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NUFYP STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Nazarbayev University Foundation Year Program

STUDENT REMINDERS

Undergraduate Presentations

Academic Advising

Almira Zholamanova will present advising information on a Zoom session Wednesday, March 10th at 4:00 pm. Here is a [link](#) to the meeting.

Academic Advising is also the subject of your PDM lesson so the information will be very useful for you!

TIMETABLE AND DEADLINES

WEEK 9

March 8th, Monday

Holiday

Please reschedule any Monday tutorials for later in the week

Math Deadline by 9:00 am

Homework

March 9th, Tuesday

EAP Moodle and Zoom: Review of common First Draft Issues

March 10th, Wednesday

EAP Moodle and Zoom: LS1: Viva Answering Questions 1

EAP Moodle: Listening and Notetaking Practice 3

Business: Business Plan Part II

Humanities: Mid-Term Exam

March 11th, Thursday

EAP Moodle and Zoom: Review of common First Draft Issues

March 12th, Friday

EAP: Regular tutorials

PDM: Week 9: Meet NU's Academic Advisors

Must be completed by the time assigned by your tutor.

PDM

Undergraduate Presentations

It is now the time to prepare to make a decision about your future major. Please attend the **Undergraduate Presentations** to help you to make an informed decision.

The audio link for Wednesday's **SMG** and **NUSOM Presentations** is [here](#). You can also find it on the PDM homepage [here](#) along with the Powerpoint presentations of the Bachelor of Medical Science Program and the NUSOM Nursing Undergraduate Program.

If you missed the **SEDS** and **SSH Presentation** last Thursday, you can find the recording at this [link](#) or you can find both the audio file of the presentations and the Powerpoint slides from the presentations on the Moodle PDM page [here](#).

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.

ALC NEWS: SEMESTER 2 WEEK 9

Welcome to your weekly reminder of ALC activities.

This week we take a break between short courses but speaking Circles continue giving you opportunities to practice.

The ALC will be closed on Monday due to International Women's Day

New Short Course

Next week, Phillip Bell will be starting a new course called Languages & Linguistics on Thursdays at 6pm.

For information about the content please visit this [ALC Moodle page](#). This course will look at the development of languages with particular emphasis on English. Sign-up [here](#).

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 9

Speaking Circles

Current Affairs Circle Mark Houghtalling	Mon 17:00	<p>The Current Affairs Circle (CAC) will next meet on Monday 15 March at 17:00. (No meeting on 8 March. Happy Women's Day!)</p> <p>This week we will discuss: EU vaccine passport: An ethical and legal minefield?. The related news article is here: https://www.dw.com/en/eu-vaccine-passport-an-ethical-and-legal-minefield/a-56747519</p>
Debate Forum Huw Cumming	Tues 12:30	<p>The topic for week 9's debate is:</p> <p>"The universal basic income should be everyone's right"</p> <p>Come along and argue your point of view.</p>
Literature & Spoken Word Claudia Kilburz	<p>*****NEW TIME***** Sat 11:00am</p>	<p>The oration/letter for March 6th is:</p> <p><u>1854 Letter to the US President Chief Seattle (c. 1786 – 1866)</u></p> <p>Chief Seattle was a Native American "Indian" leader in the region that would become Seattle, Washington. He strove for a path for European settlers and Indigenous Native Americans to coexist in peace. He realized that the US government would take the tribal lands, and nothing he could do would prevent this. However, he requested that the White settlers respect the land, as his people had done for so many generations.</p> <p>The letter has come down in many variations. Here are two versions of the speech, both written and video audio. You can find those two versions: <u>HERE</u></p>
Talking about Films What are YOU watching? James Arthurs	Wed 17:00	<p>Next week, Wednesday 10th March, much of the meeting will be given over to looking at some excerpts from the Harry Potter films and to discussing the films and their background: English schools, magic and the stars of the films. This is to follow on from some excellent contributions to a discussion on the Harry Potter books and whether a mass phenomenon in reading can be considered literature. We may return to some other material from previous meetings to conclude.</p>
Discussion Circle Andrew Fox	Thurs 12:00	<p>The topic for week 9 is:</p> <p>'Should People Marry? - the Benefits and Drawbacks'</p>
Travel Circle Natasha Sinclair	Thurs 17:00	<p>In Week 9, 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.</p>

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

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

IMPORTANT DATES

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

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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