

The ELI Weekly

CIP Weekday Activities

Tuesday September 8th - Downtown Hang Out (In Person) - 6 - 8pm

- Walk around downtown and chat in BoDiddly Park with friends
- Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-downtown2>
- You MUST sign up, attend CIP overview, and be campus cleared to attend this activity
- At this activity, you must wear a mask and stay 6 feet apart
- See signup link for more details

Wednesday September 9th - Coffee and Culture Talk (Zoom) - 6 - 8pm

- Join us this week for our Back to School discussion theme!

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/99582032927?pwd=U1FOQ1pjaiswa3huUk41cnBuMEFhQT09>

Meeting ID: 995 8203 2927

Passcode: 926123

Thursday September 10th - Movie Night - 6 - 9pm

- Come vote on a movie and watch it with LAs and ELI friends as we chat in the chatbox! Stick around for a fun discussion afterward! Stay tuned for next week's Weekly to see what movie choices we have. We will vote between Black Panther, Despicable Me, and the Social Network!

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/92962712031?pwd=dnZhVnh5WTJxWE5FNGZaRndyOFN0UT09>

Meeting ID: 929 6271 2031

Passcode: movienight

Weekend Event Disney Escape Room



Saturday September 12th - 4pm-6pm

Just because we can't go to Disney right now doesn't mean we can't have some Disney fun! See if you can solve some virtual puzzles while exploring Disney in this Disney escape room with friends!

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/97664620043?pwd=cUVzeFZUVnIMZVNjV0toUXBrRys0QT09>

Meeting ID: 976 6462 0043

Passcode: disney

Conversation Partner Signup Meetings

Signup to get a conversation partner, a friend to meet with every week and speak English!

Email conversationpartners@eli.ufl.edu AND attend a CP orientation on Friday 9/11 at 1:00pm at

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/92873138301?pwd=bHJPR0hrYXpEWVVB2anB4SFJVK3JpZz09>

Meeting ID: 928 7313 8301

Passcode: CPartners

Notes from the Office

Student Addresses: It is important that the ELI has each student's address. If you have an F or J visa, you should report a change of address within 10 days of any change. You can update your address in myELI using the 'Basic Information' tab in your 'My Profile' page. If you are outside of the United States, please provide the address in your home country. All students should update their address in myELI by Friday, September 18th. If you need help updating your address in myELI, please contact Daryl at studyenglish@eli.ufl.edu.

Deadlines: The deadline to drop or add a class, pay tuition, submit proof of insurance and immunizations, and turn in financial guarantees, is Thursday, September 10th. If you miss any of these deadlines, you could be removed from classes or charged a late fee! If you have questions about paying tuition or submitting a financial guarantee, email Jennifer Vann at jvann@eli.ufl.edu. If you have questions about insurance or immunizations, email Victoria Dolce at vcshelly@ufl.edu.

Notes from the Office continued:

ELI Main Office: You can reach the ELI main office by calling 352-392-2070 between 8am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. The ELI Office in 223 Matherly Hall is also open for **document drop-off and pick-up only** between 10am and 2pm Monday through Friday. All advising sessions will be held over Zoom. You can email individual faculty and staff to set up a Zoom meeting at the addresses found here:
<https://eli.ufl.edu/faculty-and-staff/>

Grammar

Q: When can I use on when talking about transportation?

A: On is used for mass transportation that requires a ticket. Also use on for bicycle, horse, and motorcycle. For personal modes of transportation like cars, vans, and trucks, use in.

- I got on the bus.
- I got on my horse.
- I got in my car.

Countries Represented

This semester, ELI students are from these countries:

Argentina	Equatorial Guinea
Bangladesh	Korea
Brazil	Kuwait
China	Nicaragua
Colombia	Saudi Arabia
Cuba	United States of America
Dominican Republic	Venezuela
Egypt	Viet Nam

Birthdays!

Students: May Alshahwan – 9/9

Staff: None

Manners & Culture

Q: I am ordering takeout a lot and I don't understand when I should tip. Can you explain when to tip during the pandemic?

Tipping in restaurants is particularly important here in the US; servers in restaurants in Florida have a minimum wage of only \$5.54 an hour, which is much less than the Florida minimum wage of \$8.56. But what are the new norms during the pandemic?

At restaurants with a carry-out option: In normal times, diners are not obligated to tip for carryout, but now, when many restaurants are under pandemic restrictions, experts suggest a tip of 15-20% when you go to a restaurant to pick up and take home your food. This does not include fast food restaurants like McDonalds that have a pickup window in normal times.

Grocery delivery and meal delivery: Delivery services like Instacart and Doordash should also be tipped. Experts suggest 10-20% for grocery delivery and 15% for meal delivery.

These 'rules' change with the changing times, so ask if you have any questions.

**Invitation from the Editor**

Greetings from your *ELI Weekly* Editor, Maya Shastri! I would like to invite you to submit your grammar and culture questions to be printed and answered in the *ELI Weekly*! Send your questions to me at mshastri@ufl.edu.

Was there an ELI activity or Gainesville event that you really enjoyed? Tell everyone about your experiences in the *ELI Weekly*! Email me a short report (1-2 paragraphs) about an event, activity, or place that you enjoyed. Send your reports to mshastri@ufl.edu.



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