



February 15th - February 19th 2021, Vol. 20

NUFYP STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Nazarbayev University Foundation Year Program

STUDENT REMINDERS

EAP Research Project First Draft

Your EAP RP First Draft will be due on Wednesday, February 24th by 11:00pm. Submit it to Turnitin on Moodle to EAP Assessments 20-21 - EAP Research Project First Draft Submission.

The First draft is different from the Final in the following ways:

- No abstract
 - 2,100 words ($\pm 10\%$ word limit)
 - 5 annotated sources for maximum grade
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TIMETABLE AND DEADLINES

WEEK 6

February 15th, Monday

EAP Zoom: Regular tutorials

Math Deadline by 9:00 am
Homework

Physics Deadline by 6:00 pm
Physics Quiz #2 Due

February 16th, Tuesday

EAP Moodle and Zoom: RW1: Reading Review 1: Main Idea and Detail

EAP Moodle and Zoom: RW2: Reading Review: Purpose and Vocabulary

February 17th, Wednesday

EAP Moodle and Zoom: LS1: Viva Introduction and Example

February 18th, Thursday

EAP Moodle and Zoom: RW3: Conclusions
EAP Zoom: RW4: Recap and Questions

February 19th, Friday

EAP: Regular tutorials

PDM: Week 6: Your Future Major
Must be completed by the time assigned by your tutor.

FYP STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

NUMUN SPRING 2021 CONFERENCE

Hello, dear students!

FYP Student Council would like to remind you about registration for **NUMUN Spring 2021 Conference** which will be held on February, 20 through Zoom platform.

The topic for the conference is "The Socio-Economic Effects of the Global Pandemic".

Model United Nations (MUN) is an academic simulation of the United Nations where students play the role of delegates from different countries and attempt to solve real world issues with the policies and perspectives of their assigned country.

This is a unique opportunity to not only practise Academic English skills but also for those planning their major in political science (PSIR).

Furthermore, it is a valuable experience that you could include in your personal statements! If you are interested in participating, please fill out a Google form by the link that you can find in the email from FYP Student Council or use this [link](#).

Deadline: February, 12 at 23.59

MATH CLUB

Math Club

The new Math Club starts this week!
You will learn interesting math topics or
how math is used in various fields.

Join the first session at
3 PM on Wednesday, Feb 17,
if you are interested.

See the Math Moodle page or
the poster attached to this email for details.

PDM

PDM and Personal Statement

Please continue gathering information for your **Personal Statement**. The **First Draft** of your **Personal Statement** will be due in **Week 12**. In that week's PDM lesson, you will be asked to revise what you have written and then upload your revised **First Draft** to your OWE folder for feedback from your tutor.

The **Final Draft** of your **Personal Statement** will be due on **Wednesday, April 21st by 11:00 pm**. It will be uploaded to Moodle to be checked for plagiarism and then added to your Student Report document.

PDM and Choosing Your Major

Your PDM lesson this week focuses on how to start choosing your major. You will be given information about the Progression Project, which will give you the opportunity to learn about a major that you are interested in. The **Progression Project** will involve a video presentation that you will upload in **Week 9**.

The schedule for the Undergraduate School Presentations will be released soon.

If you missed the Progression Presentation or would like to see it again, you can access it with this [link](#).

ALC NEWS: SEMESTER 2 WEEK 6

Welcome to your weekly reminder of ALC activities.

Short courses are coming to the end over the next two weeks and those of you who have been attending regularly will receive a Certificate of Completion.

There are no new activities this week but there are still plenty of activities to to get help or involved. 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 6

