
The ELI Weekly

Out and About: The International Mixer

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Tasting coffee at the International Mixer

The International Mixer was a nice activity to meet friends from around the world! This was an activity for ELI students and UF students who are interested in various cultures and languages. Many people attended this activity to show and learn about various cultures. The tables were separated into many parts like tables for Korean, Chinese, Spanish, and Arabic. We were able to learn the culture and language by going to the table you want. I learned Chinese language and culture, too.

Furthermore, many kinds of cookies and foods from all over the world were prepared. The cookies that Leesa, who is my conversation partner, made herself were so delicious. I could try many foods that I've not tried before. It was a nice experience. I had a great time at the ELI International Mixer.

CIP Weekday Activities

Sign up for all activities here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-student24>

Monday February 7th – Coffee Talk – 6:30-9:00pm



Come hang out with ELI friends and drink Coffee at Starbucks on Archer Road! Socialize, play games, and meet new people! You can also buy sushi or burgers for dinner in the same plaza! Take bus 1.

- You must sign up to attend this activity.

Tuesday February 8th – Soccer – 6:30-9:00pm



Come play soccer on campus at Flavet Field! No experience necessary!

- You must sign up to attend this activity.

Wednesday February 9th – Volleyball – 6:30pm-9:00 pm



Come play volleyball and hang out at Lexington Crossing Apartments Phase 2! No experience necessary! Take bus 34 or 35.

- You must sign up to attend this activity.

Thursday February 10th – Museum Nights – 6:00-8:30 pm



Visit this special event at the Harn Museum of Art on campus! The theme is “Vibrant Africa” with performances, art, crafts, food, activities and more! Come enjoy the event with ELI friends and learn more about the different art and cultures across Africa! Meet near the entrance inside the Harn Museum of Art on campus. Take bus 20 or 21.

- You must sign up to attend this activity.

Friday February 11th – Gator Nights— 7:15-10:15 pm

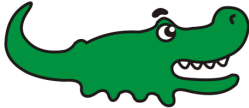


Check out what the Reitz has planned this week! The theme is Valentine’s Day! Learn more about this American tradition with activities, crafts, snacks and more! Meet at the Reitz Union Subway. Please note the time change in order to avoid long entrance lines.

- You must sign up to attend this activity

Weekend Activity

Saturday February 12th – Paynes Prairie La Chua Nature Trail – 10:30am–1:00pm



See beautiful Florida nature and wildlife on this easy hike! Spot some birds or alligators and see some beautiful views! Feel free to pack a lunch to picnic out on the lookout towers! Meet at Norman parking garage.

Sign up for this event only if you need a ride! Rides are limited. Self-driving students can meet us at Norman Garage and follow us there!

Conversation Partners (CPs)



Want to meet with an English speaker once a week and make a new friend?! Sign up here! <https://forms.gle/k7Z826F2LU9gekrU7>

Returning students who want a CP should still fill out this form, even if you had a CP last semester!

This is optional, but if you sign up, you agree to meet your partner once a week for one hour to speak English and respond to them when they contact you to make plans to arrange a meeting.

Try meeting them on campus or a coffee shop! Try chatting about your family or home country to start practice English with your new friend! CPs are excited to meet you! Wait two weeks after signing up to be paired.

Email conversationpartners@eli.ufl.edu if your partner does not respond after one week.

Remember, CPs are not tutors, they will not do your homework or teach you grammar. They are fluent English speakers who will help you speak by having one-on-one practice and being your friend!

Research Corner

You have the opportunity to help UF researchers! Sometimes, researchers ask for your participation in research to understand languages, language learning, and language teaching. These researchers will come to your class and tell you about their project. Participation in a project can be fun, interesting, and useful. Plus, it is a good way to practice English and interact with UF scholars. If a research project sounds interesting to you, consider participating in the research study!



Photo of the Week



Photo Booth at the International Mixer

Manners & Culture

Q: Sometimes when I say, “thank you,” Americans say, “uh huh.” Isn’t this rude?

A: This response is not meant to be rude. Americans use this when the favor seems so small (or part of their job) that it was not necessary to thank them in the first place. Imagine that “uh huh” has the same meaning as “no problem.”

Example 1: In the grocery store, the cashier gives you change:

You: Thank you.

Cashier: Uh huh! (No problem. This is part of my job. There is no need to thank me.)

Example 2: You drop your book, and your friend picks it up.

You: Thank you.

Your friend: Uh huh! (No problem. This was a small favor. There is no need to thank me.)

Of course, it is still correct to say ‘you’re welcome’ in both examples!

[Here is video that helps explain the American ‘uh huh.’](#)



Birthdays!

Students:

- Victor Mendoza Hurtado 2/6
- Jooyeon Oh 2/6
- Cesar Rojas Acosta 2/7

Staff:

- None

Notes from the Editor

- Share your special experiences of campus, Gainesville, Florida, and your country by sending me your stories for the *Weekly*.
- Do you have grammar questions? Do you have manners and culture questions? Share them with us!
- Send stories and questions to Maya (mshastri@ufl.edu). Use the subject heading, ‘ELI Weekly.’



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