



ELI NEWS

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Write for the ELI News

The ELI loves to publish articles by its students. Would you like to share your thoughts or an essay you wrote? Would you like to write about your American experience? Would you like to teach us something about your culture? If so, please email your submissions to us at elipitt@pitt.edu. This is a good chance to improve your English and have your writing published. All levels are welcome!



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Free Software and Apps for Pitt Students



As a student at the University of Pittsburgh, you are eligible to download free and discounted software and apps through Pitt's Information Technology office, including:

- Antivirus and Anti-Malware software
- Cloud storage on Box
- KeePass password safe
- Office 365 ProPlus and Office 2016 (Word, PowerPoint, Outlook, Excel, and more)
- Microsoft Office apps for smart phones and devices

- And [more!](#)

To view a complete list or to download software or apps, visit Pitt's [Student Software website](#).

Ideas for ELI Social and Cultural Activities

Do you have ideas for other social and cultural activities you'd like us to consider planning? Please take a moment to complete a short, anonymous [survey](#) and let us know what activities you might be interested in and what days/times are better for you.

Fun Things to Do

Read the [ELI News each week](#) for more information about upcoming events planned by the ELI. You can also visit the [ELI Activities Calendar online](#).

For other activities sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh, visit:

- [Pitt International Community Facebook Group](#)
- [Pitt Global Hub](#)
- [Pitt Center for Creativity](#)
- [Be Fit Pitt](#)
- [Pitt Events Calendar](#)

We hope you take advantage of these opportunities to use English outside of the classroom and have fun, too!

ELI Activity:

Let's Make Cookies! Sat, May 16 * 1-2:30 pm



Join ELI intern and Pitt undergraduate student Emily Farmer this Saturday as she teaches you how to make chocolate chip cookies – the most popular cookie in all of North America according to TasteAtlas.com! Whether you want to learn how to make this tasty treat or you just want to hang out and practice your listening and speaking skills in English, we think you'll have a sweet time.

If you'd like the recipe and a list of ingredients in advance, feel free to email Emily at emf94@pitt.edu. As always, please follow all COVID-19 safety and health guidelines to protect yourself if you choose to go out shopping for ingredients, and use all necessary safety precautions when cooking or baking.

This activity will begin at 1:00 pm on Zoom:
<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/94158668486>.
For this Zoom meeting, you will use the same password that you use to access your ELI classes. If you have any questions about this ELI activity, please contact Emily at emf@pitt.edu or Rob at rom17@pitt.edu.

ELI Students and Pitt Email

ELI students MUST use Pitt email. Your teachers and the university will use ONLY your Pitt email to contact you. If you don't check your Pitt email every day, you will miss important messages about your class work, registration, or tuition payments. To check your email, visit my.pitt.edu and click on "My Pitt Email".

If you do not know your Pitt username or password, or you cannot access your account, call the Pitt Helpdesk at 412-624-4357.

Health Insurance Requirements

The ELI requires all students to show proof of health insurance coverage. The ELI does not recommend or offer specific health insurance plans. Students may choose any hospital insurance plan they like, and the ELI will request a copy of the insurance card with the student's name. **Students who do not provide proof of health insurance by 12:00pm on Friday, May 15, 2020 will not be permitted to register for classes.** Please see Stacy if you have any questions or need help finding insurance. Please submit this proof with this secure link: <https://dsaspitt.wufoo.com/forms/pl1quhtz01f7d2d/>

How to Get a Pitt ID Remotely

Panther Central, like the rest of the University of Pittsburgh, has temporarily changed how they operate due to COVID-19. To get a Pitt ID, follow these directions:

1) Make sure your Pitt email is active and you are using it.

2) Go to the Panther Central website (pc.pitt.edu) and click "Panther Card."

3) Click "Photo Upload" and read the instructions. They've included photo requirements and some tips for getting good photos for your ID card. Then take your picture.

4) When you have a photo that you think fits the requirements, submit it by clicking "Online Photo Submission" on that same page. You should use your Pitt email address to do this so that Panther Central can verify your identity faster.

