

# Nazarbayev University Foundation Year

# Student Newsletter

Week 6

Issue 5

Sept 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 2020

## Timetable and Deadlines: Week 6

### September 21st Monday by 9:00 am

**EAP:** Moodle Lesson RW1: *Paraphrasing 1 Skills*

**Math:** Homework completed

### Monday by 6:00 pm

**Physics: Quiz 2 should be submitted**

### September 22<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday by 9:00 am

**EAP:** Moodle Lesson RW 2: *Outlining a Research Paper*

**EAP:** Moodle Lesson RW 3: *Paraphrasing 2 Purpose*

### September 23<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday by 9:00 am

**EAP:** Moodle Lesson LS 1: *Overpopulation*

**EAP:** *Student Led Seminar*

### Wednesday by 11:00 pm

**EAP Preliminary Deadline on OWE:** *In your RP Proposal Working Document, write the first draft of your introduction (including topic description and relevance to society) and create a working thesis (including your position and one or two reasons).*

Your introduction must be complete to avoid a penalty.

To be complete, it must

- include all 3 parts (topic description, rationale, and working thesis),
- meet the minimum word requirement (260 words overall), and
- be in your own words.

### September 24<sup>th</sup> Thursday by 9:00 am

**EAP:** Moodle Lesson RW 4: *Argument 3 Supporting Claims*

**EAP:** Moodle Lesson RW 5: *Reading Skills 4: Vocabulary Acquisition*

### **PDM: Week 6 Teamwork**

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

### **Zoom Meeting NUFYP Town Hall September 18 16:30 and 18:00**

Please remember to attend the NUFYP Zoom Town Hall Meeting with President Katsu, Provost Ade, along with many other departments (Bursars, DSA, Health, PCC...) this afternoon at 16:30 & 18:00. You have been sent a link by email.

It is a good time to get answers to any questions that you have about policies and procedures at the university.

### Engagement Marks

Remember that attendance and engagement are important. Always check your marks and keep up with your assignments.

If your Engagement Mark falls below 80%, you will be contacted.

Please also note that if your attendance falls to between 80-89% on any NUFYP course, this will be recorded in your end-of-year student report and reviewed by the NU Schools' progression committees.

### EAP Engagement Marks

Students who fail to engage in at least 80% of their Moodle classes, PDM lessons, and tutorials can be dismissed from NUFYP.

More information about EAP Engagement marks can be found on page six of this newsletter.

## ALC NEWS WEEK 6

Welcome all.

Next Wednesday, the 23rd of September, is your first EAP submission deadline. If you are still finding it difficult to get your ideas clear, if you would like a second opinion or someone to check your style, the ALC consultation team is ready to help. The days before submissions are always busy, so book early.

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

Short courses are coming to an end now but you are still welcome to attend. If you were not able to attend don't worry. They will start again in week 9.

That's all for this week.  
Stay Safe.

John Seely  
ALC Manager

## Student Council

### Congratulations to the new 2020-2021 NUFYP Student Council Members!

We will learn more about the Student Council and its members in next week's Student Newsletter.

**President**- Dariya Mukhitzhan

**Social Media Manager**- Aziz Bekzhanov

**Head of Social Department**- Aruzhan Zhamalbek

**Social Department Member**- Sherkhan Umurzak

**Social Department Member**- Aigerim Abitayeva

**Head of Academic Department**- Adiya Akhmer

**Academic Department Member**- Nurali Rakhay

**Academic Department Member**- Nuriya Nurlankyzy

Short Courses		
Mon 6:00 pm	Academic Reading	Alisa Neufeldt
Tues 6:00 pm	Pronunciation for Clarity	Lala Movsesian
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 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.**