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: Myanmar coup: Police fire rubber bullets as protesters defy ban. The related news article is here: https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-55991210
Debate Forum Huw Cumming	Tues 12:30	The topic for this week's debate is: This house believes that gender equality is unlikely to be achievable before the end of this century. Come along and argue your point of view.
Literature & Spoken Word Claudia Kiburz	Tues 17:00	Double, Double Toil and Trouble By William Shakespeare Shakespeare needs little introduction. He is THE BARD. You can choose from several different recitations of these weird ingredients for a witches' spell from the play Macbeth. There is even a song from Harry Potter, but also consider the herbal lore that is behind those items thrown into the cauldron. You just might find them in your kitchen cabinet: The Witches' Brew From Macbeth Is More Accessible Than You Think Sign up for a weekly Zoom session to discuss and present your own reading of part of the selection.
Talking about Films What are YOU watching? James Arthurs	Wed 17:00	Next week, Wednesday 17th February, after concluding the discussion on the work of George Orwell, we continue with the theme of utopia/dystopia in films, looking at clips from <i>Divergence</i> , <i>Hunger Games</i> , and some films showing robots. We will also look at how some experts present scientific or engineering research. You are welcome to propose a particular film or genre for consideration by the group. Sign up here to receive a Zoom invitation
Discussion Circle Andrew Fox	Thurs 12:00	<i>This week, our topic is:</i> <i>'Can Social Movements (e.g. BLM) bring change?'</i>
Travel Circle Natasha Sinclair	Thurs 17:00	In Week 6, we will be debating the topic: Tourism benefits the world. This will be an informal debate/discussion, and students are asked to think about both the positives and negatives of tourism before the session so that they can join in - there is a link below to some possible reading material. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DUNPZg1rtsQR4PLPvu_jelzlZD44egGb/view?usp=sharing

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Short Courses

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Mon 18:00	Advanced Research Skills	<p>This is the final week for Advanced Research Skills. In this lesson you will learn how to get the full text to ANY source.</p> <p>There is also a dedicated Moodle page for this course.</p>	Anne Stander
Tues 18:00	Drama Workshops	<p>Workshop 5 <i>Introduction to Drama</i> <i>"No Fear Shakespeare: Macbeth"</i></p> <p>In this workshop students will continue exploring and performing Shakespearean characters using Modern English. This will enhance their language skills, build up confidence, and widen their horizons.</p>	Lala Movsesian
Wed 18:00	Academic Communication - Writing Effective Emails	<p>This is the last lesson of the course.</p> <p>Writing e-mail messages in culturally diverse contexts.</p>	Dinara Seitova
Thurs 18:00	Paraphrasing & Summarising Workshops	<p>This is the final workshop in this short series. The focus will be on condensing source material into a short summary. Integration of paraphrasing and summarizing.</p>	Alisa Neufeldt
Fri 18:00	Critical Thinking and the Philosophy of Science	<p>Week 5. In this, the last week of the course we will be discussing cognitive biases and the work of Daniel Kahneman, an Israeli psychologist and economist and Nobel Prize winner notable for his work on the psychology of judgment and decision-making.</p>	Phillip Bell

Links for materials can be found here or on the ALC Moodle page.

- Myanmar coup: Police fire rubber bullets as protesters defy ban link [here](#)
- Witches' Brew link [here](#)
- Let's talk about Films link [here](#)
- Travel Circle link [here](#)
- There is also a dedicated Moodle page for [Advanced Research Skills](#).

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

WEEK 6: FEBRUARY 15TH - 19TH

FEBRUARY 15TH, MONDAY BY 6:00 PM

Physics Quiz 2 Due

WEEK 7: FEBRUARY 22ND - 26TH

FEBRUARY 24TH, WEDNESDAY AT 3:00 PM

Chemistry Mid-Term Test

FEBRUARY 24TH, WEDNESDAY BY 11:00 PM

EAP: Research Project First Draft Due

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MARCH

WEEK 8: MARCH 1ST - 5TH

BIOLOGY: MIDTERM EXAM

MARCH 3RD, WEDNESDAY

Physics Midterm

MARCH 3RD, WEDNESDAY

Geography: Essay Outline (Online)

WEEK 9: MARCH 8TH - 12TH

MARCH 8TH, MONDAY

HOLIDAY: International Woman's Day

Business: Business Plan Part II

Humanities: Mid-Term Exam

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

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

USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION AT NU

REMEMBER TO CHECK THE EAP STUDENT ASSESSMENT HANDBOOK ON MOODLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS ON YOUR RESEARCH PROJECT.

THE STUDENT HANDBOOK ON THE NU WEBSITE HAS SOME USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION.

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