

# The College Visit Minute

A written account of college recruiting visits to Cambridge High School Campus for those that can't attend by *The CHS College Center*

**School: Elon**

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**Is the Rep a school Alum?** Yes, 2014 Strategic Communications & Business **Is the Rep involved in the admissions process?** Yes

**Last year's Freshman Profile:** GPA - weighted score 3.5-4.5 SAT (New) 1100-1390 ACT - 26-29

**GPA -How is it calculated?** Elon uses their own GPA scoring that is weighted

**ACT/SAT – Written Portion?** For new SAT, only looking at Critical Reading and Math, not writing. Won't be using written portion of new SAT Super Score? They do super score for same version of tests but will not super score old and new SAT with each other.

**Rigor - What are the average AP requirements?** They require 4's or higher for AP

**Extra-Curricular Activities – What does the school look for?** They use a holistic approach when looking at the student. Extra-curricular activities can speak to the character of the student.

**Most popular majors at this school:** Strategic communications, finance, marketing, psychology, exercise science, and biology.

**Study Abroad Programs? Summer Programs, Semester-Long Programs, Foreign Language Programs?** Study abroad is the #1 program in the nation (US News and World Reports) - over 70 programs for students to find what suits their needs. 78% of students study abroad at least once.

**Internships / Co-Op Opportunities?** There are internships with in the majors to provide work experience. 87% of students participate in internships. 90% of students graduate with a job with 82% being in their major.

**Research Opportunities?** 1 in 4 students participate in undergrad research.

**Special successes the school is known for:** The #1 master's level university in the South. 1 of only 7 private schools in the US with accredited schools of business, communications, education and law.

**Scholarships?** 80% receive some type of aid, merit scholarships are based on GPA, scores. Merit basis includes Presidential scholarships - top 15% of incoming class Scholarships only cover approx. 50% of tuition costs. Financial aid does not provide a full ride.

**What is the Total cost of Attendance? Tuition & Fees** \$44,599 includes room and board.

**Upcoming On-Campus visit dates not to be missed?** Halloween is official visit day. Daily visits offered, register online

## Applications

**When are application deadlines? Different decisions:**

**Early Decision** is binding the deadline is Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 80% of those students are admitted.

**Early Action** is Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Most competitive, largest pool of applicants. **Regular Decision** deadline is January 10<sup>th</sup>

**Gap Semester Program** application, apply at same time as applying for admission, early or regular decision, currently only 15 accepted into this program, this could change

**Is an essay required for all decision options?** Essay is important - gives a sense of who you are; 3 prompts - choose the best one for you - also allow students to submit a resume

**Are letters of Recommendation required or suggested?** They are optional and limited to 2.

**Is an in-person interview required or suggested?** Not required, some of the BFA programs require auditions

**How many applicants are received per year?** Over 10,000 applicants with 48% being accepted.

**Does the school use the Common App?** No

**How much is the application fee?** \$50

### Campus Life

**NCAA Criteria, (Division I, II, etc.)?** Division I, CAA (Colonial Athletic Association)

**Are sporting events free? Is there a ticket lottery?** Free tickets for sporting and art events

**Do freshmen live on campus? Are cars allowed?** Freshman and sophomores are required to live on campus. Upperclassman are not guaranteed on-campus housing. Cars are allowed, parking pass is additional.

**What are the dorms like: hall-style, suite-style, apartment-style?** Living & Learning Dorms?

All styles of dorms. Different "neighborhoods" have different styles. Historic neighborhood (traditional college feel) has hall and suite style. Global neighborhood is cultural melting pot with international foods and festival. Third neighborhood is more family style, quiet

**Campus Life (requirements, restaurants/cafeterias, clubs/activities, etc.)**

Meal plan allows varying number of "swipes" for meals some retail establishments are included such as Chick-Fil-A, Einstein bagels and Qdoba. Also bring in a chef from various countries for food from that culture for a week. Over 300 clubs on campus.

Elon is a medium sized School located on 630 acres

**What is the undergraduate enrollment?** 5700 (1600 current freshman)

**Total enrollment?** 6500

**Percentage of male: female –** 40 male : 60 female

**Percentage of in-state: out-of-state students –** Only 20% from NC Majority from NJ and NY

**Percentage of students participating in Greek Life –** 42% with 22 houses on campus

**Where is the school located?** Central North Carolina, near Raleigh/ Durham. 55 min from RDU airport, 30 minutes from Durham, 35 from Chapel Hill

**How far is it from Milton?** 5.5 hour drive

**Other:**

100% of faculty teach, not grad students. 20 student average class size, capped at 33 with no large lecture  
12:1 student/faculty ratio

Elon is built on relationships, big on community, learn by doing  
Elon students are doers, go-getters

**Five experiences emphasized:**

- Research
- Leadership
- Service – 90% participate in community service
- Study Abroad
- Internships

**GAP Semester Program-** Engage in Leadership, Service, and Study Abroad all before you stop on campus Occurs Fall semester of freshman year. Leadership ( National Outdoor Leadership school in WY), Community Service followed by Study Abroad ( Costa Rica or Spain).