

Nazarbayev University Foundation Year Student Newsletter

Week 3

Issue 2

Aug 31th – Sept 4th 2020

Timetable and Deadlines: Week 3

August 31th Monday

Holiday

Please reschedule Monday EAP tutorials with your tutor
All Monday classes in Geography are rescheduled for
Wednesday, September 2 at the same time as Monday.

September 1st Tuesday by 9:00

EAP: Moodle Lesson RW1: Searching for Academic Sources

EAP: Moodle Lesson RW 2: Evaluating Sources

EAP: Moodle Lesson RW 3: Refining the Essay Question

September 2nd Wednesday by 9:00

EAP: Moodle Lesson LS 1: Critical Listening

EAP: *Student Led Seminar*

Wednesday by 11:00 pm

Preliminary Deadline on OWE: Topic area of research
question posted to the *OWE Research Project Proposal
Working Document*. Notes in OWE from one academic
source.

September 3rd Thursday by 9:00

EAP: Moodle Lesson RW 4: Staging an Argument

EAP: Moodle Lesson RW 5: Introduction to Academic Style

PDM: Week 3 Goal Setting and Reflective Writing

Must be completed by the time assigned by your tutor

Zoom Instructions

Students must use video in all of their Zoom classes and tutorials. If
there is a reason why you cannot use your camera, please inform your
tutor of the issues you are experiencing.

Your tutor will contact you to ask if you are having any issues with
technology that affect your ability to connect with your classes.

Please make sure that the name displayed with your Zoom account is
your first and last name. You must use your university email account to
access Zoom.

Tutorials

If you are not able to connect to Zoom for your tutorial, please contact
your tutor by phone otherwise you will lose engagement points.

Moodle Lessons

In order to receive full marks
for engagement, **you must**

- 1) complete all Moodle
lessons for the week and
- 2) have an average score
above 65%.

To ensure this happens:
Complete all parts of the
Moodle lesson, and click
'submit' every time you finish
a lesson. Do not worry too
much about your score. As
long as your average for the
week is above 65%, you will
receive full credit.

Most lessons on Moodle
allow you to look at the
lesson again after
completion. *If you complete
a Moodle lesson and want to
look at the lesson again, DO
NOT click on any of the
questions or re-answer
anything.* If you click on any
of the questions within the
lesson or click 'retry' on the
summary slide, then your old
score will be removed.

Moodle lessons and tasks
should be completed before
9am on the day of the Zoom
lesson.

Pay attention to directions
given. Download worksheets
when directed. Only work
directly on shared
documents if you are given
instructions to use them.

ALC NEWS

Welcome all. I hope you had a successful and enjoyable week.

Next Monday, there will be no ALC consultations, Speaking Circles or Short Courses due to Constitution Day holiday.

Next week, on Tuesday we begin our **Short Courses**. The schedule is below. Much more detail is available on the ALC Moodle page. Sign up will open around 6pm. Some classes have a size limit, so it's first come first served.

Each course lasts for 5 weeks and if you attend 4 or 5 of the lessons you will get a beautiful certificate to hang on your wall.

However, you do not have to attend every class. Come to as many or as few as you like. You will always be welcome.

That's all for this week. Next week we hope to have more for you. Have a restful weekend.

John Seely
ALC Manager

EAP Moodle Grades

Not sure what grades you have for your EAP Moodle lessons? You can check your grade for each lesson by clicking on 'Grades' in the left column on the EAP Moodle Lesson Autumn 2020 course. There are two viewing choices: Overview report and User report. The Overview report will show you the overall grade for each of your courses on Moodle. The User report will show you each grade for your EAP lessons.

Moodle Layout

The EAP Moodle Lessons Autumn 2020 course's layout has changed. Now each week is collapsible. This means that you can expand and collapse each week to view the lessons. If you do not see the lessons for the current week, click on the week to expand the lessons.

PDM Moodle Lessons do not generate a grade automatically because your tutors grade your lessons, not Moodle. You will receive feedback from your tutor, but you will not receive an individual mark. If you have completed the lesson, you will get full credit.

