

February 22nd - February 26th 2021, Vol. 21

NUFYP STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Nazarbayev University Foundation Year Program

STUDENT REMINDERS

EAP Research Project First Draft

Your EAP RP First Draft must be uploaded to Moodle on February 24th by 11:00pm.

Research Project
Guidelines have been
updated to include an
example cover page. The
cover page is the same
as last year's. The
guidelines should now
cover all formatting
requirements. These
guidelines are also
available in the EAP
Assessment Handbook.

A screencast explaining the formatting instructions is available at this <u>link</u>.

Submission Instructions are on page 2.

TIMETABLE AND DEADLINES

WEEK 7

February 22nd, Monday

EAP Zoom: Regular tutorials

Math Deadline by 9:00 am

Homework

February 23rd, Tuesday

EAP Moodle and Zoom: RW1: Annotated Sources Review

EAP Moodle and Zoom: RW2: Peer Review: First Draft

February 24th, Wednesday

EAP Moodle and Zoom: LS1: Viva Preparation

February 24th, Chemistry Mid-term Test at 3:00 pm

EAP Research Project First Draft Due by 11:00 pm

The First Draft is different from the Final in the following ways: No abstract; 2,100 words (± 10% word limit); 5 annotated sources for maximum grade

February 25th, Thursday

EAP Moodle and Zoom: RW3: Reading Review 3: Reference and

Sentence Relationships

EAP Zoom: RW4: Recap and Questions

February 26th, Friday

EAP: Regular tutorials

PDM: Week 7: Mid-Semester Check In

Must be completed by the time assigned by your tutor.

RESEARCH PROJECT FIRST DRAFT SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

The submission deadline for your 2,100 word (+/- 10%) Research Project (RP) first draft is next **Wednesday**, **24th February by 11pm Nur-Sultan time**.

A reminder of the requirements can be found in the EAP Assessment handbook. A screencast with instructions on how to format your OWE Research Project working document can be found at this <u>link</u>.

Please ensure that your submission is properly formatted and includes a cover page and a table of contents page at the start of the document.

To submit your RP First Draft, you need to ensure the following two elements:

1. Moodle Submission

You will need to submit a Microsoft Word version of your 'RP Working Document' to Moodle.

Follow these steps:

- Go to your OWE folder.
- Right-click on your 'RP Working Document' and click 'download.'
- Rename the file according to the following naming convention:
 FirstnameFamilyname_G#_CandidateNumber_RPFD.docx
 (e.g. IvanIvanov G44 0123 RPFD.docx)
- Upload this converted Microsoft Word file to the following Moodle point:
 EAP Assessments 2020-21 > EAP Research Project First Draft Submission
 choose your EAP group number.

