

Welcome!

Our Director, Megan Forbes, has a message for you:

Dear students,

Welcome to the University of Florida ELI Summer B 2015 semester! If you are a new student, I am so happy you are joining us this June. If you are a returning student, welcome back!

All of you should know that the ELI is the Intensive English Program at the University of Florida. This means you are going to be spending a lot of time in your classes, with your teachers, with your Language Assistants, doing homework, and participating in trips and activities! We hope all of this can help you achieve your goal of learning more English.

In addition to the teachers and Language Assistants, we have many people at the ELI who are here to help you achieve your goal, and also to make your adjustment to the US and the University of Florida an easy one. If you need any help with anything, please ask! If you have any questions, or even suggestions for improvement, please let us know!

If you are a returning student at the UF ELI, I have a favor to ask of you. Please take the time to go out of your way to help our new students. You must remember how confusing your first few weeks at the ELI were, and how difficult English seemed at times. I also have a favor to ask of all students, new and returning. Please remember to speak English! The benefit of studying English in the United States is that you will hear English all of the time. So, please be sure you are not taking that experience away from your fellow students.

On behalf of everyone at the ELI, welcome again, to the Summer B 2015 semester. We are glad you are here!

Speak English and Go Gators!

Deadlines

Wednesday, July 1st is an important day for deadlines.

Please turn in all this required paperwork or you may not be allowed to attend classes. See the office staff in Room 223 Matherly for any questions.

Tuition Payment: If you're paying with a bank check or money order, please pay before **1:30pm**. If you're paying with a credit card online, please pay before **midnight**.

Immunization: Proof of immunizations is due by **4:30pm**.

Health Insurance: Proof of health insurance is due by **4:30pm**. No exceptions.

Drop/Add: The last opportunity to add or drop class is by **4:30pm**.

Questions

We want all of you to feel as comfortable as possible while you are studying with us here at the ELI. If you have any questions, your teachers, your Language Assistants, our staff members or administrators are here to help you, so please ask us anything.

For specific questions about I-20s and other immigration matters, or university or community college admissions, please see **Daryl Bish**, our Admissions Coordinator, in 223 Matherly.

For personal problems, questions about insurance and immunization, or apartment concerns, see **Emily Kirby**, the Student Life Coordinator, in 225F Matherly.

For questions about volunteering or the weekend and afternoon activities, see **Nate Bloemke**, the CIP Coordinator, in 211A Matherly.

UF Services

Parking: Very important! If you drive to the ELI, you need to purchase a parking decal to park on the UF campus. You'll need to get a letter from Olga in Matherly 223 to purchase a Park & Ride decal. If you don't have a parking decal, you are likely to get a very expensive ticket. Once you get a Park & Ride decal, you may park in the Red and Red One sections of Norman Garage but not in the Orange section. This is only for the summer!

Libraries: UF has great libraries and you have full access to them if you need to study. If you want to check out books, you'll need to pay your tuition, get a Gator 1 ID, and get it activated at the Education Library in Norman Hall. You can check out a maximum of 5 books for a week.

Recreational Facilities: UF has a number of gyms and recreational facilities on campus. As ELI students, you are able to use the pools, Lake Wauburg, Florida Gym, O'Connell Center weight rooms, and other outdoor fields and courts for free by showing your Gator 1 card. However, the Student Recreation & Fitness Center, the Southwest Recreation Center, and the Broward Outdoor Recreation Center are funded by UF degree-seeking student activity fees so they are not free. If you want to use these facilities, you need to pay a membership fee. You can talk to Emily if you have questions.

Notes from the Office

Independence Day: Friday, July 3rd, is Independence Day. There will be no ELI classes and the ELI Main Office will be closed on this day. There will be no RTS bus service this day. You will have classes on Thursday.

Class Attendance: Your attendance is very, very important. Your teachers are taking note of both your absences and your tardies in every class every day.

Smoking: There is no smoking ANYWHERE on the UF campus. This means you should not be smoking anywhere on campus, including the courtyards near Norman Hall and Matherly Hall, the private property surrounding the UF campus, or any other building on.

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

Withdrawing from the ELI or one course: Students who withdraw from a course or from the ELI after the drop/add deadline will not be able to receive a refund or credit for their courses. Their transcript will have a grade of W (withdraw) by the deadlines published in the Student Guide.

Matherly Hall: Students, please remember to use the east entrances close to 13th Street when entering Matherly Hall. It is crime to walk through a construction site. It is also very dangerous. Also, please don't remove the chairs that are stacked in the hallway.

Sports and Activities

The Cultural Immersion staff, along with your Language Assistants, are holding regular sports and activities each evening of the week. We also have a trip with these LAs every Saturday. Details will be on the Activities Board outside 211 Matherly and in each week's *Weekly*.

Midterm Picnic

This week, on Saturday, June 27th, we will be enjoying **The Welcome Picnic**.

When: Saturday, June 27th at 12:00 pm.

Where: At Norman Lawn, in front of Norman Hall

Cost: This trip is completely FREE!

Next CIP Activity

On Friday, July 3rd, the ELI will go to Fanfare & Fireworks on the UF campus together. Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Birthdays

Each week, this section of the *ELI Weekly* will list all of the birthdays for our students and staff that occur during the week.

REMEMBER: in the US, the birth date is written month/day/year. If you submitted yours as day/month/year on your forms, then it will appear wrong in the *Weekly*. For those of you that this may happen to, we apologize in advance. Please let the office know so it can be fixed on your forms.

Manners, Culture, and Grammar

I would like to greet you personally as your *ELI Weekly* Editor, Melina Jimenez. You will receive the *Weekly* each week during your Reading/Writing class.

As you can see, the *ELI Weekly* gives you important news about what is happening at the ELI. The *Weekly* also answers **your** questions. If you want to know how Americans behave in certain situations or why they do the things they do, ask me. If you want to know how to say something correctly or why we say things the way we do, ask me. You can email me at mpjimenez@ufl.edu or put your questions in my mailbox (ELI Office, 223 Matherly, box marked **Jimenez**) anytime the office is open.

Teachers and Language Assistants, make this an activity to get your students thinking. I need more questions!

If you missed an issue of the *Weekly*, you can pick up an extra copy in the ELI Main Office (223 Matherly) or find it online at <http://www.eli.ufl.edu/publications.htm>.

Student Voices

Every semester, we publish a collection of writing by **you**, our students in the *ELI Student Voices*, edited by **Melina Jimenez**. You may submit anything of your work that you wish. Past submissions have included obituaries, poetry, creative stories, class projects, and other interesting works on a variety of topics. If you want to turn something in for publication, simply give it to your teacher, or e-mail Melina at mpjimenez@ufl.edu. Include your name and class on your submission. Teachers, this makes for a great project for **all** classes--not just Reading/Writing.

The deadline for submissions is July 24th. Submit early!

Quote of the Week

A warm smile is the universal language of kindness.

William Arthur Ward