

The CIP Insider

Your place to find out what is going on with the Cultural Immersion Program!

Weekday Activities

Join the ELI every weeknight for fun and English conversation! All activities are from 6:30—9:30.

Monday Mixer

Bowl, play pool and ping-pong, and hang out with your conversation partners and Language Assistants!

Place: Reitz Union Game Room

Tuesday Soccer

Play soccer or Frisbee with other students and Language Assistants!

Place: Flavet Field

Wednesday Volleyball

Play volleyball or basketball! Hang out with your ELI friends!

Place:

Lexington Crossing Apartments

Rotating Thursdays

Something new every week! Check the Weekly for more details!

Café Friday

Get a coffee, play games, or eat at a nearby restaurant!

Place: Starbucks on Archer road

Thursday Activity

Karaoke Night at Stage 7

Come sing your favorite karaoke songs with your ELI friends!

When: Thursday, October 25th from 7:00—10:00.

Where: Stage 7 Karaoke on 34th Street

What to Bring: Your best singing voice! Also, bring some money because karaoke costs \$5 per hour (\$15 for the entire event).

Saturday Activities

To celebrate the upcoming Halloween holiday, the ELI will be attending two events this Saturday, October 27th.

Micanopy Fall Festival

Micanopy is called “the town that time forgot.” This Saturday, you can enjoy a lovely day at the Micanopy Fall Festival. Enjoy a traditional, small-town art festival. This family-friendly event is a great way to enjoy a part of American life you do not usually see in movies or TV shows.

Where: Meet at Norman Garage at 12:00.

What to Bring: Admission is free, but bring money for parking, food, and souvenirs.

B-Term Conversation Partners

If you are a B-term student and want a conversation partner, you must attend one of the following meetings. Both meetings are on Friday, October 26th.

Meeting #1: 10:40 AM in Matherly 116

Meeting #2: 11:45 AM in Matherly 118

For question about conversation partners, see Ryann in the CIP office, Matherly 211.

Santa Fe College Admissions Workshop

If you are planning on attending Santa Fe College or just want to learn more about the application process, the ELI will be hosting representatives from Santa Fe College on Thursday, October 25th from 5:15—6:15 in Matherly 209. You can learn about transferring from the ELI to Santa Fe College and ask any questions you have about applying to universities in the United States. The application deadline for the Spring 2019 semester is quickly approaching!

Check Your Midterm Grades

C-Term midterm grades will be available on myELI Wednesday, October 24th. This is a great opportunity to see what you have already accomplished this semester and what you need to improve in the upcoming weeks. To check your grades:

1. Login to www.my.eli.ufl.edu.
2. Click on **My Courses** in the top right-hand corner of the welcome page.
3. Click on **My Grades/Scores**.
4. Click on the link “**Midterm**” under Student report link to see your report for each class. You can also download .pdf files of your grade reports.

Notes from the Office

B-Term Deadlines: For B-term students, **Wednesday, October 24th** is the last day to drop or add a class, pay tuition, turn in financial guarantees, and submit proof of insurance or immunizations. If you miss this deadline, go to the ELI Main Office in Matherly 223 immediately. If you don't do this, you could be removed from classes or charged a late fee!

Gatorlink IDs: Setting up your GatorLink can be confusing. After you get your UF ID, you are sent an invitation to set up your GatorLink, but many people miss this email. If you have problems setting up your GatorLink, visit this website: <https://account.it.ufl.edu/>. If you still have questions, see **Jennifer Vann** in the ELI office.

B-Term Places of Origin

These are the places of origin of our Fall B students.

Welcome to the ELI! We are glad you are here!

Bolivia	Equatorial	Japan	Sudan
Brazil	Guinea	Kuwait	Taiwan
China	France	Peru	Thailand
Colombia	India	Saudi Arabia	United States
Egypt	Iran	South Korea	Venezuela

Culture Question

Question:

Why do we have class on Halloween? Isn't it a holiday?

Answer:

Yes, Halloween is a holiday, but it is not a federal holiday. As a result, people still go to work and school on this day.

The United States has 10 federal holidays. On these days, schools and other government offices are usually closed. These days are New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day. Other days, like Valentine's Day, Halloween, and Easter are important culturally.

Useful Expression of the Week

Expression of the Week: In the CIP Insider, you saw the following underlined phrase:

Phrase One: up one's alley

The Newberry Cornfield Maze is right up your alley!

(Right) up one's alley is an idiom. If something is up your alley, it means that something matches your tastes, interests, or abilities. In other words, you will like something if you try it.

Example:

Have you seen the new *Halloween* movie yet? If you like scary movies, it will be **right up your alley**!

Did you hear an English expression that you don't know? Ask the *ELI Weekly*! You may ask me, Thomas Dolce, in person in my office (MAT 220B), email me at tomdolce@ufl.edu, or put them in my mailbox (ELI Office, MAT 223, box marked Dolce) anytime the office is open.

Next Week—Homecoming

Next weekend is an important American university tradition—homecoming! You can learn more in next week's edition of the *ELI Weekly*.

This event is important for several reasons. The most important one is that there are no classes on Friday, November 2nd.

Happy birthday!

Be sure to wish the following people a happy birthday this week!

Students:

October 23rd: Shih-Yu Hsu

October 24th: Muhammed Alzahrani

October 24th: Maryam Alduwaisan

October 25th: Ana Urdaneta

October 26th: Tariq Almufarrih

October 28th: Asma Almuaiter