

The ELI Weekly

Out and About: Photo Shoot

--by Daniel Mata ElKhoury

I'm the type of guy that never had enough time to do the thing I always wanted to do, and that's photography, but now during the quarantine, I have time.

Taking photos outside helps me to relax and enjoy the beauty of the environment. I like to take photos of the environment: sunsets, beautiful landscapes or just something that caught my attention. I take my bike and my camera and go out to take some good photos. Photography really helped me during quarantine. I encourage you to find your hobby or give it some time and try to develop it.

Photo Credit: Daniel Mata ElKhoury



CIP Activities

Monday October 19th - Game Night (Zoom) - 6 - 8pm

Play fun virtual games with LAs and classmates! This week we will play Fish Bowl!

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/96129662095?pwd=TmdldmgyWkFlekhBc0FwdFdOeW9NZz09>

Meeting ID: 961 2966 2095
Passcode: gamenight

Tuesday October 20th - Plaza Hangout (In-Person) - 5:30 - 7:30pm

Come hang out at Plaza of the Americas on UF campus! Please note the location change. Socialize with LAs and play games! (Teachers can sign up too!). Bring a blanket to sit on!

Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-plaza5>

- *You MUST sign up, have attended the CIP overview or met with Tate, and be campus cleared to attend this activity
- *At this activity, you must wear a mask and stay 6 feet apart
- *Please see signup link for more details

Wednesday October 21st - International Tea Time! (Zoom)- 5:30 - 6:45pm

This week, we will join UF's International Center for their discussion on Academic Culture in the US! After this week, we will return to our regular Coffee and Culture Talk within the ELI. You must register ahead of time for this event at the link below.

<https://ufsa.ufl.edu/events/virtual-international-tea-time-3/>

Thursday October 22nd- Movie Night (Zoom) - 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! Movie choices this week are *The Princess and the Frog*, *Gemini Man*, and *Back to the Future*.

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

Meeting ID: 929 6271 2031
Passcode: movienight

Saturday October 24th-Loblolly Park (In-Person)

Come enjoy a short and easy nature walk with friends and hang out in the park after! See the signup for details on time and location.

Sign up

here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-loblolly>

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Saturday October 24th - I Spy Activity (Zoom)- 6 - 8pm

Come show us your skills at spotting hidden images and words in a fun competition with friends!

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/94861283400?pwd=ZzhiVEZVMmRDMHRhV1hpMkVhZ2c5QT09>

Meeting ID: 948 6128 3400
Passcode: 330478



Tuesday Plaza Hangout

Notes from the Office

New Students!

You might have new B-term students in your classes beginning next week. Welcome them to their new classes and help them feel comfortable. You could be meeting your new best friend!

Santa Fe College Recruitment:

Learn everything you need to know to become a student at Santa Fe College. Join the Zoom Workshop on October 28th, at 4:00 p.m. Join with this link:
<https://sfcollege.zoom.us/j/95054028865?pwd=K0paUUUpZbUozVjdIZERBbjFpRFdpZz09>

Meeting ID: 950 5402 8865
 Passcode: 657777

ELI Spring Classes 2021:

You may have heard that UF will be offering in-person classes beginning with the Spring 2021 semester. The ELI will do the same thing as UF. Beginning with the Spring C 2021 semester, all ELI core classes for F-1 students will be offered in-person on campus. Online sections of classes may also be available, depending on new regulations from the US government. We will give more information about the Spring C 2021 semester in November.

The ELI Weekly needs you! Send your reports about activities, book/ movie reviews, and grammar/culture questions to Maya Shastri (mshastri@ufl.edu).

New ELI Classes for B Term

INTERNATIONAL TOEFL (internet based test- iBT)

October 26 -December 11

Cost: \$665

This class is for students who place into high-intermediate or higher reading and writing classes. The course meets after core courses, 5 hours a week synchronously via Zoom. The purpose of this class is for students to become familiar with the design of the TOEFL iBT. The course will identify language points that are most commonly tested in the reading, listening, speaking, and writing sections of the test. Exercises will be similar in format to those on the TOEFL iBT and practice tests will be given periodically.

This course is meant to familiarize students with the test format, but all our ELI classes help with level and language ability, which also prepares you for the TOEFL exam.

STEP Online Classes

The ELI offers short-term English classes online. Look at this great list of online classes and tell your friends and family about them! Please contact StudyEnglish@eli.ufl.edu for application information or visit <https://eli.ufl.edu/programs/step-online/>

| Topic | STEP Online |
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| Core Courses | Listening/Speaking Reading/Writing Grammar |
| U.S. Law and Naturalization | English for Legal Professionals U.S. Constitution for English Learners U.S. Naturalization Test Prep for English Learners |
| U.S. Culture | U.S. Music & History for English Learners Book Club: Road Trip through the U.S.A. American Culture & Spoken English through Theater |
| Service industry | Customer Service English Restaurant Service English |
| Academic English | Advanced English for Academic Debate Exploring Research Writing for Scholars Pronunciation and Grammar for Academic Speaking Writing a Statement of Purpose for University Academic Success |
| Creative Skills | Creative Writing Podcast Production for English Learners |
| Skills for Careers | English for Leadership and Success Introduction to English Translation for Spanish, French, and Portuguese Speakers |

Birthdays!



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