

International Living Learning Community (ILLC) Syllabus  
Fall 2024 - Spring 2025



ILLC 2024-25 Theme

**Sustainable Future**

Focus on green futures in the context of living well and/or life in harmony.

**Faculty-in-Residence (FIR)/International**

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*Ask me about Study abroad, Fulbright Scholarships, and the International Living/Learning Community!*



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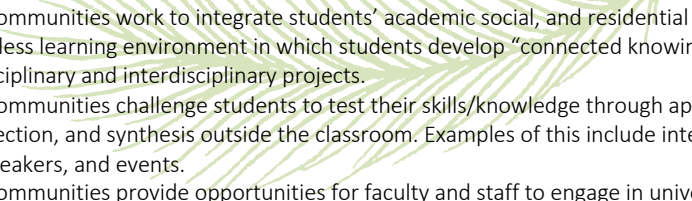
Graduate Apprentice:

**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. LLCs support students' intellectual, personal, and social growth by providing them with opportunities to learn in a collaborative, engaging environment.

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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 opportunities 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:

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- 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:

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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 events each month in the 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:

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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:

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Throughout the year, 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.

#### Leadership Opportunities in International LLC:

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Throughout the year, you are invited to assume a **leadership role** in building our community. Speak with the **Faculty in Residence, Dr. Jessica Gisclair**, if you would like to step up to lead any event listed below or if you have other ideas!

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- Coordinate our **two traditions**: International Cheese Festival (fall) and International Chocolate Festival (spring) + Kahoot! in Lakeside Dining.
  - Coordinate our **off-campus events**:
    - Fall - Forest Walk at Dinner Bell Farms; Ice Skating in Hillsborough
    - Winter – Friday Movie Night at Alamance Crossing
    - Spring – Cosmic Bowling at Buffalo Lanes in Mebane; Saturday Shopping at Tanger Outlet in Mebane
  - Coordinate our three **co-sponsored events** with the Global Education Center: International Coffee Hour; Academic Advising; and Student Professional Development.

**INTERNATIONAL LLC STUDENTS' SIGNATURE**

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## International LLC: Fall 2024 Events

### AUGUST

August 28, Wednesday      Global Neighborhood Welcome BBQ, GBL Outdoor Basketball Courts  
(5 – 6:30 p.m.)

### SEPTEMBER

September 3/10 Tuesdays      ILLC Drop-in lunch w/Dr. Gisclair, Lakeside Dining Hall (12:30 – 1:30 p.m.)

September 3, Tuesday      Global Neighborhood Dinner, Lakeside Dining Hall (5:30 – 7 pm)

**September 12, Thursday**      **ILLC Dinner w/Colonnades Residents in Lakeside followed by a performance: in McCrary Theater, (7:30 - 9:30 p.m.)**

September 17, Tuesday      Global Film Series, (7 – 9 p.m.)

September 19, Thursday      ILLC Chocolate Break, (4:30 - 5:30 p.m.), 2nd Floor Lounge, GBL-A

**September 26, Thursday**      **International Coffee Hour, Sponsored by International LLC for Global Neighborhood, GEC 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor (9:40 – 10:30 a.m.)**

September 27-29      *Family Weekend!*

### OCTOBER

October 1, Tuesday      Global Neighborhood Dinner, Lakeside Dining Hall (5:30 – 7 pm)

October 4, Thursday      Fall Festival, Global Quad (4 – 6 p.m.), **ILLC Table**

**October 5, Saturday**      **Forest Walk at Dinner Bell Farms, (2 – 5 p.m.) TBD**

*October 10-13*      *Fall Break!*

October 15, Tuesday      Global Film Series, (7 – 9 p.m.)

**October 24, Thursday**      **International Coffee Hour, Sponsored by International LLC for Global Neighborhood, GEC 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor (9:40 – 10:30 a.m.)**

October 29, Tuesday      ILLC Drop in coffee w/Dr. Gisclair, Irazú Café, Moseley Center  
(9:30 – 10:30 a.m.) – Academic advising assistance.

### NOVEMBER

November 1-2      Elon's Homecoming!

November 5, Tuesday      Global Neighborhood Dinner, Lakeside Dining Hall

**November 9, Friday**      **Ice Skating in Hillsborough, (6 - 8 p.m.) TBD**

**November 13, Wednesday**      **International Cheese Festival, Sponsored by International LLC for Global Neighborhood Lakeside Dining Hall (5:30 – 7 p.m.)**

November 19, Tuesday

Global Film Series, (7 – 9 p.m.)

