Greetings from Innovation Academy

Wishing students best of luck with final exam week and a happy holiday season!

"The reward of a work is to have produced it; the reward of effort is to have grown by it."
— Antonin Sertillanges

IA Reminders

The IA office will remain open until Tuesday December 24th at 12 pm. We will be closed Wednesday, December 25th and re-open on January 2nd 2015. Happy Holidays to all our IA Gators and IA Partners!

Don’t forget to mark your calendars for Launch Into IA on January 5th, 2015 – see you then!
Concerned about finals? Need some end of the semester tips? Attend a free online workshop hosted by the UF Teaching Center Friday, December 12 at 3 p.m. The workshop will address test taking strategies and strategies to help you finish your semester strong. You can register for the workshop using the following link: https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/workshops/ssw_register/. Contact Learning Specialist Sierra Saey at sierrasaey@ufl.edu if you have any questions or to make an individual study skills appointment. Good luck on your finals, Gators.

Gator Tips of the Week

- Monday, December 8 – Stay Positive! Finals are coming. Good things will happen if you work hard and keep positive energy!
- Tuesday, December 9 – Believe in yourself. Walk into the last week of classes with confidence. You CAN do it!
- Wednesday, December 10 – Think like a Proton and Stay Positive! Good luck on the last week of classes Florida Gators!
- Thursday, December 11 – Positive thoughts propel you forward. Bring positivity to those around you! What can you do for someone today?
- Friday, December 12 – Happy Friday Florida Gators! One week to go! You can do it. If you have a concern about this semester, email umatter@ufl.edu
- Saturday, December 13 – Don’t be afraid to try new things. Get outside this weekend and do something new for you. Fresh air is a great study break!
- Sunday, December 14 – Don’t forget to be AWESOME. U Matter, We Care is so proud of YOU!
Call for Writers!
Help us write the IA Manifesto.
It will serve as an oath our graduates make, to commit to work hard in their fields, use the skills they have learned and represent this great institution and the IA program with the utmost respect, dedication and zeal.

The winning entry will be included in the event program, provided to graduates, guests and esteemed University faculty and staff.

Prize for the winner + prestige of having your written work read at IA graduation ceremonies for years to come.

RULES:
The submission should be 150 – 200 words and include the following components:

- Thank University of Florida
- Commitment to their major field
- Maximize on skills learned
- Aspire to be innovators and change makers
- Dedicate themselves to better the world
- Value/benefits of the Innovation Minor Coursework

Please send submissions to AyeshaRMian@aa.ufl.edu or email iacademy@ufl.edu with any questions.

Registrar Reminders
Faculty course evaluations for fall term closes December 12th. Log on to GatorRater to check evaluation dates since they can vary by course.

- December 10: Fall deadline to drop or add a course or withdraw (all courses) by College Petition.
- December 10: Honors theses for the fall term are due to the College Advising Offices.
- December 10: Fall Classes End
- December 11-12: Fall Reading Days
- December 13 and December 15-19: Fall Final Exams
- December 19-20: Commencement – Dates of graduate and professional school
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December 19 is the deadline to change your permanent home mailing address in anticipation of Fall diploma mailing.

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**Sustainability Summit**

Gators Going Green will be hosting a Sustainability Summit on Wednesday, December 10 at 7 p.m. at the law school in room HOL285C. With the holidays just around the corner, this month’s theme will be consumerism. The summit will feature a presentation by the UF Office of Sustainability as well as a short documentary showing, followed by a group discussion.

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**The Healthy Initiative**

The Bob Graham Center for Public Service and Division of Student Affairs are inviting UF students to propose projects that will enrich our campus and communities. Proposals must be collaborative and innovative but must also have achievable objectives. The most promising and feasible project will be awarded $5,000 to pursue its implementation. Deadline is Jan. 15. Learn more about the selection criteria and proposal requirements at: [www.bobgrahamcenter.ufl.edu/healthy3C](http://www.bobgrahamcenter.ufl.edu/healthy3C)
Volunteer Opportunity

Would you like volunteer with international students? Volunteer with us as a Conversation Volunteer through the English Language Institute at UF. No foreign language experience is needed. The program is designed to help students practice English in a friendly setting while meeting Americans and making friends. Volunteers should plan on spending about an hour each week with their partner at a time and location of their mutual choosing. There will also be weekly Monday Mixers where Conversation Volunteers and students can meet and speak informally, and there will be opportunities to volunteer in Language Assistant classes with discussions and activities.

Most of these students speak Spanish, Korean, Chinese, Arabic, or Portuguese. They are looking for Spring volunteers. For more information, please message Nicole with your name, email, phone number, gender, and language preferences to:

ELICConversation@gmail.com.

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