Elon College
The College of Arts and Sciences

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Step inside Elon College and join a vibrant community of learners who are curious by nature and passionate about learning. You’ll find psychology students doing cutting-edge research, performing artists who work magic onstage, computer science students programming robots to respond to commands and engineering majors who build prototypes of vehicles with the latest equipment and a little imagination.
There are 32 challenging majors and a number of interdisciplinary minors housed in Elon College. These programs are designed to give you a lifetime of valuable skills. You’ll learn to write and communicate effectively, think critically, synthesize and analyze information, and open your mind to new cultures and ideas. These skills are prized by employers and form an excellent foundation for graduate study. [www.elon.edu/elon_college](http://www.elon.edu/elon_college)

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**The Arts and Humanities**
- Art
- Dance
- English
- French
- Music
- Music Education
- Music Performance
- Music Theatre
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies
- Spanish
- Theatre Arts – Acting
- Theatre Studies
- Theatrical Design and Production

**The Social and Behavioral Sciences**
- History
- Human Services
- International Studies
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Administration
- Sociology

**The Natural, Mathematical and Computational Sciences**
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Environmental Studies
- Mathematics
- Medical Technology
- Physics
- Science Education

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

**Additional Minors**
- African/African-American Studies
- Anthropology
- Art History
- Asian Studies
- Classical Studies
- Creative Writing
- Criminal Justice
- Geographic Information Systems
- Geography
- Italian Studies
- Jazz Studies
- Latin American Studies
- Leadership Studies
- Literature
- Multimedia Authoring
- Non-Violence Studies
- Professional Writing Studies
- Women’s/Gender Studies
Think in **new ways** with General Studies

No matter what your major, you will explore the arts and sciences throughout your four years at Elon through 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.

During your first year, you will take Global Experience, a seminar that examines global citizenship from a variety of perspectives. You'll discuss issues such as terrorism, modern slavery and the environment. You will also take core courses such as College Writing, Statistics and Wellness during your first year. These courses will help prepare you for advanced seminars in General Studies on a wide range of topics. Recent seminars include Environment and Business in a Global Economy, The U.S. and Iraq, Imagining Technology, Wealth and Poverty, and Developing Global Leaders.

“The **Global Experience** course opens your eyes to see what’s going on around the world. It was really great being in a class where everyone wanted to talk and everyone had something good to say.”

Senior Rebecca Hewitt
Religious Studies major
Professors who bring the arts and sciences to life

Elon’s arts and sciences courses are taught by outstanding faculty-scholars with a variety of backgrounds and research interests. Here are just a few examples of professors who make a difference in the classroom and in their fields:

History professor David Crowe did seven years of scholarly research, including interviews with Holocaust survivors, to write an authoritative biography of the legendary Oskar Schindler.

Human services professor Pam Kiser helped bring service learning to Elon in the early 1990s. Kiser helps Elon faculty integrate service into their courses and has been named the university’s Watts-Thompson Professor, an honor that recognizes excellence in campus leadership.

Matt Clark, associate professor of biology, gives undergraduates the opportunity to learn in Elon’s cadaver lab, where he teaches anatomy. He uses the regional approach, a complex method typically reserved for graduate students. Clark and his students examine the structures, functions and relationships of the organs and systems within various regions of the body using this approach.

Associate professor of art LM Wood runs Elon’s digital art program, teaching students the latest in technology while helping them develop as artists. Her artwork can be seen in exhibitions around the United States and in major art publications.

Associate professor of music Jon Metzger has earned international acclaim as a musician, teacher and scholar. A jazz vibraphonist, Metzger has performed at the Kennedy Center, the Lincoln Center and other top venues around the world.

Professor Catherine McNeela founded Elon’s well-known music theatre program. She is a veteran of the stage, performing in more than 100 plays, musicals and operas throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. In addition to her teaching, she directs productions for Elon’s Department of Performing Arts.

“It’s really good having a faculty mentor you can be open with and who gives you advice. You know that if you need them at any time for anything, they’ll be there for you.”

Senior Damon Ogburn Biology major
Hands-on learning in the arts and sciences

At Elon, learning isn’t limited to the classroom. Students are encouraged to take advantage of hands-on learning opportunities such as study abroad, service learning, leadership, research and internships. These experiences deepen students’ understanding of subject matter, help them learn to think critically and analytically, and expand their worldviews.

Research
Whether your passion is chemistry, psychology or religious studies, you can team up with a faculty mentor and explore your field of interest. More than 250 Elon students conduct mentored research projects each year, and many present their findings at national conferences and Elon’s annual Student Undergraduate Research Forum. Elon also showcases the arts and sciences through CELEBRATE!, a weeklong event featuring concerts, art exhibitions, poetry readings and other student work.