<b>Current Affairs Circle</b>  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.
<b>Literature Circle</b>  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.
<b>Talking about Films</b>  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.
<b>Discussion Circle</b>  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?
<b>Travel Circle</b>  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	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>September</b></p> <p><b>Physics Quiz 2</b> Thermal Physics I &amp; II September 21 by 6:00 pm (start Sept 14)</p> <p><b>EAP Preliminary Deadline</b> (<i>Introductory Paragraph and Working Thesis</i>) September 23 by 11:00 pm</p> <p><b>EAP Preliminary Deadline</b> (<i>First Annotated Source</i>) September 30 by 11:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>November</b></p> <p><b>Physics Quiz 3</b> Electricity &amp; Magnetism I &amp; II <b>Deadline</b> November 2 by 6:00 pm (start Oct 26)</p> <p><b>EAP Preliminary Deadline</b> (<i>Paraphrasing 1<sup>st</sup> Draft</i>) November 4 by 11:00 pm</p> <p><b>Geography Final Essay</b> November 13 at 11:59 pm</p> <p><b>Physics Quiz 4</b> Modern Physics I &amp; II <b>Deadline</b> November 16 by 6:00 pm (start Nov 9)</p> <p><b>EAP Research Project Proposal Final</b> November 18 by 11:00 pm</p> <p><b>EAP Research Project Presentations</b> November 24-27</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>October</b></p> <p><b>Fall Break</b> October 5-9</p> <p><b>Physics Midterm Exam</b> October 14</p> <p><b>Geography Draft Essay (Online)</b> October 16 at 11:59 pm</p> <p><b>EAP Preliminary Deadline</b> (<i>Outline with Reference List First Draft</i>) October 21 by 11:00 pm</p> <p><b>Mathematics Exam 2</b> October 28</p> <p><b>EAP Preliminary Deadline</b> (<i>First, Second, and Third Annotated Sources</i>) October 28</p> <p><b>Physics Video Project</b> October 30 by 6:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>December</b></p> <p><b>Holiday</b> December 1</p> <p><b>Final Exams</b> December 5-12</p> <p><b>Mathematics Exam 3</b> Math Finals week, date TBD</p> <p><b>Physics Final Exam</b> Finals week, date TBD</p> <p><b>EAP Reading Exam</b> Finals week, date TBD</p>
	<p><b>Holiday</b> December 16-18</p>

## Introducing: EAP Teaching Fellow Nick Maxwell



## Introducing CPS

This week we are introducing Nick Maxwell, the assessment guru. He can answer any questions that you have about exams, writing assignments, and rubrics!

On Monday please watch for two new EAP group introductions.

You will meet more of your fun-loving fellow students, find out some surprising information about some of them, and learn about many of their interests.

This week we will learn about EAP 30 and EAP 36! Enjoy the newest presentations!

Hello,

My name is Nick, and I'm from Oxford in England. I joined Nazarbayev University in January 2016 and I was initially shocked by the -30 degree temperatures. However, I slowly got used to it and now it's quite normal. I really enjoy teaching here, and It's great to have the opportunity to help students prepare for their undergraduate studies.

I have travelled to a few places in Kazakhstan. My favourite ones are Karaganda, Shymbulak, and recently I was lucky enough to see the pink lake. I plan to visit Shymkent when travelling around Kazakhstan becomes possible again.

Before I came to Kazakhstan, I lived in Japan, South Korea, Poland, Oman, and Vietnam. I feel very lucky to have lived in several exciting countries. However, Kazakhstan is the longest I have spent living in one country. Maybe it's because beshbarmak is so delicious.

I like reading non-fiction; *Sapiens* by Yuval Noah Harari is one of my favourite books. To keep fit, I try to run regularly, and I have participated in some of the 10km races in Nur-Sultan. I also like football. Unfortunately, because I'm from Oxford, my football team is Oxford Utd. We are not quite as good as Manchester Utd.

Good luck this year!

## EAP Engagement

It is important to note that Moodle EAP lessons, PDM, and EAP tutorials are all counted for EAP engagement purposes.

