

Nazarbayev University Foundation Year

Student Newsletter

Week 5

Issue 4

Sept 14th – 18th 2020

Timetable and Deadlines: Week 5

September 14th Monday by 9:00 am

EAP: Moodle Lesson RW1: *Introduction to APA Citations*

Math: Homework completed

September 15th Tuesday by 9:00 am

EAP: Moodle Lesson RW 2: *RPP Introductions: The Background*

EAP: Moodle Lesson RW 3: *RPP Introductions: The Rationale*

September 16th Wednesday by 9:00 am

EAP: Moodle Lesson LS 1: *Big Data*

EAP: *Student Led Seminar*

Wednesday at 3:00 pm:

Mathematics Exam 1

Read the Lon Capa instructions carefully.

Wednesday by 11:00 pm

EAP Preliminary Deadline on OWE: At least one APA reference should be posted to *OWE RP Proposal Working Document*.

September 17th Thursday by 9:00 am

EAP: Moodle Lesson RW 4: *Thesis Statements: Taking a Position*

EAP: Moodle Lesson RW 5: *Reading Skills 3: Schema*

PDM: Week 5 Habits of Successful Students

Must be completed by the time assigned by your tutor

Formatting the Research Project Proposal Working Document

Important! The Research Project Proposal Guidelines require you to follow special formatting for your *RP Working Document*.

A video has been made to explain the formatting guidelines. Please watch it at the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJjzm6c_tOU&feature=youtu.be

A Guide to Your OWE Folder

Always follow your tutor's instructions as you work in the OWE, but please remember these general guidelines.

All of the work for your Research Project Proposal must be done in OWE. Penalties will be applied if work is not done in the OWE.

RP Sources Folder

All your sources should be downloaded as PDFs and added to your *RP Sources* folder.

RP Proposal Working Document

Most of your work will be done in the *RP Proposal Working Document*. This is where your tutor will give you feedback on your work.

Follow the instructions in the video link on this page to format your document.

Notes

You may use the Notes document for any ideas or information that you are not ready to add to your *RP Proposal Working Document* or that your tutor does not need to comment on.

RP Working Document

You will use this document at the end of the semester when your Research Project Proposal has been submitted and you begin to work on your Research Project for Semester 2.

ALC NEWS WEEK 5

Welcome all.

It's the end of week 4 which means already we are a third of the way through the teaching for this semester!

If you are still having trouble deciding on your topic, finding appropriate sources or if you are unsure on how to refine your title, then consider an ALC consultation. Sometimes talking to someone new can be just what is needed to trigger that brainwave and clarify your ideas.

ALC consultations are available 6 days a week from 9am to 7pm and can be [booked here](#).

Most short courses are entering their third week and new students are always welcome. Details of this week's lessons are on the ALC Moodle page. Some courses are now offered twice a week.

That's all for this week.
Stay Safe.

John Seely
ALC Manager

EAP Student Handbook

For information about the EAP curriculum and assessments, please visit the Moodle EAP Homepage and refer to the EAP Student Assessment Handbook.

You can find uploaded versions of the student newsletter on the CPS website under News and on the EAP Homepage in Moodle.

If you would like to add something to the Student Newsletter, please send it to amy.golden@nu.edu.kz

| Short Courses | | |
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| Mon 6:00 pm | Academic Reading | Alisa Neufeldt |
| Tues 6:00 pm | Pronunciation for Clarity | Lala Molvesian |
| Wed 6:00 pm | Academic Grammar | Anne Stander |
| Thurs 6:00 pm & Fri 5:00 pm | Critical Thinking and the Philosophy of Science | Philip Bell |
| Sat 5:00 pm & Sat 6:00 pm | Academic Listening | Rosemary Jones |

Speaking Circles

Speaking circles are open to regulars and newcomers alike.

The schedule is listed below.

If this is your first time then sign up on [the ALC Moodle](#).

Personal Consultations

Personal Consultations are private one-to-one sessions where you can get help & advice on any academic questions you have.

[Sign up on Moodle from this link.](#)

Sign up for next week will open Today at 6pm.

