

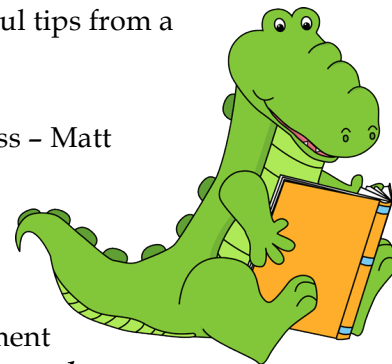
The ELI Weekly

Final Exams!

We do not have a scheduled activity this weekend because **all ELI classes will be taking final exams** starting next week. You have final exams in all of your classes and your teachers will tell you the specific dates.

If you want to finish the semester strong and ace your exams here are some helpful tips from a few of your 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
- Start preparing now, don't wait until the last minute and go to bed early before your test - Olga
- Being well rested is more important than cramming all night - Thomas
- Actually study! - Jennifer



Remember that these tests are important for your class grade and for your placement if you are returning to the ELI next semester. *There are no early tests, no makeups, and you might not be able to take the exam if you are late on a test day.* If you do not know your final exam dates, ask your teachers!

Part time students who are not taking Grammar of Listening/Speaking: If you plan on taking Listening/Speaking or Grammar in the future and are not taking it now, come to MAT 223 to sign up for the test by Monday, April 16th. We will need this information to place you into the right class next semester.

- Listening/Speaking CELT: Friday, April 20, from 12:50 to 1:20 p.m.
- Grammar CELT: Friday, April 20, from 1:45 to 2:30 p.m.

Upcoming Activities

This Thursday, April 12th, from 6-9 pm the ELI will be attending **Museum Nights at the Harn Museum**. The theme is "Africa: Beyond the Mask"; there will be many interesting exhibits, music, dance, storytelling, and free food! Take Bus 20 to get there (near Southwest Rec Center).

For the last weekend activity of the semester, on Saturday, April 21st, 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.

Scholarship Nominees

Please join me in congratulating the nominees for the ELI Scholarships to study in the Summer 2018 semester.

Basil Aldhafeeri

Fernando Alvarado Lopez

Wesam Alshahrani

Mariana Alves Santos

Dori Danino

Sheila Hernandez Toribio

Stephanie Mejias Rondon

Barbara Silva Muniz

It is very difficult to be nominated for a scholarship. This means the nominees all worked extra hard this semester and are full-time C semester students who achieved the following criteria:

- Academic Excellence: 4.0 GPA and high level of proficiency
- Outstanding Progress: outstanding progress in language skills
- Excellent Attendance: no more than ten hours absences
- Speak English: make every effort to speak English at all times
- Successful Work Strategies: demonstrate personal initiative in and out of the classroom

Congrats nominees! Good luck to all of you!

Last Day of ELI Classes

Thursday, April 26th, is the final day of ELI classes this spring. Teachers will be submitting final grades and attendance reports on Wednesday, April 25th. If you are absent on Thursday, your absence will not be counted for immigration, class grades, or any petition you have submitted. **All absences on April 23rd, 24th, and 25th still count!!! You should not miss class these days!**

We hope all ELI students will attend class on Thursday, April 26th. Your teachers and LAs have 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 26th, please inform your teacher by Tuesday, April 24th.** 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 27th. 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! We do understand that sometimes you have a long distance between classes, but if you are late everyday it is an interruption to the class, especially on test days! Students, if you are late for class, don't knock on the door, don't say hello to anyone; just come in quietly and try to get on task as quickly as possibly!

Grammar

Q: How can I use shall in a sentence?

A: In American English, we don't use *shall* much 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 that changed. Nowadays, 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 11: Faisal Ahmed

April 12: Eleonora Cesari

April 13: Sheila Vasconcelos da Costa e Silva

Staff:

April 12: Thomas Dolce

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".

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.

ELI Food Drive: If you have any extra non-perishable food - anything that does not need to be refrigerated, like cans, boxes, or dried items - or household goods, like cleaning supplies or bathroom items, bring them to the ELI main office! We are collecting for the UF Field and Fork Pantry. Plus, this is a contest, so the level that donates the most, wins! If you have questions, would like to see the list of items needed, or want to donate, visit Tiffany in MAT 223.



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