

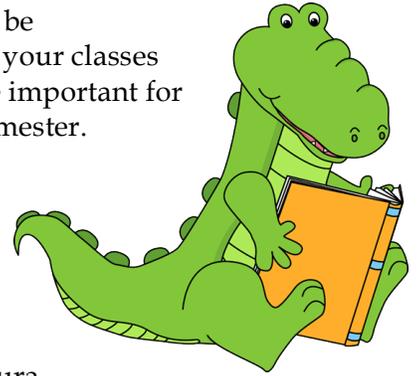
# The ELI Weekly

## Final Exams!

We will not have a scheduled activity this weekend because all ELI classes will be administering **final exams** beginning next week. You have final exams in all of your classes and your teachers will tell you the specific dates. Remember that these tests are important for your class grade and for your placement if you are returning to the ELI next semester.

If you want to finish the semester strong and ace your exams here are some helpful tips from ELI teachers:

- Review tests and quizzes from earlier in the semester - Zoe
- Make a study group with your friends who actually paid attention in class - Matt
- Pay attention when your teacher tells you what will be on the test - Laura
- Start preparing now, don't wait until the last minute and get a good night's rest before the exam - Raquel
- Being well rested is more important than cramming all night ;) - Thomas
- Actually study! - Jennifer



In addition, you will be taking the CELT in your Listening Speaking and Grammar classes. There are no early CELT tests, no CELT makeups, and if you are late to the CELT you cannot take the exam.

**Part time students** who want to take the CELT should go to the main office to sign up. If you're not currently taking Listening Speaking and want to return in the Summer, your CELT will be Friday, April 14th from 12:50 to 1:40pm in Matherly 214. If you are not currently taking Grammar, and want to return in the Summer, your CELT will be Friday, April 14th from 1:55 to 2:30pm in Matherly 214.

### The Next Activity

The last Saturday of the semester, April 15h, we will be holding our **End of Semester Barbecue at Blue Springs**. Details about the activity will be on the Activities Board and in next week's Weekly.

### Smoking at UF

There is no smoking ANYWHERE on the UF campus!

This means you should not in the courtyard outside of Matherly or Norman Hall, the private property surrounding any UF buildings, or any other building on the UF campus. This also means you should NEVER smoke in the bathrooms or anywhere else inside a building!

### Summer C Deadlines

If you are returning for the Summer C semester, you must check in online or in person May 4th to May 8th.

If you are returning for the Summer C semester but you plan to leave the US, you must get your I-20 signed before you leave. When you return, you must report to the Student Health Care Center for a PPD evaluation.

If you are taking a vacation semester, you must speak with Daryl before May 8th. If you are a sponsored student, you must have a written approval from your sponsor.

If you cannot study in Summer C but want to return for Summer B or Fall C, please speak with Daryl.

If you do not check in on time, there will be a \$100 fee and you may not be permitted to enroll. Summer C classes begin on Monday, May 15th and all students must be in class by Wednesday, May 17th.

## Last Day of ELI Classes

Thursday, April 20th, is the final day of ELI classes this summer. Teachers will be submitting final grades and attendance reports on Wednesday, April 19th. If you are absent on Thursday, April 20th, your absence will not be counted for immigration, class grades, or any petition you have submitted. All absences on April 17th, 18th, and 19th still count!!! You should not miss class these days!

We hope all ELI students will attend class on Thursday, April 20th. Your teachers and LAs have many fun and interesting lessons and activities planned. However, we know many ELI students are making preparations to leave Gainesville, so are very busy this last week. If you will not be attending class on Thursday, April 20th, please inform your teacher by Tuesday, April 18th. Your teachers and LAs need to know how many students to plan for.

All of your teachers and LAs will be at the ELI Commencement Ceremony on Friday, April 21st. We hope you will be there, too!

## Manners & Culture

*Q: Why do some students arrive late for class all the time? Is this polite in their own country?*

A: Well, I don't know for sure; you'd have to ask them that. However, I can certainly tell you that it's considered extremely rude here! Students, if you are late for class, don't knock on the door, don't say hello to anyone; just sneak in.

*Q: Why is it considered inappropriate to interact with kids you don't know?*

A: Families and parents are extremely protective of their children. It is every parent's nightmare for something bad to happen to their child. If the parents don't know you, they could be suspicious of you and not understand why you are talking to their child.

## Grammar

*Q: How can I use shall in a sentence?*

A: In American English, you can't anymore. As recently as 40 years ago, it was considered the proper future tense modal for the first person (I shall, we shall) instead of will, but it isn't anymore. We really only use it for polite offers or requests.

40 years ago: I shall get an A in grammar.

Today: I will get an A in grammar.

Polite offer: Shall I get you more coffee?

Polite requests: Shall we go?

## Birthdays!

Students:

April 3: Yi chi Lai

April 4: Mame Ibra Kany Mbacke

April 4: Alex Sanchez

April 5: Loymar Lezama Perez

April 5: Geanpiero Race Scocca

April 6: Napassaporn Ridbua

April 8: Bajad Alotaibi

April 8: Ali Alrashidi

April 9: Mariana Murzi Alvarado

April 9: Mariangel Rodulfo Munayer

Staff:

April 6: Lisa Levine

April 7: Barbara Drake

## Notes from the Office

**Expiring I-20s:** If your I-20 is expiring and you plan on returning to the ELI in the summer, you must talk to Daryl before the expiration date. This can be found on the front of your I-20; look for the words "program end date".

**Daryl Out:** Daryl will be out Monday-Thursday this week. If you need to talk to him, schedule an appointment in the ELI Office.

**Fees:** If you have any unpaid fees at the library, infirmary, or ELI office, pay them ASAP or you will not receive a certificate at the end of the semester. You can come to the ELI Main office if you need help figuring out how to pay.

**Petition Deadline:** The deadline to submit a petition is April 10th. If you received a letter from Victoria saying that you will not receive a certificate because of attendance, and want to petition, it must be turned in by this date. You can come to the ELI Office if you have a question.



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