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# The ELI Weekly

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## Commencement

*Can you believe it's already here?*

Congratulations, everyone. It's been a long and tough semester, and you should all be proud of the excellent work you have done in all of your classes. This coming week is very busy with testing and end-of-semester activities, so please read this issue of the ELI Weekly carefully to make sure you know about all of the things you need to do to wrap up the term. This will be the last issue of the *Weekly* for the Fall Term, 2011.

The ELI Commencement Ceremony will be held in the Reitz Union Auditorium on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Students, Language Assistants, teachers, and administrators, please join us for this special occasion. Students will receive their grades and class photos after the ceremony. Everyone is encouraged to dress up for the occasion!

## Exit Test Schedule

On Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, we will be giving the CELT, our exit test. There are no regular ELI classes on this day. **There will be no late exams and no late students admitted to the exams.** All ELI students are required to attend and take the test in order to receive a certificate from the ELI. The

schedule is as follows; sections refer to Reading/Writing classes.

### Morning Exit Test: 8:30 to 10:30

NRN 313 – RW20  
NRN 340 – RW21  
NRN 309 – RW22  
NRN 311 – RW23  
NRN 166 – RW30,31,32  
NRN 278 – RW33,1,5

### Afternoon Exit Test: 12:30 to 2:20

NRN 137 – All other classes:  
RW 10,11  
RW 2,3,4, 6, 7  
RW 40,41,42,43,44, 45  
RW 50,51,59  
RW 60  
all PT students not taking RW

**Please be on time. This means arrive 5 to 15 minutes early.** If you arrive late to the test, you will not be permitted to take it, and you will not receive a certificate from the ELI.

## The Weekend Trip

This Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, we are holding our **End of Semester Barbecue at Lake Wauburg!** Don't forget to sign up on the Activities Board before 5pm on Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Reminders

**Safety:** Don't walk around by yourself at night and don't accept rides from strangers. Likewise, don't pick up strangers off the side of the road.

**Immunizations:** If you still haven't gotten your immunizations done, we will not be able to give you the Exit Package that has your grades, certificate, and class photo.

**Fines and Fees:** Pay your library fines and your infirmary fees. If you're not sure how to do this, Emily has a handout on her door (Norman 316) with instructions. Remember that if you fail to pay your fines and fees, you won't receive your Exit Package.

**Afternoon Activities:** This is the last week of afternoon activities, so come out one last time and hang out with your friends, LAs, and maybe even your teachers.

## Spring 2012 Classes

Are you bored of taking LS, RW, and GM classes? Sign up for one of these substitute electives instead! Detailed descriptions are now up on the ELI Announcement Bulletin Board,

across the hall from the Activities Board.

- Conversation Strategies
- Reading And Writing Across Genres
- Writing & Grammar For Writing
- Business English

Are you studying for the TOEFL or IELTS? Sign up for one of those to get more help in a structured setting.

You can sign up at the beginning of the Spring semester.

Note: If you are conditionally admitted to the UF Graduate School, you should NOT take a substitute elective unless you have exited out of the 60 level for that skill.

## Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the period December 9-31:

Students:

December 15: Ibraahim Alsanad  
December 16: Isabel Belloso Romero  
December 16: Cadma Silva  
December 17: Julio Pazmino  
December 17: SowailemAlsowailem  
December 17: Yeonoh Jeong  
December 18: Thamer Tabbakh  
December 18: Prisca Yamba-Goeleyen  
December 18: Leonce Song-Naba  
December 19: AbdulazizAlshehri  
December 20: Fatemah Al-Marzooq  
December 21: Javier Gutierrez Medina  
December 21: Cheng-Hsiang Yen  
December 21: Salman Albardi

December 22: Abdullah Alsuhaime  
December 22: Giovanni Prati  
December 23: Rwan Blaisi  
December 24: Bandar Alanazi  
December 24: Jaeseok Seo  
December 25: Hsiao-Chia Hu  
December 25: Rashid Alhajeri  
December 26: Ali Buhamad  
December 27: Amro Alsaggaf  
December 27: Anas Alsaggaf  
December 29: Naif Aldujin  
December 29: Francisca Leal  
Garvajalino  
December 31: Saidou Kafando  
December 31: Asim Qasem  
December 31: Wennemi Sandwidi

Staff:

December 12: Zoe Witty

## Grammar

*Q: When can I use "and" at the beginning of a sentence or a paragraph?*

A: You should avoid using FANBOYS at the beginning of a sentence in academic writing. Use a conjunctive adverb such as "also", "however", or "therefore" instead. You can use FANBOYS at the beginning when you're speaking or writing a direct quotation. Here are some examples to illustrate this:

- Conversational: And you should talk to Daryl if you're taking a semester vacation.

- Academic: Also, you should talk to Daryl if you're taking a semester vacation.

Notice that the Quote of the Week is also an example of this guideline and when to break it.

## Manners and Culture

*Q: Why do Americans ignore grammar rules when speaking?*

A: Nearly everyone does, to some extent. This is how we create slang and idiom and how language evolves over time. Language is not a static, unchanging thing. It lives because it's spoken by a nearly infinite variety of people with a nearly infinite variety of thoughts and ideas. Think about it. When you speak in your native language with your friends, does it sound exactly like the language you are formally taught in school? Does it sound like the exact same language that your grandparents or even your parents use when they speak to their friends? My motto is, learn the rules and then learn how to break them, so you can sound more like a native speaker!

## Quote of the Week

Don't be dismayed at goodbyes. A farewell is necessary before you can meet again. And meeting again, after moments of lifetimes, is certain for those who are friends.

**Richard Bach**



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