

Elon University
First Phoenix LLC 2025-2026 Syllabus



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Office Hours: time to visit, snack...
First-ish Thursday of the month
9-10:30am in the 3rd floor lounge
8/29, 10/2, 11/13, 12/10 (Wednesday)

Location of the Living-Learning Community

Colonnades E- Allen Hall

Curricular Connections

COR 1100: The Global Experience – LLC-linked Course with Professor Wirth

First Phoenix Moodle Site

go here for documents, events, information, etc. Add your preferred name and pronunciation
<https://moodle.elon.edu/course/view.php?id=76521>

Social Media

GroupMe: First Phoenix LLC 25-26 [Join Here](#)
Instagram: @elonfirstgens @elonfirstgensociety

Living-Learning Community Description: The First Phoenix LLC is a community for first-generation students to support successfully acclimation and navigation in their college experience, ideate their potential through support and mentorship, and reach their desired goals. The First Phoenix LLC welcomes all students and encourages all students on Colonnades E 3rd floor to participate in LLC activities.

Overall Living-Learning Communities Goals

- Living-Learning Communities (LLCs) provide students with a sense of belonging in a community of their peers united by a common interest.
- LLCs support students' intellectual, personal, and social growth by providing them with opportunities to learn in a collaborative, engaging environment that integrates their academic, social, and residential experiences.
- LLCs challenge students to apply their skills/knowledge through experiences, reflection, and synthesis outside of the classroom. Examples of this include intellectual discussions, trips, projects, speakers, and events.
- LLCs provide opportunities for faculty, staff, and peers to mentor other students outside of the classroom, allowing them to serve as thought partners and advocates in LLC students' academic and co-curricular journeys.

Student Learning Outcomes for the LLC

- Create and experience a strong community that supports wellness, engaging across difference, intersectional identities, learning, achievement, and involvement in campus life.
- Demonstrate a sense of belonging within the Colonnades neighborhood, First Generation community and greater Elon community.
- Engage in opportunities to establish peer mentor relationships with first-gen students in the First Phoenix peer mentor program and First-Generation Student Society.

First Phoenix LLC Requirements and Expectations

To support your personal meaningful experience in the LLC and the LLC community, all members are expected to participate in the opportunities mentioned above. During LLC advisor-student check-ins throughout the year, we will refer back to these expectations and opportunities to engage with each other and the broader campus community.

To remain in good standing in the LLC, you are expected to participate in:

- Monthly Dinners
- Participation in the First Phoenix Mentoring Program as a mentee or mentor
- First-Year Students – The Common Reading Lecture on 9/18
- At least one additional event geared towards first-generation students
- At least one neighborhood event a semester
- A check in with Kenny and Paula in the fall semester

First Phoenix LLC Traditions, Initiatives and Schedule of Events

LLC Advisor Check-ins: meetings with LLC advisors intended to create a LLC personalized plan, provide updates, touch base, share some new...

- First year students must meet one on one with each advisor (two meetings) before September 30, 2025, and then must meet again with one LLC advisor before November 7, 2025.
 - Spring semester first-year students must meet one on one with one advisor (one meeting) before spring break.
- Upper class students must meet one on one with one advisor (one meeting) before September 30, 2025.
 - Spring semester upper-class students must meet one on one with one advisor (one meeting) before spring break.
- **All students must sign up for their first fall semester meeting by Wednesday, September 3.**
- Use this link to schedule your first meeting [First Phoenix LLC Advisor Meetings Sign Up.xlsx](#)
- Future meeting dates and the sign-up document link will be sent via email

Engaging in the First-Generation Community: Students are expected to attend and participate in events hosted by the First Phoenix LLC, the First-Generation Student Support Services and/or the First-Generation Society. Follow the First Phoenix LLC and First-Gen Society on Instagram to learn more about their events.

Annual Kick-off Event: you will assist in the planning of this event, please respond to surveys!

Community in the Kitchen – Fall 2025 & Spring 2026 – Students are invited to share special recipes, and to prepare a dish collaboratively to share with the LLC community. LLC students are encouraged to bring a friend. Dates to be determined, please respond to schedule surveys.

