**Sophomore Honors Workshop**

The Sophomore Honors Workshop required of all second year Honors students will lay the groundwork for success in the coming year. We have two primary goals:

1: To prepare students to get the most out of their sophomore Honors classes

2: To guide students in the processes of finding a thesis mentor

To prepare for the workshop, do and bring the following:

**Goal 1: To prepare students to get the most out of their sophomore Honors classes**

* Actively read the following:
* Honors Teaching Tips (online: <http://www.elon.edu/e-web/academics/honors/courses.xhtml>)
* Honors Mission Statement (online: <http://www.elon.edu/e-web/academics/honors/mission.xhtml>)
* Consider the following questions:
  1. What does Honors expect me to get out of these courses?
  2. What do I want out of the Honors courses?
  3. Where are the places where my interests and the goals of Honors align?
  4. Where are the places of tension where my interests and those of Honors don’t align? Why don’t they? What strategies might I employ to help align or accommodate them?
* Write up your answers to these questions to refer to during the workshop.
* In addition, take a little time to think about *why* Elon faculty might want to teach in Honors. What do you think it means to them?

**Goal 2: To guide students in the processes of finding a thesis mentor**

* Actively read “Finding a Mentor” (attached to email and online).
* Interview a junior or senior Honors Fellow in your major (or a similar discipline) using the Peer Interview for Finding a Mentor (attached to email and online). To find an Honors Fellows in your major or a related discipline, you might start by checking out the juniors and seniors online (follow the “Meet the Fellows” link on the left of the Honors website).
* Consider the following questions:
  1. What are the most useful tips about finding a mentor that you learned from your reading and interview?
  2. What do you most want in a mentor? Identify at least three things.
* Write up your answers so you can share what you learned during our workshop.