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NUFYP STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Nazarbayev University Foundation Year Program

STUDENT REMINDERS

CHANGE TO EAP SEMESTER 2 ASSESSMENT

The Listening & Notetaking Exam has been removed for this semester.

The exam's 10% weighting has been reallocated as follows:

5% to the RP Final Draft
5% to the RP Viva

Weighting for each of these assessments is now 22.5%.

The student assessment handbook on Moodle has been updated to reflect these changes.

More information can be found on page 2 of the newsletter.

TIMETABLE AND DEADLINES

WEEK 3

January 25th Monday

EAP Zoom: Regular tutorials

Math Deadline by 9:00 am
Homework

January 26th Tuesday

EAP Moodle and Zoom: RW1: Reading Skills 3- Reading for Detail

EAP Moodle and Zoom: RW2: Introductions

January 27th Wednesday

EAP Moodle and Zoom: LS1: Signposting

January 28th Thursday

EAP Moodle and Zoom: RW3: Developing Counterarguments:
Rebuttals

EAP Zoom: RW4: Recap and Questions

January 29th Friday

EAP: Regular tutorials

PDM: Week 3: Personal Statement

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

This week's PDM lesson is on writing a personal statement. Introductory information about your NU personal statement is on the PDM Moodle page.

You will spend a great deal of time this semester working on this task.

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.

Listening Exam

The reason for the removal of the Listening Exam is that the technical issues involved in delivering a listening and notetaking examination online are very difficult to overcome. Therefore, we could not have confidence that the examination would be fair to all students.

ALC NEWS: SEMESTER 2 WEEK 3

Welcome to your weekly reminder of ALC activities.

****New Activities****

This week there is one new short course and one new workshop.

Advanced Research Skills - Monday 18:00

Paraphrasing & Summarising Workshops - Thursday 18:00

Our regular activities continue ...

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

John Seely
ALC Manager

Personal Consultations

Personal Consultations are available from 9am–7pm Monday to Friday.
Sign up on Moodle from this [link](#).

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 3

Speaking Circles

Speaking Circles happen everyday at at 5pm and some lunchtimes.
Details and sign-up sheets are available on the the [ALC Moodle](#).

Current Affairs Circle Mark Houghtaling	Mon 17:00	This week we will discuss: Kamala Harris becomes first female, first black and first Asian-American VP. The related news article is here: https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-55738741
Debate Forum Huw Cumming	Tues 12:30	The second topic for this semester is <i>Is the spread of global English beneficial?</i> Come along and argue your point.
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. The speech for January 26th will Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's final speech. I've Been to the Mountaintop Dr Martin Luther King, Jr (1929–1968)
Talking about Films What are YOU watching? James Arthurs	Wed 17:00	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	In week 3 we will be discussing 'What is Democracy? Does it exist?'
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.

ALC NEWS: SEMESTER 2 WEEK 3

Short Courses

The following courses have already begun but new students are always welcome.

Sign up on the [ALC Moodle](#).

Short Courses			
Tues 18:00	Drama Workshops	Workshop 2 <i>Introduction to Drama: Building a Character</i> In this workshop students will continue to explore various dramatic techniques with an emphasis on developing a character. This will engage them in creative problem-solving skills and decision making, enhance verbal communication, and build up confidence.	Lala Movsesian
Wed 18:00	Academic Communication - Writing Effective Emails	Week 2 Steps in writing e-mail messages.	Dinara Seitova
Fri 18:00	Critical Thinking and the Philosophy of Science	Week 2 1. Scientific Method 2. Assumptions of Science 3. Karl Popper and Falsification 4. Anomalies in the orbits of Uranus and Mercury 5. Fallacies	Phillip Bell

IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY

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

BUSINESS: BUSINESS PLAN PART 1

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 3:00 PM

Chemistry Mid-Term Test

FEBRUARY 24TH, WEDNESDAY BY 11:00 PM

EAP: Research Project First Draft Due

MARCH

WEEK 8: MARCH 1ST - 5TH

BIOLOGY: MIDTERM EXAM

MARCH 3RD, WEDNESDAY

Physics Midterm

MARCH 3RD, WEDNESDAY

Geology: Essay Outline (Online)

IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 9: MARCH 8TH - 12TH

MARCH 8TH, MONDAY

HOLIDAY: International Woman's Day

BUSINESS: BUSINESS PLAN PART II

HUMANITIES: MID-TERM EXAM

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

APRIL 7TH, WEDNESDAY

Geography: Essay (Online)

WEEK 13: APRIL 12TH - 16TH

CHEMISTRY: TEAM PROJECT DURING SEMINARS

APRIL 12TH, MONDAY BY 6:00 PM

Physics Quiz 4 Due

IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 14: APRIL 19TH - 23RD

EAP: INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH PROJECT VIVA

BIOLOGY: POSTER DURING SEMINARS

BUSINESS: BUSINESS PLAN PART III

WEEK 15: APRIL 26TH - 30TH

EAP: INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH PROJECT VIVA

BUSINESS: PROJECT PRESENTATION

MAY

MAY 3RD, MONDAY

HOLIDAY: Kazakhstan People's Unity Day Observed

MAY 4TH - 12TH

FINAL EXAMS

MAY 7TH, FRIDAY

Defender of the Fatherland Day

MAY 10TH, MONDAY

HOLIDAY: Victory Day