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NUFYP STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Nazarbayev University Foundation Year Program

STUDENT REMINDERS

LISTENING AND SPEAKING CLASSES

Even though you will not take a listening exam this semester, listening classes are still very important. You will try a mock exam at the end of the semester to test your skills.

L&S participation will be noted in student reports, and you will still need to practice notetaking, listening, and speaking for your Viva exams, to do well in your classes this semester, and to have the skills needed for your undergraduate courses next semester.

TIMETABLE AND DEADLINES

WEEK 4

February 1st, Monday

EAP Zoom: Regular tutorials

Math Deadline by 9:00 am

Homework

Physics Deadline by 6:00 pm

Physics Quiz 1 Due

February 2nd, Tuesday

EAP Moodle and Zoom: RW1: Reading Skills 4- Analyzing Data

EAP Moodle and Zoom: RW2: Language of Synthesis

February 3rd, Wednesday

EAP Moodle and Zoom: LS1: Presenting Annotations Orally

EAP OWE Preliminary Deadline by 11:00 pm

EAP: Two Additional Body Paragraphs in the RP Working Doc, must contain at least 150 words, be on topic and in the student's own words

February 4th, Thursday

EAP Moodle and Zoom: RW3: Data Integration:

Analysis and Synthesis

EAP Zoom: RW4: Recap and Questions

February 5th, Friday

EAP: Regular tutorials

PDM: Week 4: Mindset

Must be completed by the time assigned by your tutor.

WELCOME TO CPS

Introducing Student Advisor Eric Wente

This week we want to return to our introductions to welcome Eric Wente, who has just joined CPS from the American state of Georgia.

Eric will be the Student Advisor this semester, taking over from Rachel, and will be your contact person in case you have any academic or personal concerns that you need help with.



Hello everyone,

My name is Eric Wente, and I am very excited to be a part of the CPS. I am joining the team as a student advisor, and I am working with the NUFYP Student Council. My background is in counseling psychology, and I have been working in student support for the past 9 years.

In my role as a student advisor I work closely with teachers and students to make sure that students have all of the support needed to succeed. If students need any extra help, I work together with them to find solutions. I will connect with students through teacher referral; however, students are always welcome to contact me directly. I am available by email, although I prefer to meet with students in Zoom. This helps me get to know you better, and I can put a face with a name.

This is my first time in Kazakhstan, and I am really enjoying learning everything I can about this wonderful country and culture. Today marks my third week in Nur-Sultan. I traveled here with my wife and 2 children, Isabel and Connor, who are 8 and 6. We are staying on-campus, so if you see us around please say hello. This picture was taken in December, so we should be recognizable.

The best part of my position is connecting with students, so please get in touch with me. Even if it's just to send me an email and say hello. I would love to hear from you!

ALC NEWS: SEMESTER 2 WEEK 4

Welcome to your weekly reminder of ALC activities.

There are no new activities this week but there are still plenty of activities to get involved with.

The details are below.

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 4

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 <u>discuss</u> : Asia-Pacific nations sign world's biggest free-trade agreement . The related news article is here: https://www.dw.com/en/asia-pacific-nations-sign-worlds-biggest-free-trade-agreement/a-55604659
Debate Forum Huw Cumming	Tues 12:30	<p><i>The third topic for this semester is</i></p> <p><i>The Internet is a beneficial environment</i></p> <p><i>Come along and argue your point.</i></p>
Literature & Spoken Word Claudia Kilburn	Tues 17:00	<p>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.</p> <p>The poem for February 2nd (Groundhog Day) is:</p> <p><u>The Cremation of Sam McGee</u></p> <p><u>By Robert W. Service</u></p> <p>I always thought that it was a funny poem, or is it? Listen to the ballad as a poem or as a song. In the depth of our Kazakh winter, it's "comforting" to know that Canadians also must confront fridge conditions.</p>
Talking about Films What are YOU watching? James Arthurs	Wed 17:00	<p>Next Week, Wednesday 3rd February, we will talk about films featuring advanced science and technology, especially <i>The Tenet</i>. We will continue discussing epics. Following a suggestion of some participants, we will try to make our exchanges during this meeting useful in building up some of the skills which will be assessed in the Viva: how to make clear and confident responses to questions about challenging topics.</p>
Discussion Circle Andrew Fox	Thurs 12:00	<p>In week 3 we will be discussing</p> <p>'What is Democracy? Does it exist?</p>
Travel Circle Natasha Sinclair	Thurs 17:00	<p>In Week 4, there will be a student presentation about Amsterdam, with a chance to talk about it, and travel in general.</p>

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Short Courses

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

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

Short Courses			
Mon 18:00	Advanced Research Skills	<p>This week we explore ways of saving searches & article references.</p> <p>There is also a dedicated Moodle page for this course.</p>	Anne Stander
Tues 18:00	Drama Workshops	<p><i>Introduction to Drama: Building a Character (part 2)</i></p> <p>In this workshop you will continue to explore various dramatic techniques with an emphasis on developing a character. Some students will also present their characters in the class. This practice will enhance your communication <u>skills</u> and build up confidence.</p> <p>New attendees are always welcome.</p>	Lala Movsesian
Wed 18:00	Academic Communication - Writing Effective Emails	<p>This week we look at establishing a good writing <u>routine</u> and presenting neutral and negative messages.</p>	Dinara Seitova
Thurs 18:00	Paraphrasing & Summarising Workshops	<p>In the third lesson we present an introduction to successful summarizing and practice</p>	Alisa Neufeldt
Fri 18:00	Critical Thinking and the Philosophy of Science	<p>This week, we look at some of the following areas.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Inductive and Deductive Reasoning2. Consilience of Inductions3. Fallacies	Phillip Bell

IMPORTANT DATES

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