

Notes From the Office

An important day: Wednesday, May 23rd is the deadline 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 **Wednesday, May 23rd**, 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 three extra elective classes. **IELTS** and **TOEFL** test preparation classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You must be in R/W 40 or higher to take these classes. A **Pronunciation** class meets on Mondays and Wednesdays. You must be in L/S 30 or higher to take this class. Talk to **Patricia** or **Tiffany** in the office by Wednesday, May 23rd 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.

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.

Conversation Partners

Conversation partners are a great way to practice English and learn about American culture! Conversation partners are UF students or Gainesville residents, and they are excited to help you practice English! Partners usually meet for one hour of conversation per week. In order to get a conversation

partner, you need to go to one of the following meetings:

1. On Friday, May 25th, at 1:00 in Matherly 51
2. On Friday, May 25th, at 2:00 in Matherly 15

Talk to **Ryann** in Matherly 211 if you have any questions!

The CIP Insider

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

Weekday Activities

Join the ELI every weeknight 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: Norman Field

Wednesday Volleyball

Play volleyball or basketball! Hang out with your ELI friends!

Place: Oakbrook Walk Apartments

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 in person and online for these special activities!

Thursday Activity- Conversation Partner Social at BTW

Meet at BTW restaurant across University Avenue on Thursday, May 24th from 7:30—9:30.

Eat dinner (burgers, tacos, and chicken wings) with your classmates, Language Assistants, and new Conversation Partners!

Saturday Activity

Berry Picking at Red White and Blues Farm!

Visit a Florida farm, pick blueberries to take home, and ride a trolley around the farm. This is a great activity for the whole family!

Wear comfortable shoes and clothes. Blueberries cost \$5 per pound. Sign up on the activities board outside of Matherly 211 to attend!

Time: 12:00—4:00

Place: Meet at Norman Garage

Student Voices

We love to see our students' writing, but more than that, we like to see the 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 anything of your work that you wish 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, July 20th.

Places of Origin

This semester, our students come from 21 different places! Which places are your classmates from?

Bolivia
Brazil
Chile
China
Colombia
Ecuador
India
Israel
Jordan
South Korea
Kuwait
Mexico
Panama
Puerto Rico
Saudi Arabia
Spain
Togo
Turkey
United States
Uzbekistan
Venezuela

Useful Expressions of the Week

I, Thomas Dolce, would like to greet you personally 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

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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?

Connect with the ELI!

Do you follow the ELI on social media? Get connected!

Instagram: @ufleli

New posts and stories every day! Competitions, photos, and videos to practice your English!

Twitter: @ufleli

News and events around the UF campus!

Facebook: UF ELI

Information for new students and our newest videos!

Snapchat: uf_eli

Photos and videos from events. Watch out for student takeovers!

Youtube: University of Florida English Language Institute

ELI Talent Shows, slideshows from past semesters, and student-made videos!

Happy birthday!

Be sure to wish the following people a happy birthday this week!

Students:

May 21st: Eissa Jafari

May 22nd: Basil Aldhafeeri

Staff:

May 22nd: Tiffany Frison