

# The ELI Weekly

## International Education Week #IEW2021



This week we celebrate International Education week with stories and videos from ELI students about their international experiences. Certain themes seem to be very important, like lasting friendship, other cultures, and Gainesville surprises. Here is a sample of the stories. Throughout the week, you will see more stories posted to social media @ufeli.

### International Friendships

Friendship is an important theme of international education. Students from the ELI told many stories about new friends that they would not have met if they had not decided to study abroad. Here is one of those stories.

#### Beyond Learning

by Ana Franzoi Simi Marson from Brazil

Besides learning English, the ELI teaches us the diversity of different cultures, and also other languages. An example of this is my classmate, Lucia. Lucia is from Colombia, but she has been living here for some years. She is a great example of what a good student should be, no matter the situation, she's always trying to learn more. While studying, reading and talking to her I noticed we have many things in common. For example, we have kids, our ages are similar, and we are both from a Latino country. She's here to improve her English and during breaks we mostly talk about our children, family and trips.

The ELI is temporary but the friendships we make here are for a lifetime. We talk a lot about our cultures and while talking to them it makes me respect people like they are independently where they are from.



### The Learning Curve

International Education includes more than just learning English. These students explain what they have learned from other cultures while here at the ELI.

<https://youtu.be/4GDZQ9bdO-Q>



### International Spirit Week Activities

#### Monday, 11/15: Language Day

- Wear something with your language on it

#### Tuesday, 11/16: Career Day

- Wear the clothes you will wear to do your dream job

#### Wednesday, 11/17: Country Colors Day

- Wear traditional clothes, flags, or country colors

#### Thursday, 11/18: Sports Day

- Wear your team colors/jersey/shirt

#### Friday, 11/19: Celebrity Day

- Dress like a celebrity or famous person

## CIP Activities

Sign up for **weekday activities only** here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4ba9a823a02-student18>

**Monday November 15<sup>th</sup> - Cabana Hangout - 6:00 - 8:30pm**

**Tuesday November 16<sup>th</sup> - Soccer - 6:30-9:00pm**

**Wednesday November 17<sup>th</sup> - Volleyball - 6:30 - 9:00pm**

**Thursday November 18<sup>th</sup> – Gator Salsa- 6:00-9:00pm**

Come learn to dance salsa and bachata in beautiful downtown Gainesville! Take bus 1, 5, or 46 to downtown the Bull, where the Gator Salsa club will give us lessons! No experience necessary, beginners and advanced welcome! If you don't want to dance, just come to hang out downtown with friends! Please bring your Gator1 ID Card.



**Friday November 12<sup>th</sup> - Lunch at the Plaza - 12:15 - 2:45pm**

Because there is no Gator Nights this Friday, come have lunch together with students and LAs at the Plaza instead. Get Krishna Lunch or takeout from University Ave and meet us at the Plaza of the Americas in front of Library West during your class break! You can also bring a lunch from home.

**Saturday November 20<sup>th</sup> - ELI Thanksgiving Potluck- 1:00pm - 4:00pm**

Partake in the American tradition of sharing food during Thanksgiving time! Bring your own food or dish to share with everyone, preferably something from your own culture! This is one of our biggest events of the year with ELI teachers, faculty, LAs, staff, students, and guests all welcome! Meet at Broward Hall Basement.

Because of how large this event is, there is a separate signup from the regular weekly signup. Please sign up for this event here and read the signup details carefully:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-thanksgiving6>

Faculty, teachers, and staff, please also sign up at this link.

## Notes from the Office

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Group:** The ELI wants to hear your opinions! We are always trying to improve and make our students feel welcome. We need your perspective. Therefore, you are invited to attend a Student Focus Group meeting. At the meeting, you can give your opinions about different ELI policies and activities so that we can improve in the future.

We will have two meetings. If you are interested, you should attend the meeting that better fits your schedule. The first meeting will be Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00, and the second meeting will be Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. Both meetings will be in Matherly Hall 210.

If you have any questions, please email Thomas Dolce at [tomdolce@ufl.edu](mailto:tomdolce@ufl.edu). We hope to see you there!

**Thanksgiving Holiday:** Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> is Thanksgiving. There will be no ELI classes, and the ELI main office will be closed on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (Nov. 24-26). Please remember that classes will meet as normal on Monday and Tuesday (Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>).

**Student Voices:** The deadline is this Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. You can email it to Olga ([omoodu@ufl.edu](mailto:omoodu@ufl.edu)) or to your teacher. Please include your name and class on your submission.

**Check Your I-20:** If your I-20 is expiring soon, make an appointment with Daryl in MAT 223 to renew your I-20 before it expires.

**Returning Student Survey:** Please complete the Returning Student Survey in myELI if you have not done it yet. We understand that your plan for next semester may change, but we need to know what your plan is now so we can help you and give you accurate advice. If you want help, please contact Daryl ([studyenglish@eli.ufl.edu](mailto:studyenglish@eli.ufl.edu)) to ask a question or schedule a meeting.

## Manners & Culture

Q: Why do some Americans say “sorry” when they are close to someone in the market?

A: It all depends how close you are standing. Sometimes when people say “sorry” it’s just a way of being polite. When you are near someone in a store, the other person might think that they are blocking your way to an item. It could also be a way of saying that they feel like they are too close to you. Generally, Americans prefer more physical personal space than many other cultures. If you are within 12-18 inches of a person, they might feel like you are in their personal space and say “sorry” as a way to tell you to move back a little. It is also common to say “sorry” if you accidentally bump into someone.

## Grammar

Q: What’s the difference between “advise” and “advice”?

A: The first one’s a verb and the second one’s a noun. The pronunciation of the “s” is [z] and the pronunciation of the “c” is [s].

- I **advise** you to go to class every day.
- My **advice** is that you go to class every day.

## Birthdays!



**Students:**

- 11/15 Wendy Gavilanes Sanchez
- 11/19 Dahyeon Kang

**Staff:** None



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