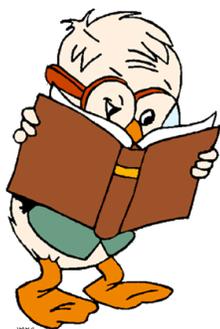


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The ELI Weekly

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Final Exams

Start studying now!

All ELI classes will be administering

final exams this week and next week. In addition, you will be taking the CELT in your Listening Speaking, Business English, and Grammar and Writing classes. Both the finals and CELT exams are very important for promotion purposes. Please be on time to your classes as all exams must start as scheduled. There are no early CELT tests, no CELT makeups, and late arrivals to the CELT cannot take the exam.

If you're not currently taking Listening Speaking and want to return in the Summer, your CELT will be Friday, April 17th from 12:50 to 1:30pm in Matherly 6.

If you are not currently taking Grammar, and want to return in the Summer, your CELT will be Friday, April 17th from 1:45 to 2:15pm in Matherly 6.

The Next Trip

We will not have a weekend activity on Saturday, April 11th, so you can study for final exams. The last weekend of the semester, Saturday, April 18th, we will be holding our **End of Semester Barbecue at Blue Springs**. Details about the activity will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Graduate Admissions Workshop

We will be having the Graduate Admissions Workshop on Thursday, April 16th. A representative from the UF Graduate School will present and be available for questions, but the overall purpose of the workshop is to provide general information and advice about the admissions process to US graduate schools. Please sign up on the ELI Announcement Bulletin Board.

When: 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Where: Matherly 214

Summer C 2015 Deadlines

If you are returning for the Summer C semester, you must check in online, by phone, fax, email or in person **May 8th to May 12th**.

If you are returning for the Summer C semester but you plan to leave the US, you must get your I-20 signed **before you leave**. When you return, you must report to the Student Health Care Center for a PPD evaluation.

If you are taking a vacation semester, you must speak with Daryl **before May 20th**. If you are a sponsored student, you must have a written approval from your sponsor.

If you cannot study in Summer C but want to return for Summer B or Fall C, please speak with Daryl.

If you do not check in on time, there will be a \$100 fee and you may not be permitted to enroll. No students will be accepted after **Wednesday, May 20**.

Trash

Students, this seems to be a continuing issue. There is absolutely NO reason that you should leave your used tissues in, on, or under a desk. This is extremely unhygienic and can spread diseases. The UF campus has trash and recycling bins everywhere, including all of our Matherly classrooms. Please use them.

Notes from the Office

Office Hours: The ELI Main Office will close at 3:30 on Fridays.

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 or Daryl and they will answer your questions. They are due April 15.

<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8843.pdf>

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.

Library Fines and Infirmary Fees:

Remember that if you have any outstanding fees or fines, you'll need to clear those up soon. There is a handout on Emily's door (Norman 316) that shows you how to pay those fines. If there are any outstanding balances owed, we won't be able to release any of your academic information or certificates to you. The end of the semester will be here before you know it!

Final Day of Classes: Our last day of classes is April 23rd. Remember all absences count in the final week!

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of April 6 to April 12:

Students:

April 7: Kyoung A Kim
April 7: Diana Saavedra Puin
April 8: Maria Reigadas Fernandez
April 11: Jihae Bae
April 11: Flavio Duran Altimari
April 11: Luis Hernandez

Staff:

April 9: Tamako Horikoshi
April 12: Thomas Dolce

Happy Birthday, y'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 extremely rude here! Students, if you are late for class, don't knock on the door, don't say hello to anyone; just sneak in.

Q: Why is it considered highly inappropriate to interact with kids you don't know?

A: Families and parents are extremely protective of their children. It is every American's nightmare for something bad to happen to their child. If the parents don't know you, they could be suspicious of you and not understand why you are talking to their child.

Q: In order to express affection towards a female in my country, we use "deer" or "moon." What animals/objects are used in American culture?

A: Not surprisingly, we like to use food. "Honey," "sweetie," and "cupcake" are common terms of endearment. Another common term is "baby," but that isn't food.

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. We 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?

Word of the Week

Look for this word in this Weekly!

allergic (____) _____

collocates: reaction, food, severe, trigger

unhygienic (Adj) not clean or sanitary

collocates: condition, practice, habit

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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