

Spring Break—March 4th—8th

There are no ELI classes March 4th—March 8th. That week is Spring Break. This is a great time to rest, travel, and prepare yourself for the rest of the semester! Here are a few things you should know about Spring Break:

- There is reduced bus service from Saturday, March 2nd until Sunday, March 10th. Check www.go-rts.com for more information about your bus route.
- Your travel authorization on your I-20 must be signed if you are traveling outside of the country. If you have questions, see **Daryl** in the ELI Office.
- The ELI office is open during Spring Break. Come by and say hello if you are in town!
- After Spring Break, the ELI B-term is starting. There will be new ELI students, so please make them feel welcome. You can start by attending the B-Term Welcome Picnic on Saturday, March 9th.

Have fun and be safe!

Important Tax Information

Taxes are due on April 15th this year. If you don't make money in the U.S., you won't owe taxes; however, all international students who studied in the US in 2018 must send a document to the IRS. If you do not file, it may hurt your chances to be approved for future visa applications.

If you are on an F-1 or J visa, did not earn income in the US in 2018, and have been in this country for less than 5 years, you need to fill out this form, called Form 8843: <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8843.pdf>

Fill out the information under Part I and Part III. In 9 and 10, you need to include the information about the academic institution that you attended in 2018. You'll find that on the back of this *Weekly* at the bottom of the page. The name of the director of the ELI is Megan Forbes.

Mail your completed form to this address:

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Austin, TX 73301

If you have questions about filing form 8843 with the IRS, you should make an appointment to ask **Daryl** or someone in the ELI administration group for help.

If you had on campus employment in 2018, you earned taxable and reportable income and must submit form 8843 and a 2018 Form 1040NR or Form 1040NR-EZ to the IRS. You will need a W-2 from your employer. Make an appointment with **Daryl** if you have questions about filing a 2018 Form 1040NR or Form 1040NR-EZ.

You can also find answers to some questions on the UF International Center tax page: <https://internationalcenter.ufl.edu/international-students-scholars/additional-information/taxes>. ELI students cannot access GLACIER Tax Prep services offered by the UF International Center. Helpful links are also posted on the ELI Facebook page.

The CIP Insider

Thursday Activity–

Conversation Partner Social

This Thursday, the ELI will have a conversation partner social at MOD Pizza. Invite your conversation partners and have dinner with them, your classmates, and your favorite Language Assistants.

When: Thursday, February 28th from 6:30–8:30.

Where: MOD Pizza on 13th Street

B-Term Welcome Picnic

On Saturday, March 9th, the ELI will have its B-Term Welcome Picnic. Come meet new ELI students and eat free food!

When: Saturday, March 9th at noon

Where: The Plaza of the Americas

Goodbye, KSPO Students!



This Friday, our students sponsored by the Korean Sports Promotion Foundation will have their final day of classes at UF. Many of us got to know them in classes and at activities and they have become an amazing part of the ELI family. We will miss you!

Daylight Saving Time

When you wake up on Sunday, March 10th, you may be confused when you check the time. That is because Daylight Saving Time starts on this day. On this day, we move our clocks ahead by one hour. One way to think about this is it will be darker when you wake up in the morning, but it will be brighter later into the day.

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.

TOEFL Elective in B-Term

The ELI is offering a TOEFL elective course in the B-term semester. The class starts the week of March 11th. The class will meet Monday and Wednesday evenings. Students must be in level 40 Reading and Writing to take the class.

If you want to sign up for this course, please register online at <http://www.eli.ufl.edu/register.htm>.

For more information, please contact **Patricia Moon** at pmoon@eli.ufl.edu.

Useful Expression of the Week

Expression of the Week #1: In the “Spring Break” article, you saw the phrase “in town.”

Phrase One: in town

Come by and say hello if you are **in town**!

In town is a phrase used when you will be in the same town or city as the person you are talking to. The opposite is **out of town**. This is useful in Gainesville because many students travel outside of Gainesville during the weekends and semester breaks.

Examples:

A: Are you going to be **in town** this weekend?

B: Yeah, I'll be here.

A: Are you going to the CIP activity on Saturday?

B: I can't. I'm going to be **out of town** this weekend.

As always, send your English expression questions to Thomas Dolce at tomdolce@ufl.edu.

Conversation Partner Meeting

There will be a Conversation Partner Meeting Wednesday, February 27th at 5:10 PM in Matherly 6. Bring your Conversation Partner and friends! We will play language games and learn about our friends' cultures.

Happy birthday!

Wish the following people a happy birthday this week!

Students:

February 29th: Mohammed Alsubaie

March 5th: Meshari Alsuwaidan

March 5th: Maria Velasquez Aleman

March 9th: Badr Aldahlawi

March 10th: Xiaofei Wang

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