5) Send an email to panthercentral@pitt.edu from your Pitt email account to alert them that you have submitted a photo and need a Pitt ID card. Include your Peoplesoft Number and a current, valid mailing address.

You will be notified by Panther Central when your card is in the mail. Due to the COVID-19 situation, Panther Central asks that you allow 1-2 weeks for this process. If you need to re-take your photo because it does not meet the requirements, this process could take longer.

I-94 Numbers Required

Each student must give the ELI Main Office their I-94 admission number by 4:00 pm Friday, May 15. To find your DHS I-94 admission number:

1. Go to: <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/home>

2. Click "Yes" and "Submit."

3. Enter information exactly as it appears on your visa.

4. Click "Get Most Recent I-94"

5. **Submit by 4:00 pm, May 15 using this secure link:**

<https://dsaspitt.wufoo.com/forms/pl1quhtz01f7d2d/>

Email the ELI Main Office at elipitt@pitt.edu if you have any questions.



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Sponsorship Letters

If you have an official sponsorship letter from your government (SACM or CBIE, for example) you must submit it to the ELI Main Office through this link:

<https://dsaspitt.wufoo.com/forms/pl1quhtz01f7d2d/>

Students must send an updated sponsor letter to the ELI and to the Student Payment Center each term. If you have any questions about this, please contact the ELI Main Office at elipitt@pitt.edu.

Paying Tuition Summer 2020

Tuition is charged to your Pitt account typically within 24 hours of registering. To avoid late fees, you should **pay your tuition for the Summer 2020 term by May 20, 2020.** Check your account by logging in to my.pitt.edu and clicking PittPay. There are several ways to pay your tuition.

eCheck: Free online transfer from a US bank account to your Pitt account.

Payment plan: \$45 fee, see <http://payments.pitt.edu/payment-plans/>

Credit cards: online only at my.pitt.edu. There is an additional 2.75% fee for using a credit card.

International students paying with a foreign bank account may use Flywire.

Please note that the Student Payment Center offices are currently staffed remotely. There is nobody in the Thackeray Hall offices, so cash, paper checks, and money orders cannot be accepted or processed at this time.

Please email payments@pitt.edu (include your 7 digit student ID or Peoplesoft number) or call 412-624-7520 for remote assistance.

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Quote Corner

“A lot of times people look at the negative side of what they feel they can’t do. I always look on the positive side of what I can do..” – Chuck Norris, American actor & martial artist (*Walker, Texas Ranger*)

Source: [BrainyQuote](#)

SOUND OFF: What do you do to stay positive, especially when it’s hard to see a good side to events?

Renters Insurance

Many of you rent apartments in Pittsburgh while you are studying at the ELI, and we want to strongly encourage you to buy renters insurance while you are here. Renters insurance covers personal property, so it will help you replace your items if they are lost due to theft or destruction from a fire or storm. Renters insurance can also cover damage that you may cause to your apartment. For example, if you accidentally start a fire in your apartment while you are cooking, there could be thousands of dollars’ worth of damage, and you may be expected to pay for the repairs. Renters insurance could cover the cost of these repairs. This type of

insurance is very inexpensive, with an average cost of \$15.00 a month. You can check out some policy quotes at <https://www.geico.com/information/aboutinsurance/renters/> or at <https://www.statefarm.com/insurance/home-and-property/renters>. If you need help finding or buying insurance, please see Stacy.

Student Advisor Office Hours

Please remember that Stacy Ranson, your Student Advisor, can help you with questions about your registration and classes, academic issues, letters of recommendation, and personal issues, as well. Feel free to email her at sar72@pitt.edu any time. She is also available by appointment for Zoom video chats. Please email Stacy if you would like to speak by Zoom during her office hour.

Stacy’s office hours are:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
12:00 pm-1:00 pm

Joke of the Week

This joke’s punch line relies on grammar!

My friend said: “I know a man with a wooden leg named Smith.”

I asked my friend: “What was the name of his other leg?”

Source: The Internet TESL Journal