November 23 – December 1

Thanksgiving Break: Hall Closes @ 10 a.m. Saturday /Hall Opens @ 10 a.m. Sunday

## DECEMBER

Thursday, December 5

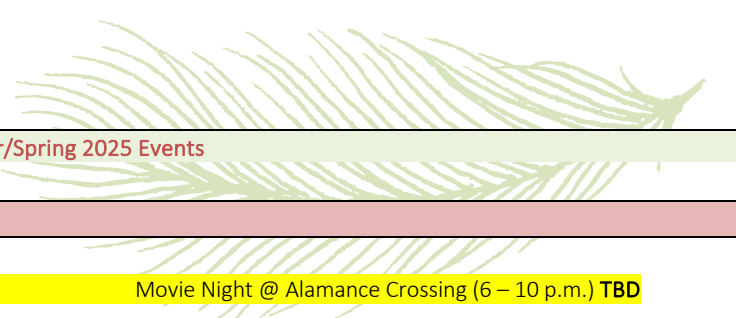
ILLC Holiday Celebration! (7 – 8 p.m.)

December 6, Friday

Fall Term Classes End; 24 HOUR QUIET HOURS BEGIN @ 7 PM

December 14, Saturday

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



## International LLC: Winter/Spring 2025 Events

### JANUARY

January 10, Friday      Movie Night @ Alamance Crossing (6 – 10 p.m.) **TBD**

January 16, Thursday      ILLC Chocolate Study Break, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., 2nd Floor Lounge, GBL-A

⇒ **Open Invitation:**

- Interested in having **coffee or lunch** J-term?
- Contact Dr. Gisclair @ [jgisclair@elon.edu](mailto:jgisclair@elon.edu)

### February

February 4/11 Tuesdays      ILLC Drop-in Dinner w/Dr. Gisclair, Lakeside Dining Hall (6 – 7 p.m.)

February 12, Wednesday      International Chocolate Festival, **Sponsored by International LLC for Global Neighborhood**, Lakeside Dining (5:30 – 7 p.m.)

February 18, Tuesday      Global Film Series, (7 – 9 p.m.)

February 22, Saturday      Cosmic Bowling @ Buffalo Lanes in Mebane (8 – 10 p.m.) **TBD**

February 27, Thursday      International Coffee Hour, **Sponsored by International LLC for Global Neighborhood**, GEC 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor (9:40 – 10:30 a.m.)

### March

March 4, Tuesday      Global Neighborhood Dinner, Lakeside Dining Hall (5:30 – 7 pm)

March 11 or 25, Tuesday      Global Film Series, (7 – 9 p.m.) **TENTATIVE**

March 15-23      *Spring Break!*

March 25, Tuesday      Resume Drop-In w/SPDC, Irazu Cafe, (4:15 - 5:15 p.m.) Co-sponsored by ILLC and GEC.

March 29, Saturday      Shopping at Tanger Center in Mebane, (2 – 6 p.m.) **TBD**

### April

April 1, Tuesday      Global Neighborhood Dinner, Lakeside Dining Hall

April 3, Thursday      International Coffee Hour, **Sponsored by International LLC for Global Neighborhood**, GEC 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor (9:40 – 10:30 a.m.)

April 8, Tuesday      ILLC Drop in coffee w/Dr. Gisclair, Irazú Café, Moseley Center (9:30 – 10:30 a.m.) – Academic advising assistance.

April 15, Tuesday      Global Film Series, (7 – 9 p.m.) **TENTATIVE**

April 18, Friday      Bike to Burlington, (6 - 8 p.m.) **TBD**

April 25, Thursday      Spring Festival, Global Quad (4 – 6 p.m.), **ILLC Table**



## May

May 6, Tuesday                      Global Neighborhood Dinner, Lakeside Dining Hall (5:30 – 7 p.m.)

May 8, Thursday                      **ILLC End-of-Year Celebration! (7 – 8 p.m.)**

May 12, Monday                      Spring Term Classes End; 24 HOUR QUIET HOURS BEGIN @ 7 PM

May 20, Tuesday                      *Residence Halls close at 10 a.m. (Please let us know if you are remaining on campus.) Happy Holidays!*

**Additional ILLC and Global Neighborhood Events TBD**