The requirements for each of these elements are below:

### EAP Moodle Lessons

In order to receive credit for Moodle engagement for the week, students must

1. complete all Moodle lessons for that week and
2. have an average score above 65%.

Students must complete Moodle lessons before 9 am on the day of the corresponding Zoom class.

However, students are not penalised if they have completed all tasks before Friday at 5 pm.

If a student continuously completes Moodle lessons after the corresponding Zoom class, this will be discussed in tutorials, and the student will receive a warning, which will go into their student report. A 'Cause for Concern' will be submitted, if the student does not conform to the requirements.

### EAP Lesson Submissions

Students should also complete all other tasks, such as the Moodle Lesson Task, or activities that need to be uploaded to classroom lesson folders, or completed on shared google docs, before the zoom lesson, but the engagement grade is only calculated using the Moodle score.

If students continually fail to complete these tasks regularly, again, this will be discussed in tutorials, this will be recorded in their final report and a 'Cause for Concern' will be submitted, if the student does not conform to the requirements.

## PDM Lessons

Students are awarded 1 point for a completed online lesson and 0 points if they have not done the lesson.

Attempted but incomplete lessons:

Students will receive a warning by email the first time this happens.

After receiving a warning, students will receive a '0' for engagement for subsequent incomplete lessons.

Missing answers count as an incomplete lesson. This will also lead to a 'Cause for Concern' record.

## EAP Tutorials

Students are awarded 1 mark if they attend their tutorial.

If a student does not attend their tutorial, they are awarded '0'.

## **General Contact Information**

If you need a **certificate** (справка):

For receiving a **governmental pension** (пособие) – please contact [registrar@nu.edu.kz](mailto:registrar@nu.edu.kz) and identify what exactly you need to be written in this document, as the format may vary depending on your region.

For **military registration and enlistment** (военкомат) – please contact [almaz.amirzhan@nu.edu.kz](mailto:almaz.amirzhan@nu.edu.kz)

In case if you belong to the **socially-vulnerable categories** and/or require extra support please contact [svc\\_students@nu.edu.kz](mailto:svc_students@nu.edu.kz)

For all the other **non-academic issues or further questions** to this email please contact [kalamkas.sagadiyeva@nu.edu.kz](mailto:kalamkas.sagadiyeva@nu.edu.kz).



## **Medical Certificates (Spravkas) and other reasons for non-engagement**

If you have a genuine and credible reason for being absent from university at any time, please speak with your tutor in advance.

If your absence involves any form of medical attention, you must obtain a doctor's note (spravka) and submit it electronically to [students@nu.edu.kz](mailto:students@nu.edu.kz) and [oh-students@nu.edu.kz](mailto:oh-students@nu.edu.kz)

Please read the instruction document 'HOW TO GET SICK LEAVE CERTIFICATE (SPRAVKA) AND PROCESS OF VERIFICATION' (sent to all NU students on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020) and attached to this email.

Credible reasons for non-engagement may also be linked to internet issues. If you have an issue with internet you must inform your personal tutor immediately. If you do not, you will not be awarded your engagement grade.

## **Obtaining Primary Healthcare Services**

The NU Health and Safety Department would like to inform you about the process of obtaining Primary Healthcare (PHC which stands for ПМСП) services at University Health Center and other PHC centers based on the required registration process:

1. **Those students who reside on campus** may receive health services at UHC based on the appointment.
2. **Students who live off-campus in Nur-Sultan** will be served [at RDC](#) based on the appointment.

To make an appointment with the doctors and check their working hours, please call +7 (7172) **69-2616**; **70-1570** or **70-1550**.

3. **Students assigned at UHC and located in other regions of Kazakhstan** may be registered at primary healthcare clinics based on the temporary residing addresses via [egov.kz](http://egov.kz) portal.

## **Obtaining Primary Healthcare Services at Clinics other than UHC**

The file attached to this email explains **the process of obtaining a medical certificate (spravka) and verification** if it was received in other clinics different from UHC.

Please read and save the information in this file.