Universal Studios

What: This weekend, the ELI will be going to Universal Studios in Orlando. Have a great day experiencing 3-D movie rides, riding roller coasters, and seeing the new World of Harry Potter!

When: Saturday, June 6th. Meet at Norman Garage at 9 am. Please don’t be late! We will return to Norman by 11 pm.

How to go: This trip is a bus trip, so you will need to bring $20 cash and your Gator 1 ID cards to Nate in Matherly 211 between 9 am and 12:30 pm, Monday through Thursday. There are about 20 seats left for students, so buy one early before they sell out!

What to bring: Your bus pass, Gator 1 ID, $102 to enter park, extra money for food and shopping, comfortable summer clothes and shoes.

Next Weekend: Laser Tag at M2 Battlesports

On Saturday, June 13th, the ELI will be going to M2 Battlesports in Newberry to play an evening game of outdoor laser tag. More details will be posted next week!

Notes from the Office

Toilets: Please flush the toilet when you are finished.

Cigarette Butts: Please put your cigarette butts in the trash not on the ground.

Trash: The UF campus has trash and recycling bins everywhere. Please use them to keep our campus beautiful.

Immunizations & Insurance: Remember to take care of this as soon as possible. You will not be allowed to attend class until you do.

Summer Break and I-20s: Summer break is only a few weeks away! If you plan to leave the US at all during the break—even on a cruise or a day trip to Canada, Mexico, or the Bahamas—the signature on your I-20 needs to be valid so that you won’t have trouble getting back into the country! Check with the ELI Main Office if you’re not sure.

This Friday’s Activity

Gator Nights at the Reitz Union, 8 to 10pm. Free! Bring your Gator1 ID.

Daryl Office Hours

If you would like to speak with Daryl, please schedule an appointment on Mondays, Wednesday, or Fridays. Tuesday and Thursday he will be helping new students before they arrive.
Rainbow Springs

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Volunteer Day

Ronald McDonald House

Food4Kids Backpack Program

Project Downtown Gainesville

Alachua County Humane Society

Kanapaha Gardens

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Manners and Culture

Q: Why do students in the US call teachers by their first names? In my country, this is impolite.

A: Most of us don’t. It really depends in most cases on the personal preferences of the professors. In a regular university class, we usually use “Doctor” or “Professor” plus the person’s last name. Or, if they don’t have a PhD degree, we might use “Mr.” or “Ms.” At the ELI, though, we are a little less formal—on purpose. We try to foster a less formal and more conversational environment in order to get students talking more.

Grammar

Q: What is the difference between the word lose and loose? When do I use lose or loose?

A: Lose is a verb and it means to misplace or to not win. Loose is an adjective which means not tight. You’ll need to memorize the spelling and the pronunciation. Look at the sentences below to see the difference.

• I always lose my cellphone in my house.
• The players lose the game every time they have to play in the snow.
• My pants are loose so I need to use a belt.

Vocabulary of the Week

Look for this word in this Weekly!

experience (V/N) - to go or to live through something; the skill that results from direct participation in events or activities
Collocates: student, problem, difficulty, growth, personal, human, previous, past, positive, learn, share, provide