International Living Learning Community (ILLC) Syllabus

Fall 2022

ILLC 2022-23 Theme

Inner/Outer Peace

Personal well-being and interpersonal peace; intercultural competency and social justice.

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Ask me about? Study abroad, Fulbright Scholarships, International Living/Learning Community!

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Welcome to the International Living and Learning Community:

- This intentional community in the Global Neighborhood brings together students with international backgrounds and experiences along with U.S. students who are interested in exploring cultures, issues, and opportunities around the world.
- This unique community fosters cross-cultural appreciation, intercultural competency, respect for diversity, curiosity, and awareness about international trends and issues.
- It is a multicultural environment that values difference and shares Elon University’s priority of internationalizing the campus through activities such as study abroad, international exchanges, and language learning.

Overall Living Learning Communities Goals:

1. Living learning communities provide students with a sense of belonging in a community of their peers united by a common interest.
2. LLC’s support students’ intellectual, personal, and social growth by providing them with opportunities to learn in a collaborative, engaging environment.
3. Living Learning Communities work to integrate students’ academic social, and residential experiences, providing a seamless learning environment in which students develop “connected knowing” outside of the classroom on disciplinary and interdisciplinary projects.
4. Living Learning Communities challenge students to test their skills/knowledge through applications, experiences, reflection and synthesis outside the classroom. Examples of this include intellectual discussions, trips, projects, speakers and events.

5. Living Learning Communities provide opportunity for faculty and staff to engage in university service and student mentoring in intentional mentorship with students outside of the classroom in their field of interest or discipline.

Overall International LLC Goals:

- To bring together students interested in international experiences, issues, and interactions.
- To connect these students with faculty, staff and students who also share your interests and who will work to build relationships around areas of mutual concern.
- To create a community that serves as a social network and as an intellectual resource, a community that will help students succeed in and outside the classroom.
- To take advantage of the wealth of activities happening across campus, such as lectures, concerts, performances, speakers, and more, and to connect those activities with international themes and trends, encouraging discussions and reflections.
- To learn from the cultural differences and diversity among the residents.
- To integrate classroom themes with residential conversations and planned programming in an intentional, learning-centered community.
- To continuously improve our community by monitoring activities and gaining your feedback. We want to support your personal, social, intellectual, and emotional growth.

Expectations and Activities:
You were carefully selected to be part of the ILLC so please accept your placement with us as an honor. The ILLC offers opportunities to learn about the rest of the world through:

- Interactions with your fellow residents, cultural events, speakers, concerts, trips, and other activities, within the Global Neighborhood and beyond.
  - In addition to the schedule below, we will be building a schedule of activities for this year. Some activities emphasize community-building. Others will help us understand international issues, arts, and trends.
- Many programs should help us develop social networks and build relationships and some will be just plain fun.
  - Members of the International LLC are expected to attend 2 LLC event each month fall and spring semesters. Take advantage of them. As former Elon President Leo Lambert used to say during First-year Convocation, “You have been invited to a great banquet, don’t make yourself a bologna sandwich.”

Service Activities:
Elon University is all about preparing students to lead a life of service to others. As such, the International LLC will work together to find service opportunities that align with our goals, objectives, and common interests for the common good.

Assessment and Planning:
Throughout the semester, we will solicit feedback on ILLC events and activities. We will do this primarily through short written surveys and informal small group discussions. We are most interested in learning how participating in the ILLC activities impacts your learning and living experiences. These assessments will also be crucial in informing future planning for the ILLC.

INTERNATIONAL LLC STUDENTS’ SIGNATURE

By signing below or viewing the syllabus link on Moodle, I acknowledge the expectations of the International LLC and agree to fulfill them to the best of my ability.

Signature: __________________ Date: __________________
AUGUST

August 24, Wednesday  Global Neighborhood Welcome BBQ (5 p.m.)

SEPTEMBER

September 6/27 Tuesdays  Dr. Gisclair Lunch w/Residents, Lakeside Dining Hall (1:15 – 2:45 p.m.)  
RSVP on Moodle through Calendly link.

September 6, Tuesday  Global Neighborhood Dinner on BB Courts (5:30 – 7:30 pm)

September 20, Tuesday  Global Film Series, Movie on the Quad (8 – 9:30 p.m.)

September 22, Thursday  Dinner w/Colonades Residents in Lakeside followed by a performance: Salsa Orchestra, McCrary Theater, (7:30 - 9:30 p.m.)

September 30 – October 2  Family Weekend

OCTOBER

October 20/27 Thursdays  Dr. Gisclair Coffee w/Residents, Irazu Café, Moseley Center  
(9:30 – 10:30 a.m.) Drop-in / no RSVP.

October 4, Tuesday  Global Neighborhood Dinner, Trivia Night, Lakeside Upstairs (5:30 – 7:30 p.m.)

October 18, Tuesday  International Film Series, Global Common Media Room (8 – 9:30 p.m.)

October 28, Friday  Fall Festival, Global Quad (4 – 6 p.m.)

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 3/10 Thursdays  Dr. Gisclair Coffee w/Residents, Irazu Café, Moseley Center  
(9:30 – 10:30 a.m.) Drop-in/no RSVP.

November 4 – 6  Homecoming

November 8, Tuesday  Global Neighborhood Dinner (5:30 – 7:30 p.m.)

November 9, Wednesday  International Cheese Festival, Sponsored by International LLC for Global Neighborhood Lakeside (5:30 – 7:30 p.m.)

November 10, Thursday  International Film Series, Global Common Media Room (8 – 9:30 p.m.)

November 19-27  Thanksgiving Break: Hall Closes @ 10 a.m. Saturday /Hall Opens @ 10 a.m. Sunday

DECEMBER

December 2, Friday  Fall Term Classes End; 24 HOUR QUIET HOURS BEGIN @ 7PM

December 10, Saturday  Residence Halls closes at 10 a.m. (Please let us know if you are remaining on campus.)  
Happy Holidays!

Additional ILLC and Global Neighborhood Hosted Events TBD