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The ELI Weekly

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Commencement

Can you believe it's already here?

Congratulations, everyone. It's been a long and tough semester, and you should all be proud of the excellent work you have done in all of your classes. This coming week is very busy with testing and end-of-semester activities, so please read this issue of the ELI Weekly carefully to make sure you know about all of the things you need to do to wrap up the term. This will be the last issue of the *Weekly* for the Spring Term, 2012.

The ELI Commencement Ceremony will be held in the 1404 HPNP on Friday, April 27th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Students, Language Assistants, teachers, and administrators, please join us for this special occasion. Students will receive their grades and class photos after the ceremony. Everyone is encouraged to dress up for the occasion!

Exit Test Schedule

On Thursday, April 26th, we will be giving the CELT, our exit test. There are no regular ELI classes on this day. All ELI students are required to attend and take the test in order to receive a certificate from the ELI. The schedule is as follows; sections refer to Reading/Writing classes.

Early Morning Exit Test: 8:20am to 10:00am - NRN 137

RW 05
RW 10
RW 20,21,22,23
RW 30,31,32

Late Morning Exit Test: 11:20am to 1:00pm - NRN 137

RW 33, 34
RW 40,41,42,43,44, 45
all PT students not taking RW

Afternoon Exit Test 2:20pm to 4:00pm - NRN137

RW 50,51,52,53
RW 60
RW 1, 2, 3, 4, 1A
Writing Across the Genres

Please be on time. This means arrive 5 to 15 minutes early. There will be no late exams and no late students admitted to the exams. If you arrive late to the test, you will not be permitted to take it, and you will not receive a certificate from the ELI. In addition, no students will be allowed to leave the room during the test and no students will be allowed to leave early. Please have your Gator1 ID with you and turn your cellphones off!

The Weekend Trip

This Saturday, April 21st, we are holding our **End of Semester Barbecue at Lake Wauburg!** This is the last weekend activity so please come out and share in the fun, sun, and free food with us! Don't forget to sign up on the Activities Board before 5pm on Thursday, April 19th.

Reminders

Immunizations: If you still haven't gotten your immunizations done, we will not be able to give you the exit package that has your grades, certificate, and the class photo.

Fines and Fees: Pay your library fines and your infirmary fees. If you're not sure how to do this, Emily has a handout on her door (Norman 316) with instructions. Remember that if you fail to pay your fines and fees, you won't receive your exit package.

Student Mailbox: Please come and check the mailbox for any mail that you may have. There is a big stack of letters waiting for you.

Afternoon Activities: This is the last week of afternoon activities, so come out one last time and hang out with your friends, LAs, and maybe even your teachers.

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.

Check-in for Summer C: Check in online between May 10 - May 15. You can also check in by phone, fax, email or in person. Please only check in once!

I-20s: Have your I-20 signed in the ELI Main Office (Room 315) if you plan on leaving the country!

Talk to Daryl: If you're taking a vacation semester, transferring to another school, or returning for Summer B, please see Daryl.

Summer 2012 Classes

Are you bored of taking LS, RW, and GM classes? Sign up for one of these substitute electives instead! Detailed descriptions are now up on the ELI Announcement Bulletin Board, across the hall from the Activities Board.

Substitute Electives

Course	Academic Replacement	Non-Academic replacement
LS	Grammar for Writing	
RW		Advanced Informal English
GM	University Culture and Success	Business English

While your regular ELI classes already help you with pronunciation, TOEFL, IELTS, vocabulary and GRE, you can get extra strategies for these skills. Sign up for them to get more help in a structured setting.

Extra Electives

PRO
TOEFL prep
IELTS prep
Vocabulary
GRE prep/including English for Quantitative

You can sign up at the beginning of the Summer semester. All elective classes have level requirements so you may not qualify for your chosen elective.

Note: If you are conditionally admitted to the UF Graduate School, you should NOT take a substitute elective unless you have exited out of the 60 level for that skill.

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the period April 16 to May 15:

- Students:
- April 16: Sharifh Alqahtani
 - April 17: Xun Xue
 - April 18: Eduard Fajardo Camelo
 - April 18: Shdha Maskeen
 - April 18: Se Chang Ham
 - April 20: Bander Almonahi
 - April 21: Maria Frias Termini
 - April 22: Mohammed Bayzeed
 - April 24: Yahya Alqahtani
 - April 25: ShuXian Li
 - April 26: Fahad Aldahmash
 - April 27: Joonhyung Joo
 - April 29: Pablo Costas Aguilera
 - April 29: Wafa Almutairi
 - April 29: Hana Lim
 - May 2: Kennyomar Garcia Machado
 - May 3: Abdullah Yahya Alqahtani
 - May 4: Jakyung Oh
 - May 4: Stephany Gil Esparza
 - May 5: Eyad Almudaifier
 - May 6: Naser Alajmi
 - May 7: Waleed Alanazi
 - May 7: Abdulaziz Aldughayyim
 - May 7: Meshari Alotaibi
 - May 7: Omar Alotaibi
 - May 10: Abdullah Alhashel

Staff:

- April 23: Patrick Klager
- April 25: Daryl Bish
- May 1: Latasha Wicker
- May 3: Jen Ramos
- May 8: Karen Owens
- May 8: Rebecca McLaughlin

Grammar

Q: What does the future perfect express?

A: That one action will be completed *before* a fixed point or another action in the future. Look at the examples below. Which action happens first?

- I will have sent a message to my friends by the time I get to my country.
- The essay will have been finished when I get to class tomorrow.

Manners and Culture

Q: Why do Americans ignore grammar rules when speaking?

A: Nearly everyone does, to some extent. This is how we create slang and idiom and how language evolves over time. Language is not a static, unchanging thing. It lives because it's spoken by a nearly infinite variety of people with a nearly infinite variety of thoughts and ideas. Think about it. When you speak in your native language with your friends, does it sound exactly like the language you are formally taught in school? Does it sound like the exact same language that your grandparents or even your parents use when they speak to their friends? My motto is, learn the rules and then learn how to break them, so you can sound more like a native speaker!

Quote of the Week

Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened.

Dr. Seuss



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