



# ELI NEWS

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## Short Classes, April 13, 2017

The final day of classes in the ELI is a day for you to receive feedback from your teachers on your work and to review your final exams. On this day, the ELI holds shorter classes, so you will meet at a slightly different time. Your class will meet in your usual room. Check the schedule below for the times of short classes April 13:

If your class begins at...	then your short class on April. 13 meets from...
9:00 am	10:10 – 10:25 am
10:00 am	10:30 – 10:45 am
11:00 am	10:50 – 11:05 am
12:00 noon	11:10 – 11:25 am
1:00 pm	11:30 – 11:45 am
2:00 pm	11:50 – 12:05 pm
3:00 pm	12:10 – 12:25 pm
<b>1:00 – 3:00, Closing Ceremony, William Pitt Union, Kurtzman room</b>	

## I-20 Expiration Dates for F-1 Students

By Stacy Ranson

The end of the semester is coming soon! If you are an F-1 student, please check the expiration date on your I-20. On page 1 of your I-20, under #5, you will see a beginning date for your studies and a completion date for your studies. **Remember that it is your responsibility to make sure that your I-20 does not expire!**

If your I-20 will expire at the end of this semester, you must see Stacy Ranson if you want to extend your time at the ELI. **It is too late to request an extension after your I-20 has expired**, so please take a moment to check now.

## ELI Pre-registration Summer 2017

If you plan to study at the ELI next term, you must pre-register with in room M22. If you do not pre-register with Stacy, the ELI cannot guarantee your place for the next term. If you plan to take a vacation term, you must see Stacy to register, too. The ELI will then electronically register you with the University of Pittsburgh. You will need to check the ELI News later in the term for information on how and when to pay your tuition.

## TODAY: ELI Closing Ceremony!

by Stacy Ranson

The ELI would like to invite you to the Closing Ceremony for this semester. All students from all levels are welcome! The ceremony will be on April 13, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the William Pitt Union Kurtzman Room.

We'll take pictures, have some refreshments, and hand out attendance certificates at the ceremony. You all have played a big role in making this semester great—we hope you'll come celebrate with us!

## E4U

by Greg Mizera

Are you thinking about attending Pitt or another U.S. university after ELI? If so, you may be interested in English for

Undergraduates (E4U), a new summer course at the English Language Institute.

E4U is an intensive 6-week program aimed at non-native English speakers who are preparing for life at an English-speaking college or university. It's an advanced-level course that emphasizes academic skills in reading, writing, listening, speaking and grammar. Students read university-level texts and listen to academic-style lectures, and they also learn about American educational culture.

The ELI issues I-20 visas for students in the E4U program. Classes meet for 20 hours per week, and E4U students can take part in ELI trips and activities.

The ELI started E4U last summer, and we are offering it again this summer. It will run from June 19 to July 28, and the tuition is \$3,045. There are additional fees and textbook charges.

To be admitted to E4U, applicants must have proof that they have been accepted into an American undergraduate program, or they must have a TOEFL iBT score of at least 60 (or an IELTS score of at least 6.5).

The application deadline for the E4U program is May 15.

## Keep In Touch!

Some students will be continuing in the ELI next term; others will not. Be sure to "Like" the ELI's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/PittELI](http://www.facebook.com/PittELI)) and join our LinkedIn professional networking community ([www.tinyurl.com/ELILinkedIn](http://www.tinyurl.com/ELILinkedIn)) to keep in touch!



## Stacy's Office Hours Term Break

I know that some of you may need to see me after the ELI term ends. Remember, if you are planning to leave the U.S. and return to the ELI next semester, I must sign your I-20 before you go. If you need me for this, or for any other reason, please note the following dates and times.

I will be available in my office (M22) during the hours below. I will not be available any other time during the break, and I will not write letters of recommendation or review statements of purpose over the break, so please plan carefully.

Monday, April 17	Tuesday, April 18	Wednesday, April 19
9:00- 10:00	12:00- 1:00	12:00-1:00

## Continuing Students: New Schedules for Summer 2017 Term

By Stacy Ranson



Please note that you can pick up your schedules for next semester any time after 12:00 on Thursday, May 11 at M13 Meyran. Classes will start Friday, May 12. Remember that attendance is taken beginning on the first day of class, so if you return late, you will be marked absent. Also, you must return from your break by Friday, May 19, or you will not be able to attend the ELI for the spring term.

## Summer 2017 Payment Schedule

If you register before the end of the spring term, your Summer 2017 payment is due on May 17. New students who register in May will have until June 17 to pay. After these dates, students will be charged late fees. Students who have preregistered with Stacy can start paying their summer tuition at the student payment center on April 3.

<http://www.payments.pitt.edu/documents/ebills71612.pdf>

Please visit the ELI Main Office or the Student Payment Center if you have questions.

## IMPORTANT!! F1 Visa Requirement!

If you are traveling outside of the U.S. during the April break, and you are returning for the summer term beginning May 12, you **MUST** have Stacy sign your I-20 before you leave.

Stacy will not be available after April 19, so you must see her soon if you are traveling. You will have to cancel travel plans if you do not have Stacy's signature before you leave.

**No one else at the ELI is able to sign your I20. See Stacy if you think you may travel.**

## Registration and Payment FAQs (Frequently-Asked Questions)

**I want to study at the ELI this summer. What must I do first?**  
Pre-register with Stacy for the summer term.

**When may I pay tuition?**  
You may pay your tuition on or after April 3.

**Can I pay online?**  
YES! Students with a checking account with a U.S. bank can pay online for free by eCheck. Students can also pay online with certain credit cards—MasterCard, American Express, Discover, NOT Visa—but a 2.75% fee applies.

**I can't pay online. Where else can I pay?**  
You can pay in the Student Payment Center, room G-7 Thackeray Hall. Only cash, check, or money order is accepted at the Student Payment Center. Credit cards may only be used online.

**Do I need a new financial guarantee?**  
Sponsored students need a valid financial guarantee for the summer term. Students must give one copy to

the ELI Main Office and one copy to the Student Payment Center. The Center email is [PittSponsorBilling@cfo.pitt.edu](mailto:PittSponsorBilling@cfo.pitt.edu).

**Can I change my registration?**  
Yes. Please speak with Stacy to change your registration.

**When is the last day to preregister?**

April 14

## Please Clean Out Your Locker

By Abram Balestra

Please remove everything from your lockers and take off the lock by April 17. After April 17, we will prepare the lockers for the summer term. You will have a chance to register for a locker again in May. Anything left in the lockers after this term will be removed and donated to charity.

Please check "lost and found" in the Main Office before April 18, too, for any coats, notebooks, gloves, etc. that you may have lost. Anything left there will be donated to charity. Finally, be sure to take your lunch boxes or any other items you may have in the ELI kitchen refrigerator or cabinets by April 18 as well. Anything left will be thrown away.

## Lose Something? Check the Lost and Found!

By Abram Balestra

Did you forget a book in your classroom? Did you leave your gloves in the Vault? Do you think you left headphones in the computer lab? If you lost something at the ELI, please check the "Lost and Found" in the Main Office. Teachers and students routinely bring us things left behind in the classrooms.

And if you found something that belongs to another student, please bring it to the Main Office so we can find its owner.



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