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NUFYP STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Nazarbayev University Foundation Year Program

STUDENT REMINDERS

PROGRESSION

Remember that in order to receive unconditional progression into the undergraduate schools next semester, you will have to achieve the minimum grades required in each of your courses.

You must have a minimum of a 65 in EAP, a combined average of 65 in your electives, and at least a 70 in math.

If your grades from last semester were near or below the minimum in any of your courses, please make sure that you meet with your tutors and plan steps to improve your scores this semester.

TIMETABLE AND DEADLINES

WEEK 2

January 18th Monday

EAP Zoom: Regular tutorials

Math Deadline by 9:00 am
Homework 1

January 19th Tuesday

EAP Moodle and Zoom: RW1: Reading Skills 2- Text Interaction

EAP Moodle and Zoom: RW2: Topic Sentences Review

January 20th Wednesday

EAP Moodle and Zoom: LS1: Identifying Details

EAP Preliminary OWE Deadline by 11:00 pm

First Body Paragraph: Must be complete in the OWE RP Working Document and consist of at least 150 words, follow the task requirements, and be the student's own work.

January 21st Thursday

EAP Moodle and Zoom: RW3: Developing Counterarguments

EAP Zoom: RW4: Recap and Questions

January 22nd Friday

EAP: Regular tutorials

PDM: Week 2: Achieving Graduate Attributes

Must be completed by the time assigned by your tutor.

Semester Two

EAP Reminders

OWE

Research Project

In order to receive important feedback and to avoid deductions, EAP students must work in the OWE.

Remember that this semester you will be working in the RP Working Document instead of the RP Proposal Working Document.

Make sure that you continue to upload all of your sources as PDFs to your RP Sources folder.

PDM

Please complete your PDM lesson by the deadline your tutor has assigned.

This semester you will begin working on your personal statements and gather more information about your choices for next semester.

Moodle Lessons

Complete all of your Reading & Writing and Listening & Speaking Moodle lessons to avoid deductions on your Engagement Marks. Lessons should be completed by 9:00 am the day of the Zoom lesson.

If you are having trouble accessing Moodle lesson links, make sure that you are logged into your NU account and not your personal account. You will not be able to access Google docs from your personal email.

Tutorials

Your regularly scheduled tutorials will begin this week.

Remember that tutorial attendance also counts towards your Engagement marks.

ALC NEWS: SEMESTER 2 WEEK 2

The ALC will begin all activities from next Monday, the 18th of January.

I hope you can find something to excite your imagination as well as give you a chance to improve your professional skills.

Stay safe and I hope we all have a successful semester.

John Seely
ALC Manager

Personal Consultations

We will be offering Consultations, which you will remember are private sessions where you can get help & advice on any academic questions you have.

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

1. Choose a free time that is convenient.
2. Add a comment if you wish. **You may now also upload a file.**
3. The tutor will email you a Zoom invitation just before your meeting.
4. **Because we had problems with late bookings not always registering in time for Zoom invitation to be sent, we have imposed a 30 minute “moat”. This means you will be unable to make or amend a booking later than 30 minutes before a session begins. This should reduce the likelihood of you not receiving a Zoom invitation.**
5. The system will email you a reminder on the morning of your booking.

Please cancel your booking if you change your mind or cannot attend. This means someone else can attend and means you can make another booking that same week.

ALC NEWS: SEMESTER 2 WEEK 2

Speaking Circles

I am happy to tell you that Speaking Circles begin next week as well.

These are held every week at the same time.

Places are limited to 10 students so that you have as much speaking time as possible.

Sign up on The ALC Moodle. Registration is now open.

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. This week we will discuss SpaceX's Starship vehicle and plans to send humans to Mars . The related news article is here: https://www.washingtonpost.com/technology/2020/12/09/sapcex-starship-explodes-on-landing/
Debate Forum Huw Cumming	Tues 12:30	The Debate Forum 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? <i>The first topic for this semester is</i> <i>Globalization has been more harmful than beneficial.</i>
Literature & Spoken Word Claudia Kilburn	Tues 17:00	The focus for the Spring 2021 Literature Circle will be Spoken Word: poems, orations and speeches. These poems and speeches are from many areas of the world and from many eras. You can explore information about each selection by clicking on the HOT SPOTS on each picture. We start our journey with Summer, Winter & Black of My Eye by Abai Kunanbayev (1845 – 1904).
Talking about Films What are YOU watching? James Arthurs	Wed 17:00	What are you watching? Popular culture /entertainment /documentaries /educational? What is good entertainment /worthwhile /educational /informative /valuable? In this circle we discuss our media experience in Covid Times, sharing and critically reviewing films, documentaries or programmes that have made an impact on us.
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. In Week 2 , there will be a mini-travel guide to a Mystery Location , and a chance to talk about it, and travel in general.

