

April 3

**April 10– NO CLASS MEETING** (ABSS Spring Break)

**April 17 – NO CLASS MEETING** (Elon Easter Break)

April 24

May 1

