

The ELI Weekly

Commencement



Friday April 22nd -10:00am

Congratulations on making it to the end of this crazy semester! We hope you learned more English, made some wonderful friends and had some fun, as well. You should all be very proud of yourselves, and we'd like to celebrate this accomplishment at our Commencement Ceremony on Friday. At the ceremony, we will recognize our scholarship and award winners and reflect back on this unique semester at the ELI.

The ELI Commencement Ceremony will be held on Friday, April 22nd at 10:00am in the JWRU Ballroom. Students, Language Assistants, teachers, administrators, family, and friends are welcome to this special occasion.

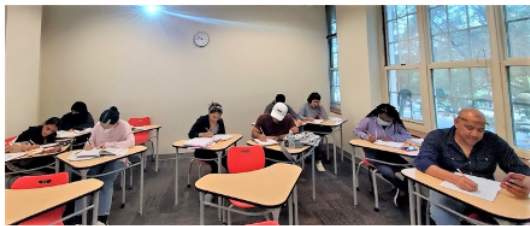
Last Day of Classes

Thursday, April 21, is the final day of ELI classes this spring. Teachers will be submitting final grades and attendance reports on Wednesday, April 20. If you are absent on Thursday, your absence will not be counted for immigration, class grades, or any petition you have submitted. **All absences on April 18, 19, and 20 still count!!! You should not miss class these days!**

We hope all ELI students will attend class on Thursday, April 21. Your teachers and LAs have fun and interesting lessons and activities planned. However, we know many ELI students are making preparations to leave Gainesville, so are very busy this last week. **If you will not be attending class on Thursday, April 21, please inform your teacher by Tuesday, April 19.** Your teachers and LAs need to know how many students to plan for.

All of your teachers and LAs will be at the ELI Commencement Ceremony on Friday, April 22nd. We hope you will be there, too!

Out and About: Goodbye to Our Favorite Classes



My Best Reading & Writing Class
by *Dayana Dominguez Ricardo, RW20*

My reading & writing class is the best. I feel very happy in this class. I wake up happy every day because it is my first class. There are many people make me happy. One of them is my best friend. He studies with me. He sometimes makes me crazy, but I love him. My classmates are so good. They always want to learn. Although we are from different countries and levels, we have the same goal, and that is improving English. We share a lot of things together, and now I feel like we are one big family. I learn a lot in this class. I learn vocabulary, and I love reading. I always find new things. Everything I learn, I can use in my other classes. I love my teacher, Zoe. She is demanding a lot, but she has helped me to want to be better. She knows how to teach, and she is always patient with us. I love when my classmates make Zoe annoyed. It is because she says “pinga pinga” to us when we don’t pay attention. That sound means we should not forget why we are in the USA. She is funny, and we all laugh a lot. If you want to learn and laugh a lot, you have to be in Zoe’s class. Believe me; it is not easy to come to class early and study every day in the morning, but if you are in this class, everything is possible!



My Class
by *Gayda Abdullrahman Alsharif, RW 10*

My class is perfect. I like my class because my teacher is a charming person, and she always tries to do her best to help us. Another reason is my classroom is organized very well. There is a large blackboard, and large windows overlook the main street. The classroom is large and beautiful. The best part is I have many good friends. The number of students in class is eleven students. All of them are cute, funny, and likable. Sarah, Nora, Yue, and Eugenia are my best friends. Norah is from Al Qassim in Saudi Arabia. Although she is from Saudi, she has a different culture than ours. Sara is from Saudi Arabia, but she is from Hail city, and she has a different dialect of the Arabic language. Eugenia is from Angola. She doesn't speak Arabic, but she helps our group to learn English fast and tells us about her culture. Yue is from China. She has a beautiful thing in her culture. She has traditional clothing called Hanfu. It has a unique design. My best friends and I meet every weekend, and I like to go out with them to drink coffee after our class. We are from different countries and cultures, and it helps us improve and strengthen our English language. I'm pleased to go through my experience of enrolling in ELI and making great friends that I'm happy with them. I'm so pleased to belong to this class.

Summer C 2022 Class Schedule Preference

Do you prefer a morning or afternoon Reading/Writing class? We want to try to give you your preference. All students who will study in the Summer C semester must check in online between May 2nd and May 6th. **When you complete the check-in form in May, you will be able to select if you prefer:**

1. **Morning reading/writing**
2. **Afternoon reading/writing**
3. **No preference.**

If it is possible, we will place you according to your preference. **However, we cannot guarantee we can match your preference for many reasons!** For example, sometimes we only have one section of a class. You will be required to attend the class schedule you are assigned, even if it is not your preference. When we do have two sections, priority will be given to students on F-1 visas and the order in which we receive the request. If you want us to consider your preference for reading/writing time, you should be sure to check in on the first day (May 2nd). We will do our best!

Notes from the Office

Office Hours during the Break:

- From Monday, 04/25 – Thursday 04/28: 9am – 4:30pm
- From Friday, 04/29 – Thursday 05/05: 9:30am – 3:30pm
- On Friday, 05/06: Regular hours resume

Out of the Office: Some of our important staff will be out of the office in the next few weeks. If you need to talk to them, please plan around these dates.

- Daryl is out 4/25 – 4/26
- Victoria is out 4/28 – 5/3
- Patricia is out 5/4 – 5/6

Charges Due: Every ELI student should log in to [ONE.ufl.edu](https://one.ufl.edu) and look at the “Campus Finances (Bursar)” tile to see if they owe any fees to the university. For example, you may need to pay for services you received at the Student Health Care Center or printing in a library. If you have a scholarship, it will not pay these charges.

Check-in Dates for Summer C: Returning students need to check in for Summer C by using myELI between May 2nd and May 6th, 2022.

Apartment Leases: As the semester draws to a close, keep in mind that your lease might be ending soon. It is important to know the exact date that your apartment lease ends so you can make plans. If you're not sure when it ends, ask your apartment office.

If you need help finding a hotel to stay in short-term (you should ask your friends first!), someone to take over your lease, or a new apartment, talk to Victoria in Matherly 223.

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

Financial Guarantees: For scholarship students, it is time to request your new financial guarantee letter for the Summer semester, if you plan to return. Most of your financial guarantees will expire this May, which means that you will need to submit a new financial guarantee by the tuition deadline of May 18th for the Summer C semester to avoid owing a late fee. If you need an enrollment letter or if you have any questions, please email Jennifer Vann at jvann@eli.ufl.edu.

Birthdays!



Students:

- Mohammed Alqabbaa 4/22
- Daryung Lee 4/26
- Ahmad Alshalan 4/29
- Mataib Alanzi 4/29
- Julianne Ledezma Ibarra 4/29
- Daliana Rodriguez 5/1
- Luz Morales Contreras 5/2
- Soeun Park 5/8

Staff:

- Gabriela Perez 4/22
- Patrick Klager 4/23
- Daryl Bish 4/25
- Mia Johnson 5/4

Notes from the Editor



Thank you to all the students who submitted stories, photos, and questions to the *ELI Weekly*. We all enjoyed the experiences you shared. Keep on writing!



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