ALC NEWS: SEMESTER 2 WEEK 2

Short Courses

Next week, we also begin some of our **Short Courses and Workshops**.

This semester we focus on practical skills that will not only be useful this semester but throughout your time at university and beyond.

The schedule is below.

Much more detail is available on the ALC Moodle page.

Some classes have a size limit, so it's first come first served.

Short Courses			
Tues 18:00	Drama Workshops	Workshop 1: Introduction to Drama In this workshop students will explore elements of drama and acting techniques that will help to develop their language and communication skills, build up confidence, and encourage cooperation between students.	Lala Movsesian
Wed 18:00	Academic Communication - Writing Effective Emails	Poorly written or inappropriate emails can have disastrous, intended consequences. You will be introduced to essential and universal communication approaches, strategies and tools that are critically important for becoming a successful professional.	Dinara Seitova
Fri 18:00	Critical Thinking and the Philosophy of Science	The purpose of this course is to engage you with ideas that are perhaps unfamiliar to some of you about the nature of thought, inquiry and scientific method. It will introduce you to some of the key figures in the development of science as we know it today. We will look at some common fallacies committed when people are engaged in argument, and cognitive biases to which we are prone and which can be an obstacle to clear thinking.	Philip Bell

IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY

WEEK 2: JANUARY 18TH - 22ND

JANUARY 20TH, WEDNESDAY BY 11:00 PM

EAP: OWE Preliminary Deadline: First Body Paragraph

WEEK 3: JANUARY 25TH - 29TH

FEBRUARY

WEEK 4: FEBRUARY 1ST - 5TH

FEBRUARY 1ST, MONDAY BY 6:00 PM

Physics Quiz 1 Due

FEBRUARY 3RD, WEDNESDAY BY 11:00 PM

EAP: OWE Preliminary Deadline: Two Additional Body Paragraphs

WEEK 5: FEBRUARY 8TH - 12TH

FEBRUARY 10TH, WEDNESDAY

Math Exam

WEEK 6: FEBRUARY 15TH - 19TH

FEBRUARY 15TH, MONDAY BY 6:00 PM

Physics Quiz 2 Due

WEEK 7: FEBRUARY 22ND - 26TH

FEBRUARY 24TH, WEDNESDAY BY 11:00 PM

EAP: Research Project First Draft Due

MARCH

WEEK 8: MARCH 1ST - 5TH

MARCH 3RD, WEDNESDAY

Physics Midterm

WEEK 9: MARCH 8TH - 12TH

MARCH 8TH, MONDAY

HOLIDAY: INTERNATIONAL WOMAN'S DAY

IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 10: MARCH 15TH - 19TH

MARCH 17TH, WEDNESDAY

Math Exam

MARCH 19TH, FRIDAY BY 6:00 PM

Physics Quiz 3 Due, Physics Video Project Due

SPRING BREAK: MARCH 22ND - 26TH

WEEK 11: MARCH 29TH - APRIL 2ND

MARCH 31ST, WEDNESDAY BY 11:00 PM

EAP: Research Project Final Draft Due

APRIL

WEEK 12: APRIL 5TH - 9TH

WEEK 13: APRIL 12TH - 16TH

APRIL 12TH, MONDAY BY 6:00 PM

Physics Quiz 4 Due

EAP: RESEARCH PROJECT VIVA

WEEK 14: APRIL 19TH - 23RD

EAP: RESEARCH PROJECT VIVA

WEEK 15: APRIL 26TH - 30TH

READING WEEK

MAY

MAY 3RD, MONDAY

HOLIDAY: KAZAKHSTAN PEOPLE'S UNITY DAY OBSERVED

MAY 4TH - 13TH

FINAL EXAMS

MAY 7TH, FRIDAY

DEFENDER OF THE FATHERLAND DAY

MAY 10TH, MONDAY

HOLIDAY: VICTORY DAY