

POLYGLOT LLC – SYLLABUS

2022/23

WHAT IS THE POLYGLOT LLC?

The Polyglot Floor, sponsored by the Department of World Languages and Cultures (WLC) is part of a unique cohort of living-learning communities here at Elon. We offer students a supportive environment in which they can grow intellectually in an area that interests them and grow personally through their interactions with like-minded peers and faculty mentors. By choosing to live here, you are on Elon's path to becoming an engaged learner, an inspired leader, and a global citizen.

Through regular participation in our activities and events, you will have opportunities to reinforce your language skills while you expand your intercultural awareness and engagement. Residents share a common passion for languages and cultures, and they work together to foster a unique cultural and educational atmosphere in the Polyglot LLC, in the Global Neighborhood, on the campus at large, and in the community.

LEARNING COMMUNITY GOALS

The Polyglot Floor is one tree with many branches. It is a home for students who want to improve their linguistic skills in a specific language while also learning about cultural diversity in general, helping them to become better global citizens. Goals for the Floor are to provide a warm and intellectually stimulating environment where students will:

- improve their language fluency in a relaxed environment and develop their intercultural awareness and competencies
- learn about various cultures (from each other, from guests, and through participation in cultural activities on campus and in the community)
- prepare, maintain and further enhance their language skills if they plan to study abroad or upon return from a program abroad
- participate in activities that promote leadership, personal responsibility, teamwork and group identity
- spread awareness on campus about the Polyglot LLC



PEOPLE AND RESOURCES

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Hunter Siegel (Polyglot Student Ambassador)

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GUIDELINES, FLOOR RULES, AND EXPECTATIONS

Each resident of the Polyglot LLC is responsible for active involvement in as well as promotion of its events and activities on campus. Residents agree to make every effort to speak in their target language when participating in group events and in common areas of the hall--remembering that you can always teach your buddies a few new words in a new language :). Also remember that working or studying together in the target language is a great way to use each other as peer resources. (Check with your course instructor if you aren't sure you are allowed to work together on something.)

Since we are a community, together we must work to keep the floor in good condition and ensure that the Polyglot Floor thrives!

To this end, residents should do the following:

- ❖ Try to speak the target language as much as possible in the common areas and at all times during official events. Native and advanced speakers, please be leaders in the promotion of the language on the hall.
- ❖ Attend floor activities and contribute to their planning.
- ❖ Abide by the Elon University Social and Honor Codes, including rules related to mask-wearing and group gatherings.
- ❖ Keep all exterior and room doors closed.
- ❖ Be considerate of other residents who are trying to sleep or study by turning down music, tvs, and talking quietly.
- ❖ Throw away trash when leaving a common area.
- ❖ Wash, dry and put away dishes immediately after using them.
- ❖ Leave kitchen items belonging to the Floor in the kitchen. Please keep your personal items in your room.
- ❖ Keep the Floor presentable in case of visits by faculty members, Residence Life staff, or future students.
- ❖ Inform our RA and Kristin and Ricky immediately of anything suspicious around the house.
- ❖ Create a community environment.
- ❖ Respect others.

Participating and doing an excellent job allows you to reserve a room for the next semester!

EVENTS

Our events aim to support you in becoming more proficient in the languages that you are learning, connect you to campus resources, and help you in becoming interculturally competent global citizens.

- We will meet regularly for our Polyglot Lunches. Every Tuesday, 11:45am @ Lakeside Dining
- We will let you know about campus events that language clubs or cultural organizations are planning and who is going
- We will attend Global Neighborhood, ResLife, or Elon's cultural events together

If you know of an event or have an idea for one that we could attend together, let us know!

COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL MEDIA

We will use GroupMe to communicate, feel free to post in our group about all things Elon and languages!

We also have a Polyglot Instagram account where we post photos and updates. Make sure you follow!



GroupMe



Instagram

RESIDENCE AGREEMENT

By signing below, you agree to be a member of the Polyglot LLC at Elon University. In particular, you have understood and agree to:

1. Participate in all activities to the best of my ability.
2. Let Kristin and Ricky and those planning an activity know if I am unable to attend.
3. Respond promptly to messages from the RA, Kristin and Ricky, and people from Global Neighborhood and Residence Life.
4. Speak the target language as much as possible with peers & advisors.
5. Be respectful to other members of the Polyglot LLC
6. Abide by the Elon University Social and Honor Codes.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

