

The CIP Insider

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

Thursday Activity— Video Game Night

There are many things that you should not do in class. You should not sleep, eat, or play games.

However, on Thursday, November 1st, the ELI will have a video game night! Come play video games in Matherly Hall! Gamers of all skills and interests are welcome!

When: Thursday, November 1st from 5:30–8:30.

Where: Matherly 210

What to Bring: Bring whatever gaming systems or games that you want to play!

Friday Night Activity— Café Friday

Even though there is no class on Friday, the ELI will still be meeting for Café Friday. It starts at 6:30 PM at Starbucks on Archer Road.

Conversation Partner General Meeting

There will be a Conversation Partner meeting on Tuesday, October 30th at 6:30 PM in Matherly 2 for ELI students and their Conversation Partners! If you would like to present about your country, please let Ryann know! Bring your friends and Conversation Partner!

FRIDAY Activity—Homecoming Parade

Because of the University of Florida's homecoming event, the weekend CIP event will be on Friday this week. There is no event on Saturday.



Homecoming is an American school tradition. During homecoming, schools welcome back former students. There are usually a lot of events to celebrate homecoming.

This Friday, November 2nd, the ELI will attend one of homecoming's biggest events, the homecoming parade! During the parade, you can see marchers and floats from over 120 groups, including student groups, charities, and businesses. Come celebrate everything Gainesville!

When: Friday, November 1st at 11:30.

Where: University Avenue outside of Matherly Hall. The parade route goes along University Avenue.

November Holidays

The month of November contains many holidays. Here is a schedule of days off so that you can make good plans. Please remember to be in class on every day that is not a holiday. Also, if you plan on leaving the country, make sure that your I-20 travel authorization is signed by Daryl.

Friday, November 2nd

This day is the University of Florida's homecoming. The ELI will be watching the homecoming parade on this day. There are other events that you can attend, such as the Gator Growl pep rally on Friday night or the football game against the University of Missouri on Saturday.

Monday, November 12th

Veterans Day is November 11th, but this year, we will observe it on Monday, November 12th. Veterans Day is a day to recognize veterans. A veteran is a person who served in the military.

This holiday was originally called Armistice Day, and it celebrated the end of World War I. However, it was changed to Veterans day in 1954.

Wednesday, November 21st— Friday, November 23rd

There are no classes on these three days to celebrate Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is a day to spend with family and be thankful. Because this is such an important family holiday, many people will be traveling during this time. Airline tickets will be very expensive and the roads will have a lot of traffic.

Change Your Clocks!

When you wake up on Sunday, November 4th and check your phone, you might think that your clock is not working. That is because Sunday is the end of daylight saving time. In the fall, we move our clocks back by one hour. For example, your 8:30 AM this week will be your 7:30 AM next week. One way to think about this is it will be brighter when you wake up in the morning, but it will get darker earlier in the evening.

Confused? That is ok! Your phones and computers should change their clocks automatically. However, you will probably need to change your other clocks and watches to match the new time. If you do not pay attention to the time change, you might jump the gun and show up an hour early for your first class next week!

Halloween Photo Booth

Wednesday, October 31st is Halloween! Some ELI teachers, staff, and students will be dressed in costumes to celebrate! The ELI will have a Halloween Photo Booth in the main office. Come take pictures!

If you do plan on wearing a costume to class, please make sure it is appropriate for school! If you are not sure, ask your teachers!

Culture Question

Question:

It is so cold in the morning! Is this winter in Gainesville?

Answer:

Almost! October and November are the months when the temperature starts to drop. The coldest months of the year are December and January. In those months, the average high temperature is about 70 degrees Fahrenheit, while the average low temperature is around 42 degrees Fahrenheit. Some years are warmer and some years are colder.

In case you are wondering, the spring months in Gainesville are very pleasant! It does not get very hot again until the beginning of May or June.

Useful Expressions of the Week

Expression of the Week: In the "Change Your Clocks" article, you saw the following underlined phrases:

Phrase One: Jump the gun

Phrase Two: Show up

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Jump the gun is an idiom. It means that you did something before the time that you should do it. This idiom originally comes from track and field. In that sport, a race starts with the sound of a gun. So, if you **jump the gun**, it means that you start running before the sound of the gun.

Show up is a phrasal verb. It means to arrive at a location, usually to meet with a group of people. We often use **show up** with the words *early*, *late*, or *unexpectedly* to describe how someone arrived. For example, if you are late for class, you can apologize to your teacher by saying, "I'm sorry for **showing up** late!"

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.

Happy birthday!

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

Students:

November 1st: Jung E Yang

November 4th: Clara Camila Pesti Del Rio

Staff:

October 30th: Christine Voigt