**Examining Disparities in Educational Access Syllabus**

**Elon University**

**Fall 2017—Spring 2018**

***Mission of the Center for Access and Success***

The value of community and our concern for the common good underpin our decision to create **The Center for Access and Success at Elon University.** The purpose of The Center is to help students from all backgrounds to have access to and succeed in higher education.  We serve individuals in our Elon University community and our surrounding communities from pre-K to adults through our current initiatives:*It Takes a Village Project*, *Elon Academy*, *Odyssey Scholars Program* and *Collegiate Start@Elon*.

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***Examining Disparities LLC Learning Outcomes***

* Students will participate in Center for Access and Success activities while living among other dedicated students with a similar interest in issues of disparities in educational access.
* Students will develop a connection with faculty, staff, and students associated with the Center for Access and Success and related academic departments.
* Students will be exposed to and participate in various activities that will assist in personal self-assessment, exploration of community and global issues relating to disparities in educational access, service learning and team building.
* Students will enhance their learning through intentional connections between living learning community programming, their service through the CAS, and co-curricular interactions with Elon faculty and staff.

***Expectations of Examining Disparities LLC members***

* Attend LLC meetings and activities and contribute to the community. **Active participation is required!**
* Participate in the LLC Challenges
* Follow the Elon University Social and Academic Honor Codes
* Respect the needs for study and sleep of the other residents
* Engage with and volunteer 12 hours a semester with CAS initiatives such as The Village Project.

***Activities for Examining Disparities LLC Residents***

Activities will be planned and executed by the faculty advisor, Examining Disparities LLC student ambassador, and members of the LLC. Students are encouraged to include faculty and staff from the CAS and related academic departments. The following activities will be completed this year (dates TBD):

*Fall 2017 activities*

* LLC Kickoff
* Planning the First Generation Conference
* Lunch with Center staff
* Programming with various Elon student-services offices (ex: Study Abroad)
* Service Learning with The Village Project
* Professional Development activities
* Community/team-building events (ex: Challenge Course)
* Active participation in LLC Challenges
* Other activities and social events determined by the Examining Disparities LLC

*Spring 2018 activities*

* Service Learning with The Village Project
* First Generation Student Conference
* Winter Term Activities
* Professional Development activities
* Active participation in LLC Challenges
* Community/team-building events
* Other activities and social events determined by the Examining Disparities LLC

Please sign and return this form if you agree to be a member of the Examining Disparities in Educational Access Community as outlined in the syllabus.

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