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Dear New ELI Student:

**Welcome to the English Language Institute for Spring Semester, 2012.** We hope that your time with us will be productive, rewarding, and enjoyable. This letter will give you the information you need to begin your studies at the ELI.

The English Language Institute is located in Northern Neck 108, George Mason University (Main Campus). Our telephone number is (703) 993-3660. Our fax number is (703) 993-3664. You can also reach us through e-mail at: [ELI@gmu.edu](mailto:ELI@gmu.edu) and you can find us on the World Wide Web at: <http://eli.gmu.edu>.

If you will be coming to the United States on a Student (F-1) visa and if you have not already received an I-20 AB/I-20ID form from us, please let us know as soon as possible. You will need this form to apply for a visa.

At this time housing on campus is very limited. For more information about housing, please contact us by email at [ELI@gmu.edu](mailto:ELI@gmu.edu). You can make off-campus housing arrangements after you arrive in the U.S., but you should arrive early to make those arrangements. If you would like to begin to look for off-campus housing before you arrive in the US, George Mason University has a website to help you: <http://och.gmu.edu>. At this website you will find information about rooms, apartments, and townhouses that are available for rent. Please call our office if you have questions about housing. We will be happy to help you.

Occasionally, ELI students with sufficiently high official TOEFL scores qualify to register for one undergraduate academic course at George Mason University. If you have an official TOEFL score you can discuss the possibility of taking an academic course along with your ELI courses with one of the ELI academic advisors. Academic advisors will be available to help you during ELI registration on Monday, January 23. Only students with high TOEFL scores approaching the George Mason minimum TOEFL requirements will be considered for academic course enrollment.

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Please note the following required events:

**Spring 2012**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE and TIME</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
<b>Orientation</b>	Wednesday, January 18 12:00-4:00 pm	Research 1 Room 163
<b>Placement Test</b>	Thursday, January 19 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon	Lecture Hall Room 1
<b>Mason email Activation</b> (Note: this is a mandatory event. You will not be able to register if your Mason email is not activated.)	Friday, January 20 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Innovation Hall Room 222
<b>Registration for Classes</b>	Monday, January 23 11:00 am – 12:00 am (New Students Only)	SUB II The HUB Ballroom
<b>First Day of Classes</b>	Tuesday, January 24 Core Class 10:30-12:10 OCS Class 2:50-4:20pm	Students will receive Class Schedules at registration

*Please plan to arrive in the U.S. early enough to come to orientation on January 18. Orientation will give you a lot of information about the ELI and George Mason University. The placement test on January 19 is also very important. Students who do not take the placement test on the scheduled date will not be allowed to register for classes, and may be required to transfer to another program until Summer '12 semester. You must also activate your Mason email account on January 20 or you will not be able to register for classes.*

At Registration on January 23, you will pay your **health insurance fee**. The amount is \$972.00\*. This will provide medical coverage from January 23 through August 15, 2012. (See enclosed page on Health Insurance requirements.) You will receive your **tuition bill** during the first week of classes. You must pay this bill by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 6. The amount will depend on how many classes you are taking. A full-time student's tuition is \$6,200\*.

If you have an F-1 visa and are transferring to GMU, you should talk to ELI Associate Director Tran Beatson in the ELI office no later than February 1, 2012.

Please call or write us if we can help you in any way. I look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely yours,

John Pope  
Executive Director  
English Language Institute

\* Subject to change