

**Examining Education Syllabus  
Elon University  
2024-2025**

Welcome to the Examining Education LLC! This living-learning community brings together all those who share intellectual interest in education and its surrounding concepts. You were carefully selected to be part of this LLC, so please treat it as an honor and as an opportunity to learn together.

**Who We Are:**

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**From Elon’s Mission Statement:**

As part of the Examining Education LLC, we:

- ❖ integrate learning across the disciplines and put knowledge into practice, thus preparing students to be global citizens and informed leaders motivated by concern for the common good.
- ❖ foster respect for human differences, passion for a life of learning, personal integrity, and an ethic of work and service.

**Examining Education LLC Learning Outcomes**

- ❖ While living among other dedicated students with a similar interest in issues of disparities in educational access, we will create a community that serves as a social network and as an intellectual resource, a community that will support success inside and outside of the classroom.
- ❖ Students will participate in Center for Access and Success (CAS) and/or other relevant volunteering initiatives (e.g. Burlington Housing Authority or Boys and Girls Club) and 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/or other relevant volunteering initiatives, and co-curricular interactions with Elon faculty and staff and other interested students.

**Expectations of Examining Education LLC members**

- ❖ Contribute to our LLC community by engaging in LLC meetings, activities, and events.
- ❖ Participate in the LLC Kick Off event and 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 15 hours a semester with CAS's *The Village Project*, and/or similar initiatives. (Note: The Village Project runs approximately 5:00-7:00pm Monday-Thursday; you select the evening that works with your schedule).
  - For more information on The Village Project see <https://www.elon.edu/u/academics/access-and-success/village-project/>
- ❖ Complete an end of semester reflection prompt in the Fall and Spring.
  - *Each semester LLC students will be asked to complete a reflection prompt about their living learning community experience. In 500 words you will describe the impact the LLC has had on you, what you have learned during the semester as a result of being a member of the LLC, and what the LLC means to you.*

**Relevant Courses to Consider:**

See the education majors and minors information for courses that are relevant to our LLC topics and discussions.

<https://www.elon.edu/u/academics/education/elementary-education/majors-minors/>

### **Calendar of Activities for Examining Education Disparities LLC Residents**

Activities will be planned and executed by the faculty advisors, Examining Education LLC RA/student ambassadors, and members of the LLC. Students are encouraged to include faculty and staff from the CAS and related academic departments. The following activities are planned for this.

#### **Fall 2024 Activities Could Include:**

- ❖ **Monday 8/26/24 at 6:30pm in Whitley Auditorium:** *Required* LLC Kick-off Event!
- ❖ **Educational Service Opportunities** One option will be The Village Project (information below); we will talk about other possibilities as well.
  - Registration information: Fill out the tutoring application form on the front page of the Village website: <https://www.elon.edu/u/academics/access-and-success/village-project/>
  - Make sure you list that you are part of the Examining Disparities in Access to Education LLC
  - The information provided on this form will be used to make background checks, send you details, and training schedules.
  - There will be no Village during the Thanksgiving week
- ❖ Visiting an ABSS school board meeting to learn about the impact of educational policy and local government
- ❖ Partnering with the Alamance Chamber of Commerce's Education Council and/or the Education and Workforce Council to join in events
- ❖ School Board candidate forums
- ❖ Downtown Burlington tours and events to explore the history of Alamance County

#### **Our Other LLC Event Options:**

- ❖ Meals with Advisors and LLC members
  - Stay tuned for lunch or dinner dates throughout the semester
- ❖ Tuesday College Coffees with Advisors and LLC members
- ❖ Various activities offered in the School of Education's Curriculum Resources Center which are thematically aligned with the interests of the students in the LLC. We will announce those dates as they become available.
- ❖ End-of-semester Celebration & Discussion