

Exploring the UF Campus

During the Summer A semester, UF campus is extremely quiet. Although there are more than 50,000 students at the University of Florida, the majority of them take a vacation during the summer. Later, during the Summer B semester, you will see more students walking across campus and more restaurants will be open. In the fall, UF campus is extremely busy every day.

Even though this is a quiet time at the University of Florida, there is still quite a lot going on! Here are some things that might catch your eye on campus.

Krishna Lunch: Each day, a group called the Hare Krishnas serve lunch in the Plaza of the Americas, which is near Library West. Krishna lunch has been a feature of the UF campus since 1971. For about \$5, you can enjoy a delicious vegetarian meal. It's a popular place for UF students and faculty to meet with their friends for lunch.

Preview: If you see large groups of 18 year olds and their parents wandering around campus, don't be surprised. During the summer, UF hosts Preview, which an orientation for new UF students. During

preview, incoming freshmen learn about UF, sign up for classes, and get lost frequently.

UF Baseball: Last year, the University of Florida men's baseball team won the national championship. This season, the UF team is very good and was ranked the #1 team in the country. Currently, it is the playoff tournament. The University of Florida hosted games in the tournament last week. Because the Gators won that round of the playoffs, UF will host the next round of the tournament this weekend, too. If you like baseball, go catch a game this weekend!

Campus Services

There is a lot you can do on campus! Here are some of the highlights:

- Access UF libraries and computer labs with a Gatorlink account.
- Visit Lake Wauburg, UF's recreation lake with swimming, canoes, and all kinds of fun.
- Access to most gyms is not included, but you can buy a semester membership.

Have questions? See **Victoria** in the main office.

The CIP Insider

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

Saturday Activity- Jacksonville Beach

Are you ready for some fun in the sun? On Saturday, June 9th, the ELI will be visiting Jacksonville Beach! You can swim, sunbathe, walk down the pier, and hang out with all of your ELI friends!

This is a bus trip, which means everyone will ride together on a bus. To buy a bus pass, bring \$20 cash and your Gator 1 ID to **Nate** in Matherly 211 in the morning. If you want to attend, please buy your bus pass by Thursday, June 7th.

You should bring a swimsuit, a towel, sunscreen, extra clothes, and money for food.

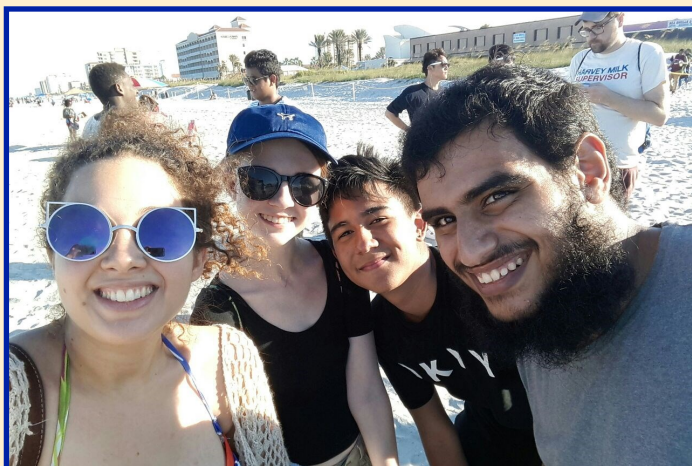
Don't wait! Sign up today to make sure you can get a spot on the bus!

Thursday Activity- Dance Night

Learn about dancing in other cultures and teach your classmates your own dances!

Time: 8:30-10:00

Place: Reitz Union Dance Studio A in the basement of the Reitz Union



Notes from the Office

Tuition and Financial Guarantees: If you have not paid tuition, late fees, or provided your financial guarantee, you need to see **Jennifer Vann** in the main office immediately! You will not be allowed to attend class until you do. If you miss class because of this, your teacher **MUST** count you absent.

Attendance: Attending class is your primary responsibility as a student. Additionally, as an international student, your attendance is important for keeping your visa. Ask your teacher if you need an explanation of the ELI's attendance policies.

Keep Campus Clean: There are numerous trash cans and recycling bins in and around Matherly Hall. Use them appropriately! In the bathrooms, do not put brown paper towels in the toilets. Use the white toilet paper only. Also, please flush after using the toilet.

Avoiding Scams

A **scam** is a plan that criminals use to trick you and steal your money or information. Unfortunately, it is difficult to know if something is real or if it is a scam. To protect yourself, follow these tips.

- Never send money to someone you have not met in person. Never make payments by wire transfer, pre-paid money card, gift card, or other non-traditional payment methods.
- Be careful about what you share on social media and when dealing with anyone you've met online. Scammers will often use your social media to find information about you.
- Don't click on links or open attachments in unexpected emails.
- Don't send private information through email or text messages.
- Don't act immediately if you are pressured to.

Ask **Victoria** if you are not sure if something is real or a scam.

Teacher Tips

Want to succeed this semester? Follow these tips!

- Buy your textbooks and come to class prepared each day. Nothing makes your teachers angrier as when a student does not have their book or a pencil in class.
- Talk to your teacher. Your teacher may be smart, but they can not read your mind. If you are having a problem in class, let your teacher know.
- Ask for explanations. If you do not know why you are doing something in class, ask your teacher! ELI teachers have a lot of pride in their work and have a reason for everything. They will be happy to explain to you the purpose of every activity.

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Useful Expressions of the Week

Expression of the Week #1: In the "Exploring the UF Campus" article, you saw the phrase "catch your eye."

Phrase One: catch someone's eye

Here are some things that might catch your eye on campus.

Catch someone's eye is an idiom. In this sentence, it means to notice or pay attention to something.

Example:

- When I was shopping, this jacket caught my eye. I had to buy it.

Expression of the Week #2 : In the "Teacher Tips" article, you saw the phrase "read your mind."

Phrase Two: read someone's mind

Your teacher may be smart, but they can not read your mind.

Read someone's mind is an idiom. It means to know what someone is thinking without the person saying anything.

Examples:

A: What's wrong? You look sad.

B: Oh, it's nothing.

A: You have to tell me. I can't read your mind.

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

Conversation Partners

If you signed up for a conversation partner and attended a meeting, you will get your conversation partner this week! Check your email for more information. See **Ryann** in Matherly 211 for any Conversation Partner questions.

Happy birthday!

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

Students:

June 9th: Emad Alqahtani

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