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| Current Affairs Circle Mark Houghtaling | Mon 17:00 | Join the "Current Affairs Circle" to discuss significant, recent news. We aim to understand why things are happening and what it all means. Improve your speaking in a relaxed, small-group setting. Think critically and build confidence in expressing your views. |
| Literature Circle Claudia Kilburn | Tues 17:00 | Each week a SHORT literary piece will be posted. This is usually a short story, but it could be a poem or short play. We are trying to focus on global literature, beyond the Brit/American classics. |
| Talking about Films James Arthurs | Wed 16:30 and 17:15 | In each session we will look at clips from films or a complete short film and talk about what we understand from our viewing and how good (or not) the film is. We shall look at different genres of films - comedy, musical, drama etc. and at films from different countries including Kazakhstan. You will be encouraged to bring forward films for viewing and discussion. |
| Discussion Circle Andrew Fox | Thurs 12:00 | The Discussion Circle gives you the opportunity to discuss the topics you want to discuss, decided by you, the students - what topics are important to you, or what questions do you want answered? |
| Travel Circle Natasha Sinclair | Thurs 17:00 | Each week we will look at a different country or region. Students will be asked to research and present short travel guides. So choose your favourite part of the world. |

Important Dates

September

Mathematics Exam 1

September 16

EAP Preliminary Deadline *(Introductory Paragraph and Working Thesis)*

September 23 by 11:00 pm

Physics Quiz 2 Thermal Physics I & II *September 21 by 6:00 pm (start Sept 14)*

EAP Preliminary Deadline *(First Annotated Source)*

September 30 by 11:00 pm

October

Fall Break

October 5-9

Physics Midterm Exam

October 14

Geography Draft Essay

October 16 at 11:59 pm

EAP Preliminary Deadline *(Outline with Reference List First Draft)*

October 21 by 11:00 pm

Mathematics Exam 2

October 28

EAP Preliminary Deadline *(First, Second, and Third Annotated Sources)*

October 28

Physics Video Project

October 30 by 6:00 pm

November

EAP Preliminary Deadline

(Paraphrasing 1st Draft)

November 4 by 11:00 pm

Physics Quiz 3 Electricity & Magnetism I & II Deadline

November 2 by 6:00 pm (start Oct 26)

Geography Final Essay

November 13 at 11:59 pm

EAP Research Project Proposal Final

November 18 by 11:00 pm

Physics Quiz 4 Modern Physics I & II Deadline

November 16 by 6:00 pm (start Nov 9)

EAP Research Project Presentations

November 24-27

December

Holiday

December 1

Final Exams

December 5-12

Mathematics Exam 3

Math Finals week, date TBD

Physics Final Exam

Finals week, date TBD

EAP Reading Exam

Finals week, date TBD

Holiday

December 16-18

Introducing: Student Advisor Rachel Niklas



Introducing CPS

This week we are introducing the Student Advisor, Rachel Niklas. She is an important contact person for all NUFYP students in case you have academic or personal concerns that you may need help with.

On Monday please watch for two new EAP group introductions.

You will learn more about the individual students in EAP 5 and EAP 26! Enjoy the fun facts about these talented and enthusiastic students!

Hi Everyone!

My name is Rachel Niklas and this is my eighth year at NU. I started off teaching EAP at CPS in 2013 but moved to student advising after completing my Master's degree in Academic Advising in 2015. I also work with our Student Council and oversee the PDM course.

In my role as the student advisor at NUFYP, I work closely with both teachers and students to make sure that students have all of the support needed to succeed. If students need a bit of extra help, I work together with them to solve problems. Teachers might refer students to me if they are concerned; however, students are more than welcome to contact me directly anytime.

In this photo I am with my mother and daughter in the mountains near Big Almaty Lake. This area is one of my favorite places to travel and I try to escape to the mountains as much as possible! I love to travel to new countries and originally came to Kazakhstan because I wanted to learn more about this part of the world. I have not been disappointed.

I am very grateful for the opportunity I have in my role to help students at NUFYP. I want to urge any students who are struggling to ask for help and emphasize how normal it is to need help in the first year at university. You can contact your teachers, me or Kalmakas from DSA. The important factor is that you speak up because we are here for you.

Congratulations on surviving your first month at university!