

## Final Exams Begin Next Week

Starting next week, the ELI will begin its final exam period. During this time, you will take final exams in all of your classes. For specific dates of your exams, you should talk to your teachers.

Final exams at the ELI are important for a couple reasons. First, they will affect your final grades for your classes. Also, final exam scores are one factor that the ELI uses to decide for your class level next semester.

Because final exams are so important, there are no early tests. Also, if you miss your exam, you cannot make up your test later. Finally, if you are late on the day of your exam, it's possible that you will not be able to take your exam.

How can you prepare for your exams? First of all, you should attend all classes before your exam. Your teachers will spend a lot of class time to prepare you by telling you what kinds of things to study. Also, studying with your classmates is a great idea! They might have good advice on how to remember the topics for your classes. Finally, self-care is important. You will not do well on your exams if you are stressed out or tired. Make sure you eat well, sleep enough, and take breaks to reduce your stress.

Good luck and study hard!

## Exams for Part-Time Students

Part-time students should take the CELT exam. The ELI uses this exam to know which level you should be in for future semesters.

If you are not in Grammar class, your CELT exam is in Matherly 7 on Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00–1:50.

If you are not in Listening and Speaking class, your CELT exam is in Matherly 7 on Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00–2:30.

## The CIP Insider

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

### Thursday Activity– Tea Stori

Tea Stori is a new café in Gainesville which serves boba tea, mochi, and other fun snacks. On Thursday, come hang out with the ELI at Tea Stori. You can drink some tea, decorate a flowerpot, play games, and talk with your favorite classmates and Language Assistants.

**When:** Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30–8:30

**Where:** Tea Stori, on 34<sup>th</sup> Street near Indian Cuisine

### Saturday Activity– Stay Home and Study

Because your final exams are starting next week, there will not be an official CIP activity this weekend. Instead, you should take this time to prepare for your final exams. Now is the time to prepare your final presentations for Listening and Speaking, review your vocabulary lists for Reading and Writing, and finally figure what your grammar teacher has been talking about all semester!

The final Saturday activity will be the End of Semester BBQ on Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. Look out for more information next week!

### Conversation Partner Update

Conversation Partner pairings are going on! If you signed up for a Conversation Partner, you will receive your partner this week.

## Fall 2018 at the ELI

If you are returning to the ELI next semester, here are some important things for you to know.

- You must check in online for the Fall semester between August 20<sup>th</sup> and August 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Classes begin on September 4<sup>th</sup>.
- The semester ends on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

We hope to see you again next semester!

## Notes from the Office

**Expiring I-20s:** If your I-20 will expire soon and you plan on returning to the ELI next semester, talk to Daryl in the main office. To check, look at your I-20 and look for the "Program End Date." If it is soon, talk to Daryl before that date.

**Fees:** If you have any unpaid fees at the library, infirmary, or ELI Office, pay them ASAP. If you do not pay, you will not receive a certificate at the end of the semester. For help paying your fees come to the ELI main office.

## Welcome to myELI

In your Reading and Writing class, you learned how to access myELI (my.eli.ufl.edu). Through this website, you can see upcoming ELI activities, see your schedule, check your attendance and grades, and many other things! Additionally, you will use myELI to check in to the ELI next semester.

If you need help accessing myELI, you can come to the ELI main office.

## It's the Finals Countdown!

Here are some important dates for the rest of the semester!

**Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**—No CIP activity—Study for your Exams!

**Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>**—All Reading Final Exams

**Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**—End of Semester BBQ at Blue Springs

**Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**—All Grammar Final Exams

**Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**—All Listening Final Exams

**Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**—Last Day of Classes

**Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**—Commencement Ceremony

For specific questions about your final exams, ask your teachers!

## Useful Expression of the Week

**Expression of the Week #1:** In the "Final Exams" article, you saw the phrase "make up."

**Phrase One:** To make up something

*If you miss your exam, you cannot make up your test later.*

To make up is a phrasal verb. In this sentence, it means to do something late or after the normal time. We often use it in school to talk about assignments that we miss because we are absent.

**Example:**

A: I'm sorry that I missed class. I was very sick.  
Here is my doctor's note.

B: Thanks for letting me know. When are you available to **make up** the quiz that you missed?

However, be careful! Phrasal verbs are one of the most difficult topics in English. **Make up** as a phrasal verb has a few meanings. It can mean to create with your mind (I made up an idea) or to organize (I made up my room). Like other words in English, phrasal verbs can have many different meanings.

## Happy birthday!

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

**Students:**

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>: Se Ho Park**

**July 24<sup>th</sup>: Ilknur Deniz**

**July 24<sup>th</sup>: Lizette Costa Molina**

**July 24<sup>th</sup>: Marie Costa Molina**

**July 26<sup>th</sup>: Maria Hernandez Henriquez**

**July 28<sup>th</sup>: Hamad Alajmi**

**Staff:**

**July 26<sup>th</sup>: Noreen Baker**

**July 27<sup>th</sup>: Jennifer Vann**

**July 29<sup>th</sup>: Todd Allen**