Internships
Many students explore careers in the arts and sciences by becoming interns at top corporations and organizations all over the world. Internship sites range from embassies to hospitals to government agencies. In addition to learning new skills and gaining valuable work experience, interns make professional contacts that can lead to job offers after graduation.

Study Abroad
Elon’s extensive study abroad program offers dozens of opportunities to live and learn in another country. In fact, Elon ranks first among U.S. master’s-level schools in the number of students who study abroad. You can study field biology in Peru, art history in France or literature in Ireland. Want to learn a foreign language? Immerse yourself in the culture as you take language courses and live with a host family.

Do you have what it takes to be an Elon College Fellow?

If you’re an academically talented student who wants to add another dimension to your study in the arts and sciences, consider the Elon College Fellows program. Benefits include special Fellows courses, research and study abroad grants, faculty mentoring and special housing opportunities.

Sixty Elon College Fellows are selected each year based on high school academic performance, interviews and essays. Thirty Fellows receive annual $3,000 scholarships.

“Fellows is a program that’s very independent. You have to develop your own ideas, project and thesis...the success of your project depends on your ability to push yourself. Once you get into the program, it’s just about finding your passion.”

Senior Patrick Elliott
Independent major

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After graduation, arts and sciences alumni pursue careers in a variety of exciting fields with positions like these:

- Attorney
- Broadway performer
- Civil engineer
- Clergy
- Counselor
- Entrepreneur
- Environmental consultant
- Graphic designer
- Interior designer
- Peace Corps volunteer
- Physician
- Social worker
- Teacher
- Web developer
- Writer

Many Elon alumni choose to continue their studies in graduate schools all over the world:

- Carnegie Mellon University
- College of William and Mary
- Columbia University
- Duquesne University
- Georgetown University
- Harvard Divinity School
- Johns Hopkins University
- Northwestern University
- University of California
- University of Chicago
- University of Florida
- University of Liverpool (UK)
- University of Tennessee
- Wake Forest University
- Washington State University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Wycliffe College

High-tech facilities for every major

Arts and sciences students have access to first-rate facilities on a virtually wireless campus. Students in McMichael Science Center utilize a variety of high-tech instruments and labs, including a scanning electron microscope, a nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer, a robotic observatory and a computerized human physiology lab. Belk Library offers 195 computers and access to thousands of online journals and databases. Additional facilities such as the language media center and the computerized polling center help students incorporate technology into every aspect of learning.

Elon’s Academic Village is a new focal point for Elon’s arts and sciences programs. These state-of-the-art pavilions give students a unique living and learning opportunity. International studies majors may live in the Isabella Cannon International Studies Pavilion and honors students can choose the William R. Kenan Jr. Honors Pavilion. Both buildings include classroom space, a kitchen/lounge and an apartment for a faculty member in residence.

The newest addition to the Academic Village is the Ella Darden and Elmon Lee Gray Pavilion, home of the Political Science department and the Elon University Poll. Two more pavilions are scheduled to open in 2007. The William Henry Belk Pavilion will be home to Elon’s Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning, and the Luvene Holmes and Royall H. Spence Jr. Pavilion will house the Philosophy and Religious Studies departments.
About ELON

**national rankings**

Elon is ranked 3rd among 127 master’s-level universities in the South by *U.S. News & World Report*. The Princeton Review lists Elon among the nation’s top schools in its 2007 *The Best 361 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. *Newsweek-Kaplan’s 2006 college guide* names Elon one of the nation’s 25 “hottest colleges.”

**enrollment**

Elon’s 4,700 undergraduates come from 44 states and 44 countries. Admission to Elon is selective; two-thirds of incoming freshmen ranked in the top 25 percent of their high school classes.

**majors and degrees**

Elon offers 48 majors leading to the bachelor of arts, bachelor of fine arts or bachelor of science degree. Thirty-two of these majors — in the arts and humanities; the social and behavioral sciences; and the natural, mathematical and computational sciences — are housed in Elon College, the College of Arts and Sciences. Elon awards master’s degrees in business administration and education; a doctor of physical therapy degree is also offered. The Elon University School of Law offers the J.D. degree.

**faculty**

Eighty-three percent of Elon’s full-time faculty hold the highest degrees in their fields. The student-to-faculty ratio is 15:1, and the average class size is 22.

**elon experiences**

The Elon Experiences program encourages students to participate in study abroad, service learning, internships/co-ops, leadership and research. Seventy-eight percent of students complete internships before graduating, 89 percent participate in volunteer service in the community, and 63 percent of graduating students have spent a term studying in another country. About one in three students holds a leadership role in Elon’s 140 campus organizations and programs, and more than 250 students conduct research projects each year.

**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 - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. - noon.