

Notes From the Office

An important day: Thursday, January 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!

Dropping a Class or Withdrawing: Students who drop a class (including electives) or withdraw from the ELI after the drop/add deadline on **Thursday, January 24th**, will not receive a refund or credit for their courses, and their transcript will have a grade of W (withdraw).

Elective Classes: This semester, the ELI is offering two extra elective classes. An **IELTS** test preparation class meets on Mondays and Wednesdays. You must be in R/W 40 or higher to take this class. A **Pronunciation** class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You must be in L/S 30 or higher to take this class. Talk to **Patricia** or **Tiffany** in the office by **Thursday, January 24th** to add one of these classes.

Office Etiquette: When you visit the office, it's important to use good manners. If the office is crowded, wait for your turn to talk. If everyone is patient and polite, the office staff can help you more quickly.

myELI: When you applied to the ELI, you received your Login name and Password for my.eli.ufl.edu. On this website, you can see important announcements, check your schedule, monitor your attendance, upload important documents, and many other things! If you have problems with the website, come to the ELI office for help.

Feeling Sick?: If you are sick, let your teachers know by email so that they can decide how to help you. If you are going to be absent for 5 or more days, please let the office know. Finally, if you need help making an appointment with a doctor, talk to **Victoria Shelly** in the main office.

GATORSAFE App

All ELI students should download the GATORSAFE app. The GATORSAFE app is UF's way to improve the safety and security of everyone on campus. With the app, you will receive information about emergencies. You can use the app to contact the police if you need help.

The GATORSAFE app is available in the Google Play store and the Apple App store.

The CIP Insider

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

Weekday Activities

Join the ELI every week-night 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

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

Special Activities

Join the ELI for these special activities! These activities will change every week.

Thursday Activity

Conversation Partner Welcome Social

Come eat dinner, learn about the Conversation Partner program, and meet new ELI students and Language Assistants!

Time: 6:30—8:30

Place: Felipe's Taqueria restaurant on University Avenue

Saturday Activity

Hoggetowne Medieval Faire

Go back in time 1500 years to the medieval period at the Hoggetowne Medieval Faire! Shop, watch amazing shows, and eat delicious faire food!

Place: Meet at Norman Garage at 10:00. We will drive to the event together.

Cost: \$18 for 18 years or older. \$8 for 17 years old and younger.

Submit your writing to Student Voices

Your teachers love to see your writing, but more than that, we like to see your writing in print. Every semester, we take your writing and publish it in *Student Voices*. Past submissions have included paragraphs, essays, creative stories, recipes, letters, obituaries, poetry, creative stories, class projects, and other interesting works on a variety of topics.

I encourage you to submit any of your work that you want to see published. It can be from any class or something you have written on your own, but ask your teachers for help editing! You can email it to me (tomdolce@ufl.edu) or to your teacher. Please include your name and class on your submission. The deadline for submissions is Friday, April 5th.

Want a Conversation Partner?

Conversation Partners are a great way to practice English and learn about American culture! You will meet for one hour every week this semester. Your Conversation Partner will be a UF student or a person in Gainesville. You must go to **one** of the following meetings to sign up for a Conversation Partner!

- Friday, January 25th at 5:10 PM in Matherly 2
- Friday, January 25th at 6:15 PM in Matherly 2

See the activities board outside of Matherly 211 for more sign up meetings. Please see **Ryann** in Matherly 211 if you have any questions!

Places of Origin

This semester, our students come from 27 different places! Which places are your classmates from?

Bolivia	Egypt	Jordan	Spain
Brazil	El Salvador	Kuwait	Taiwan
Chile	Haiti	Libya	Thailand
China	India	Nicaragua	Turkey
Colombia	Iran	Paraguay	United States of America
Cuba	Italy	Saudi Arabia	Venezuela
Ecuador	Japan	South Korea	

Useful Expressions of the Week

I, Thomas Dolce, would like to greet you as your *ELI Weekly* Editor. You will receive the *Weekly* each week during your Reading/Writing class.

The *ELI Weekly* gives you important news about what is happening at the ELI. The *Weekly* also answers your questions. If you have questions about American culture or people, let me know! Did you hear an English expression that you don't know? Ask the *ELI Weekly*! You may ask me 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.

Expression of the Week: In the CIP Insider, you saw two underlined phrases.

Phrase One: what's going on

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

What's going on is a question to ask someone what is happening. Also, we can use **What's going on?** as a greeting.

Phrase Two: hang out

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

Hang out is a phrasal verb. It means to spend time in a fun, relaxing way. Usually, **hang out** is followed by the word *with*.

Example: A: Hey, what's going on?

B: Not much. I'm hanging out with some friends. What's going on with you?

Happy birthday!

Wish the following people a happy birthday this week!

Students:

January 23rd: Khaled Al Fahad

January 25th: Maria Prati Gagliardi

January 25th: Abdulkareem Alfaraj

Staff:

January 24th: Lynne Clark