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The ELI Weekly

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Exit Test Schedule

A necessary evil, we know.

On Tuesday,
April 16th and
Wednesday,

April 17th, we will be giving the CELT, our exit test. All ELI students are required to attend. Please be on time to your classes as all exams must start as scheduled. There are no early tests, no makeups and late arrivals cannot take the exam.

This is a very important test for promotion purposes. The promotion requirements are on your syllabi, in the Student Guide on pages 24 to 29, on the ELI website, or you can ask your teacher.

Who: Spring C Listening/Speaking and Writing, Grammar for Writing, and Advanced Vocabulary and Pronunciation students

When: Tuesday, April 16th or Wednesday, April 17th, starting at 12:50 or 1:55

Where: Ask your LS, GW, or AVP teacher

Who: Spring B Grammar students and Business English students

When: Tuesday, April 16th, your normal Tuesday class time

Where: Your normal Tuesday classroom

Who: All Part-time students who are not taking Grammar and/or Listening Speaking

When: Tuesday, April 16th or Wednesday, April 17th, 12:50 and 2:45 pm

When: You will receive a note from the main office. If you do not receive a note or

lose your note, make sure you go by the main office by April 15th to get your assigned room.

The Next Trip

Saturday, April 13th we will not have a weekend activity, so you can study for finals. The last weekend of the semester, Saturday, April 20th, we will be holding our **End of Semester Barbecue at Ginnie Springs**. Details about the activity will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

St. Francis Food Drive

We're collecting leftover items from students who may be moving out this semester to give to St. Francis House. These items include canned foods, packaged rice, clothing, unopened hygiene products, and cleaning products. Students can bring their donations to the CIP Office in Norman 318 by Thursday, April 25th. Thank you to the students that have already donated!

Reminders from the Office

Student Voices: Remember that your *Student Voices* submissions are due this Friday, April 12th. Make sure to correct any mistakes and include your name, class, and

a title for your piece! You can submit your entries for the *Voices* to me at mpjimenez@ufl.edu.

IRS Forms: If this is your first semester in the US, you don't have to worry about the IRS forms. If you have been here awhile, and have questions about how to fill out the form, you can see Emily and she will answer your questions. They are due April 15.

Expiring I-20s: If your I-20 is expiring and you plan on returning to the ELI in the summer, you must talk to Daryl **before** the expiration date. It is in section 5 of the I-20.

Fines and Fees: If you owe any library or infirmary fees or fines, we will not be able to give you the exit package that has your grades, certificate, and the class photo. If you're not sure how to do this, Emily has a handout on her door (Norman 316) with instructions.

Final Day of Classes: Our last day of classes is April 25. Remember all absences count in the final week!

**Speak English!
Go to class!
Don't smoke on campus!**

Summer C 2013 Deadlines

Summer C students: Check in and pay your tuition between May 9 and May 14, 2013. Show proof of insurance or buy more insurance by the end of the first week of classes.

Summer B students: You must contact Daryl by May 25, which is 30 days prior to the start of Summer B in order to request a change from “terminated” to “active” status in SEVIS.

Leaving the country and returning to the US: Get your I-20 signed, bring your new I-94 to the main office, and report to the Student Health Care Center for a PPD evaluation.

Vacation Semester: Let us know before April 26, 2013.

If you do not check in on time: You will pay a \$100 fee and you may not be permitted to enroll. You won't be accepted after May 24th.

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of April 8 to April 14:

Students:

April 8: Jasser Alharbi
April 10: Alejandra Sposito Falcon
April 11: Xiakeerjiang Remili
April 11: Carlos Arrieta Marrufo
April 11: Luisa Nastari
April 11: Jaime Rincón Ospina
April 12: Ximena Sosa Rodriguez
April 13: Jose Bravo Arroyo

April 14: Nawaf Almuhareb
April 14: Adolfo Alvarez Canizales

Staff:
April 12: Thomas Dolce

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Manners and Culture

Q: Why do some students arrive late for class all the time? Is this polite in their own country?

A: Well, I don't know for sure; you'd have to ask them that. However, I can certainly tell you that it's considered terribly selfish and rude here!

Q: Some of my classmates don't use deodorant and the classroom smells strong sometimes. Is it okay if I tell them?

A: No, but it's okay if I do here. This is always something of a problem for us, given the multicultural nature of the ELI and the fact that deodorant use isn't common in some countries, while it's very common or even basically socially required in others. If you come from a culture that doesn't use it, please be aware that you probably smell pretty strong to your classmates and maybe even to some of your teachers. If you are aware and you don't want to do anything about it, that's your right, of course, but people are probably talking about it. Now, with all that having been said, I would also tell you that if you have a very, very good friend who might come from a non-deodorant culture and who has a very strong aroma, and you think that people are in fact talking about them without their knowledge, then it's probably okay to go ahead *in extreme private* to let them know.

Likewise, if you use a lot of perfume or cologne, please be aware that some people might be allergic and might choose not to sit near you for this reason.

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between for instance and for example?

A: There's very little difference in meaning. *For instance* is perhaps a bit more conversational, but both are used in speaking and writing.

Q: How can I use shall in a sentence?

A: In American English, you can't anymore. As recently as 40 years ago, it was considered the proper future tense modal for the first person (*I shall, we shall*) instead of *will*, but it isn't anymore. The really only use it for polite offers or requests.

40 years ago: I shall get an A in grammar.

Today: I will get an A in grammar.

Polite offer: Shall I get you more coffee?

Polite requests: Shall we go?

Quote of the Week

Sometimes I lie awake at night and I ask, "Is life a multiple choice test or is it a true or false test?" ...Then a voice comes to me out of the dark and says, "We hate to tell you this but life is a thousand word essay."

Charles M. Schulz

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