# The ELI Weekly

# Final Exams!

We will not have a scheduled activity this weekend because all ELI classes will be administering **final exams** beginning next week and ending the following week. You have final exams in all of your classes and your teachers will tell you the specific dates. Remember that these tests are important for your class grade and for your placement next semester if you are returning to the ELI. There are NO make-up tests, so be sure to rest and study this weekend so you are prepared, present, and on-time for all of your exams.

If you want to finish the semester strong and ace your exams here are some helpful tips from ELI teachers:

Review tests and quizzes from earlier in the semester because that's the best way to review everything – Zoe

Study vocabulary - Barbara

Make study groups and work in short intervals (15 minutes of study, 10 minute break, 15 minutes of study...) – Melina

Don't be afraid to ask your teachers if you have questions - Patrick

Sleep well and eat well the night before your tests - Maya

Don't wait until the last minute, especially to prepare your final presentation, because we'll know if you do! – Thomas

In addition to final exams, you will be taking the CELT in your Listening Speaking classes. There are no early CELT tests, no CELT makeups, and if you are late to the CELT you cannot take the exam.

**Part-time Students:** If you plan on taking Listening/Speaking or Grammar in the future and are not taking it now, please come to MAT 10 to sign up for the test. We will need this information to place you into the right class. If you're not currently taking Listening Speaking, your CELT will be Friday, July 28th from 12:45-1:20 p.m. in Matherly 112. If you are not currently taking Grammar, and want to return in the Fall, your CELT will be Friday, July 28th from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in Matherly 112.

# Notes From the Office

**Student Voices**: The deadline is THIS FRIDAY, July 21st! If you would like to submit something, you can talk to your teachers for help choosing something and editing or you can just email it directly to me at christinevoigt@ufl.edu. Make sure you include your name, class number, and a title for the writing. If you have any questions, feel free to ask!

**Expiring I-20s:** If your I-20 is expiring and you plan on returning to the ELI, you must talk to Daryl before the expiration date. But... **Daryl Out:** Daryl will be out of the office until next week. Make an appointment if you need to see him when he returns or talk to Laura in Yon 316 if you need help before he gets back.

**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 are not sure how to pay your fees.

# Fall C 2017 Deadlines

If you are returning for the Fall C 2017 semester, you must check in online from August 24th to 28th. We will start taking attendance September 5th.



If you are returning for the Fall C semester but you plan to leave the US, double check to make sure your I-20 is signed and valid

before you leave. Also, be sure you have all of your student documentation with you when you travel. When you return, you must report to the Student Health Care Center for a PPD evaluation.

If you want to take a vacation semester, you must speak with Daryl before August 5th. If you are a sponsored student, you must have a written approval from your sponsor.

If you do not check in on time, there will be a \$100 fee and you may not be permitted to enroll. No students will be accepted after Thursday, September 7th.

### Manners & Culture

*I visited a library called the Alachua County Library last weekend. What are the differences between Gainesville 'City' and Alachua 'County'?* 

A: This is a great question because the difference can be confusing. A county in the U.S. is a political region of a state. Usually, a city is smaller than a county. For example, Gainesville, Archer, High Springs, and Alachua are all cities or towns within Alachua County. However, some cities, like Jacksonville, FL, are the same size as their county, and New York City is so big that it covers 5 counties. Cities and counties also provide different public services. Cities are often responsible for court systems, law enforcement, and health services, while counties provide similar services on a large scale and also manage resources like libraries and public schools.

#### Grammar

#### Q: When do I use "so do I" and "so am I"?

A: They both mean that you agree with the person talking but which one you use depends on the verb in the original sentence. Use "so am I" for the be verb. Use "so do I" for all other verbs. Here is an example:

Saud: I am excited about final exams.

Riphine: So am I.

Ricardo: I want to go to Starbucks after class today. Yao: So do I.



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#### **Upcoming Activities**

This Thursday, July 20th, meet us at the 34th Street wall from 5:30-8:30 to help paint a sign welcoming international students and immigrants! Take bus 34 to get there and dress to get messy!

If it is raining on Thursday, we will change the plan and go to the UF Stadium for Gator Salsa from 6:00-8:30.

Next Saturday, July 29th, will be the End of Term BBQ at Blue Springs. Details about the activity will be on the Activities Board outside MAT 10 and in next week's *Weekly*.

On Friday, August 4th, the ELI will hold its Commencement Ceremony in the University Auditorium from 10 a.m. to noon, and we hope to see all of you at the ceremony! The last day of classes this semester is August 3rd and absences do count until the end of the semester!

## Birthdays!

Students:

July 19: Miguel Caputo July 22: Abduallh Sagher July 23: Daniela Michelena Rodriguez July 23: Mohammad Moien Monzavi July 23: Jorge Salazar Cruz

Staff: None this week