Monthly LLC Dinners: These dinners, held at 6 PM on the first Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise noted) are an opportunity to foster connection with peers, advisers, and friends of the LLC (all welcome!). The dates and locations are below:

- Tuesday September 2 at 6 PM in Clohan Hall
- Tuesday October 7 at 6 PM in Clohan Hall
- Tuesday November 11 at 6 PM in Lakeside Dining Hall
- Tuesday December 2 at 6 PM in Lakeside Dining Hall

September 18 - 7PM LLC group attendance for the Common Reading Lecture with Alejandra Campoverdi (FIRST GEN: A Memoir) – Alumni Gym

Alejandra Campoverdi is a nationally recognized advocate for educational opportunity and women's health, a bestselling author, founder, and former White House aide to President Barack Obama. Her talk will feature an extensive Q&A with students.

September 23 Free LLC Dinner Discussion of "First Gen a Memoir" by Alejandra Campoverdi
Location TBD

October – November: Attend a National First-Generation Celebration event on campus

Colonnades Community Events: We encourage students to be involved in the life of the Colonnades Neighborhood through floor-specific and neighborhood-wide programs. Students are encouraged to attend at least one event a month from the Thursday Colonnades programs listed below. Follow #colonnadesneighborhood on instagram for special events and updates.

- 1st Thursday: Sundaes 7:30-9pm (optional)
- 2nd Thursday: Tea Room 7:30-9pm (optional)
- 3rd Thursday: Fire Pit (optional)
- 4th Thursday: Game Night (optional)
- Taste of Alamance Free Dinners with Dr. Khirey Walker

Engaging in the campus community: Students are expected to participate in the life of the Elon community by attending cultural, sporting, and student organizations, and neighborhood events that foster belonging, develop leadership skills, and more.

Student Leadership Opportunities within the LLC

- LLC Resident Advisor: The LLC RA is a member of the Residence Life Staff with both traditional RA responsibilities and responsibility for incorporating LLC activities into residential programming.
- LLC Ambassador: The LLC Ambassador is a voluntary, peer leadership position, that will serve as a peer mentor(s) for the first years living in the LLC. Additionally, they will help to promote LLC activities, supporting LLC communications, and recruit for the following school year.

Participation in First Phoenix Mentoring Program with First-Generation Student Support Services

First-year students in the community will engage in a peer mentoring relationship with an upper-class student. Upper-class students will have access to a faculty/staff mentor and are encouraged to continue existing mentoring relationships. Students will receive information about their mentors and other program requirements in a separate email, see expectations below.

The First Phoenix Mentoring program is organized by First-Generation Student Support Services. The program connects first-years students to upper-class students and peer mentors to faculty and staff. By being a part of this LLC, all students are participants in the program as a mentor (returning students) or a mentee (first-year students). Requirements and expectations of the program are listed below:

Mentor Requirements and Expectations*

- Commit for the duration of at least one year (September to May), to a peer mentor/mentee relationship
- Meet 1-on-1 with mentee at least once a month (3x/ semester; about 30 mins/per meeting) and submit 1-on-1 meeting progress forms.
- Commit to following up with your mentee to ensure their success and needs are met by maintaining consistent, open lines of communication and providing regular, constructive feedback, advice, and guidance.

- Serve as a liaison between your mentee and supervisors, including discussing your mentee's challenges and successes.
- Attend a peer mentor training on September 13 and various workshops.
- Complete beginning and end-of-year assessment to evaluate the program for improvement (feedback is always welcomed throughout the year too)

*Mentors need to show meaningful progress in their mentoring relationship to access the Walton Fund for any potential academic resource.

Mentee Requirements and Expectations

- Commit for a duration of at least one full academic year (September to May) to a peer mentor/mentee relationship.
- Meet 1-on-1 with mentor at least once a month (3x/ semester; about 30 mins/per meeting)
- Attend workshops recommended or organized by First-Generation Student Support Services

I acknowledge and accept what is expected of me as a part of the First Phoenix LLC 2025-26

Signature of Acknowledgement

Student Signature

Date

Student Name