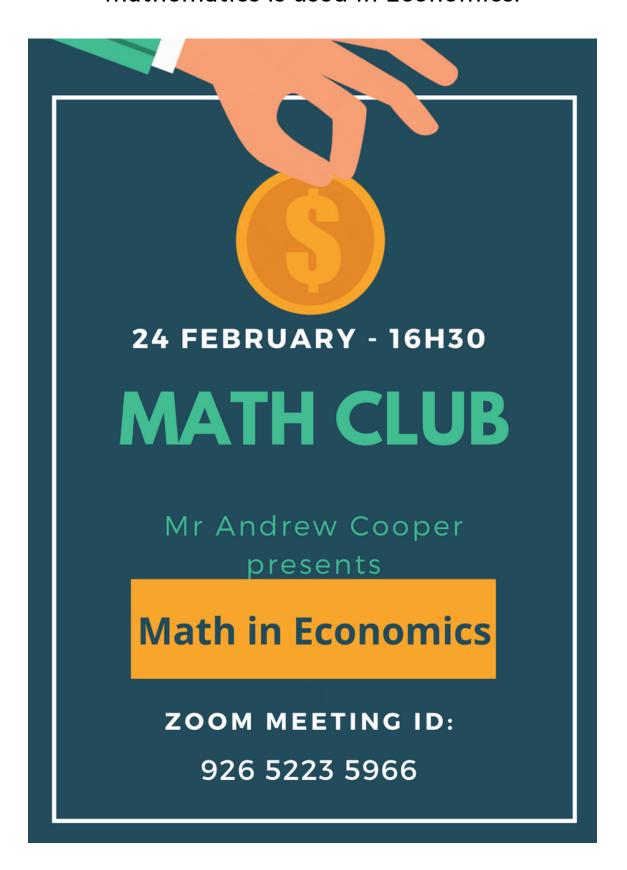
2. **OWE**

Your 'RP Working Document' on OWE must be the same as the Microsoft Word version that you upload to Moodle (at the time of submission). Also, do remember that this OWE version will be used for marking the presentation guidelines (font size, line spacing, etc.).

Please contact your reading/writing tutor with any questions and good luck with submission.

MATH CLUB

Join the Math Club this week to learn how mathematics is used in Economics!



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

Last week you were given information about the Progression Project, this week you should choose the major you would like to present and begin working on your video presentation.

You may work in groups if there are other students in your EAP group interested in presenting the same major.

Your **Progression Project** will need to be uploaded to be shared with your EAP group in **Week 9**.

ALC NEWS: SEMESTER 2 WEEK 7

Welcome to your weekly reminder of ALC activities.

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

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 <u>link</u>.

- 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 7

Speaking Circles

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Speaking Circles happen every day at 5pm and some lunchtimes. Details and sign-up sheets are available on the ALC Moodle.							
Current Affairs Circle Mark Houghtaling		Mon 17:00		This week we will discuss: Next stop Mars: 3 spacecraft arriving in quick succession. The related news article is here.			
Debate Forum Huw Cumming		Tues 12:30		The topic for week 7's debate is: The world should be vegan by 2050 Come along and argue your point of view.			
Literature & Spoken Word Claudia Kiburz		Tues 17:00		The poem for February 23rd is: Coronavirus: The Power of Collaboration George Mpanga (born 14 January 1991) George the Poet is a London-born spoken word performer of Ugandan heritage. His innovative brand of musical poetry has won him critical acclaim both as a recording artist and a social commentator. In 2018, Mpanga was elected as a Member of the National Council of Arts for Arts Council England. Find out more about George the Poet.			
Talking about Films What are YOU watching? James Arthurs		Wed 17:00		Next week, Wednesday 24th February, we will take a break from dystopia and look at some cartoon films featuring animals, one Chinese, one American and one British. We will then wrap up discussion on films based on George Orwell's books and the theme of utopia/dystopia in films. 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. Wednesday is also the deadline for the first draft of the RP (NUFYP), so if you are busy then, hope to see you on March 3rd.			
Discussion Circle Andrew Fox		Thurs 12:00		This week, our topic is: Will Gender Equality ever be achieved?			
Travel Circle Natasha Sinclair		Thurs 17:00		In Week 7 , we will have a student presentation about the joys of Camping , after which we will discuss our opinions on the topic and share our experiences.			

ALC NEWS: SEMESTER 2 WEEK 7

Short Courses

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The following courses have already begun but new students are always welcome. Sign up on the ALC Moodle.							
Mon 18:00	Advanced Research Skills	This is the final week for Advanced Research Skills. In this lesson you will learn how to get the full text to ANY source. There is also a <u>dedicated Moodle page</u> for this course.	Anne Stander				

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

- Next stop Mars: 3 spacecraft arriving in quick succession the news article link <u>here</u>
- George the poet link <u>here</u>
- Let's talk about Films link <u>here</u>
- Travel Circle link here
- There is also a dedicated Moodle page for Advanced Research Skills.

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

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 Submit to Turnitin on Moodle No abstract, 2,100 words (± 10% word limit) 5 annotated sources for maximum grade

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