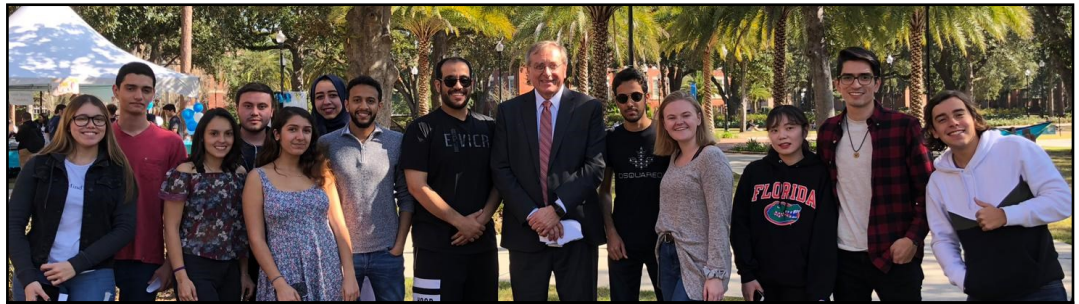


## Find out what the University of Florida can offer you!

As UF ELI students, you have access to many opportunities. These are a great way to learn the ins and outs of American university life. Here are some things you can do around campus! If you have questions, see Victoria in the ELI office!



Do you know who the man in the suit is? Hint: He's a very important person around campus!

### Athletic Events

A Gator 1 ID will get you into most athletic events on campus! While you have to buy men's football and basketball tickets, you can attend all other sports for free! It is now softball, basketball, lacrosse, tennis, and gymnastics season. Baseball starts on Friday! Go catch a match and cheer on our Gators!

### Libraries and Labs

Need a quiet place to study or a place to work on your presentation? Visit one of UF's libraries or computer labs. With a Gatorlink, you can use any library or computer lab on campus. Library West is open 24/7! Just be aware that if you print in one of these labs, you must pay your fees!

### Health and Wellness

By now, you know about the Student Health Care Center, but UF has other resources to keep you healthy and well. For example, students can learn about quitting tobacco through the GatorWell program. Also, students with disabilities can utilize the Disability Resource Center.

### Gyms and Fields

ELI students can use many fields and recreational areas for free, including Broward Pool, Flavet Field, and Lake Wauburg. In order to use the Southwest Recreation Center, the Student Recreation and Fitness Center, or Florida Gym, you must purchase a gym membership.

## The CIP Insider

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

### Thursday —Museum Night

Gainesville is home to several great museums. This Thursday, you can experience one of the best cultural experiences in Gainesville—Museum Nights at the Harn Museum!

Because February is Black History Month, the Harn Museum will have art from Africa. In addition, there will be free food and other activities.

**Time:** 6:00–9:00

**Place:** Harn Museum, near Southwest Recreation Center

**What:** Bring your Gator 1 ID to get in!

### Saturday Activity– VegFest at Depot Park

On Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, the ELI will be attending the third annual Gainesville VegFest! The VegFest is a festival to celebrate healthy and sustainable ways of living. There will be food, speakers, live music, and other demonstrations.

This event will be held at Depot Park in downtown Gainesville. Depot Park is a great place to spend a Saturday, especially if you have children. Depot Park has the coolest children's playground in town.

**Time:** We will meet at Norman Garage at 12:00 and go downtown together.

**Where:** Depot Park in downtown Gainesville

**What:** Dress comfortably because the event is mostly outdoors. Bring enough money to buy food or any souvenirs that you like.

## Culture Questions

Do you have questions about American Culture? The *ELI Weekly* wants to help! Submit your culture questions to Thomas Dolce by email (tomdolce@ufl.edu) or to his mail box (Dolce) in the main office.

### Question:

*Why don't Americans wear much cologne and perfume?*

### Answer:

Americans are very sensitive about personal space. You have probably noticed this in the way Americans talk to each other. They like to stand about one arm's length away from each other, or about 2.5 feet. If someone gets closer than this, Americans might get uncomfortable and move away from the other person.

This is also true for smell. Generally, Americans do not want to smell other people if they are more than an arm's length away. This is true for good smells, like cologne and perfume, and bad smells, like body odor or cigarette smoke.

As a result of this, many Americans do not wear cologne or perfume, and if they do, they do not wear it often. One study conducted in 2013 showed that more than 50% of American men wear cologne never or rarely, while only 23% of American men wear cologne regularly. Women tend to wear perfume at higher rates. Nearly 70% of women wear perfume regularly, but the percentage of women who do not wear perfume is growing every year.

Because Americans are not used to strong smells, there can be several things to be aware of. First, Americans may try to stay farther away from you if you are wearing cologne or perfume. If they do not smell these scents often, perfume or cologne can give people headaches. In fact, many offices in the United States prohibit cologne or perfume in order to make everyone more comfortable.

It can be considered rude to tell someone they are wearing too much cologne or perfume, so your American friends, Language Assistants, and teachers might not say anything to you. However, if you notice that they are staying farther away from you or look uncomfortable around you, your cologne might be the reason!

## Useful Expressions of the Week

**Expressions of the Week:** In the campus services article, you saw these underlined phrases:

### Phrase One: ins and outs

Becoming part of the UF community is a great way to improve your English and learn the ins and outs of American university life.

**Ins and outs** is an idiom. It means all of the details and specific information about a specific topic. For example, your teachers know the **ins and outs** of English grammar.

### Phrase Two: 24/7

Library West is open 24/7!

**24/7** is a short way of saying 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In the sentence above, it means that Library West is open 24 hours a day and seven days a week. In other words, Library West never closes! We can use **24/7** to refer to actual hours, but we can also use it to mean *always*.

Occasionally, you may hear or see **24/7/365**. The 365 refers to the number of days in a year.

Got a phrase that you want explained in the *ELI Weekly*? Email [tomdolce@ufl.edu](mailto:tomdolce@ufl.edu) 24/7 to see your phrase here!

## Happy birthday!

**Wish the following people a happy birthday this week!**

### Students:

**February 11<sup>th</sup>:** Hamoud Alshallaqi

**February 11<sup>th</sup>:** Guillermo Manrique Ayala

**February 13<sup>th</sup>:** Angelica Perez Flores

**February 14<sup>th</sup>:** Ayman Alghamdi

**February 14<sup>th</sup>:** Sarah Albrahimi

**February 14<sup>th</sup>:** Gabriela Romero Frias

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