Short Courses

Mon 18:00	Reading	Alisa Neufeldt
Tues 18:00	Pronunciation	Lala Movsesian
Wed 18:00	Grammar	Anne Stander
Thurs 18:00	Critical Thinking and the Philosophy of Science	Philip Bell
Sat 18:00	Listening	Rosemary Jones

Speaking Circles

Speaking circles were very well attended this week but they are still open to newcomers and we may be offering more chances to attend.

These are held every week at the same time so if you attended this week there is no need to sign up again. Just use the same ZOOM invitation you received last week. Sign up anytime on [The ALC Moodle](#).

Personal Consultations

Personal Consultations are private one-to-one sessions where you can get help & advice on any academic questions you have.

[Sign up on Moodle from this link](#). **Sign up for next week will open Today at 6pm.**

Current Affairs Circle Mark Houghtaling	Mon 17:00	Join the "Current Affairs Circle" to discuss significant, recent news. We aim to understand why things are happening and what it all means. Improve your speaking in a relaxed, small-group setting. Think critically and build confidence in expressing your views.
Literature Circle Claudia Kilburn	Tues 17:00	Each week a SHORT literary piece will be posted. This is usually a short story, but it could be a poem or short play. We are trying to focus on global literature, beyond the Brit/American classics.
Talking about Films James Arthurs	Wed 17:00	In each session we will look at clips from films or a complete short film, and talk about what we understand from our viewing and how good (or not) the film is. We shall look at different genres of films - comedy, musical, drama etc and at films from different countries including Kazakhstan. You will be encouraged to bring forward films for viewing and discussion.
Discussion Circle Andrew Fox	Thurs 12:00	The Discussion Circle gives you the opportunity to discuss the topics you want to discuss, decided by you, the students - what topics are important to you, or what questions do you want answered?
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.

Important Dates

Holiday

August 31

September

Physics Quiz 1

September 11 6:00 pm

Mathematics Exam 1

September 16

EAP Preliminary Deadline (*Introductory Paragraph and Working Thesis*)

September 23 by 11:00 pm

Physics Quiz 2

September 25 6:00 pm

EAP Preliminary Deadline

(*First Annotated Source*)

September 30 by 11:00 pm

October

Fall Break

October 5-9

Physics Midterm

October 14

Geography Draft Essay

October 16 at 11:59 pm

EAP Preliminary Deadline

(*Outline with Reference List First Draft*)

October 21 by 11:00 pm

Mathematics Exam 2

October 28

EAP Preliminary Deadline

(*First, Second, and Third Annotated Sources*)

October 28

November

EAP Preliminary Deadline

(*Paraphrasing 1st Draft*)

November 4 by 11:00 pm

Physics Quiz 3

November 6 6:00 pm

Geography Final Essay

November 13 at 11:59 pm

EAP Research Project Proposal Final

November 18 by 11:00 pm

Physics Quiz 4

November 20 6:00 pm

EAP Research Project Presentations

November 24-27

December

Holiday

December 1

Final Exams

December 5-12

Mathematics Exam 3

Math Finals week, date TBD

Physics Final Exam

Finals week, date TBD

EAP Reading Exam

Finals week, date TBD

Holiday

December 16-18

Introducing: EAP Tutor Andrew Fox



Hello Everybody..!

I'm from Oxford in England and this is now my 11th year teaching EAP on the Foundation Course at NU – which means I have been here since the university started..! When we first came it was all very different to now – many of the buildings had not been built, and even the library had no books... I've also seen the capital city transform completely over the last 10 years.

Before I came to Kazakhstan, I worked in Italy, Spain, Poland, China and a short period in Azerbaijan. Travel is my main interest – I've lost count recently, but I think I've been to about 80 countries. I still haven't been to Africa, but I'm hoping I'll get to go when circumstances permit. Partly from living in different places, but also from school and university, I've been more or less fluent in maybe 6 or 7 languages at different times.

I'm also interested in sports, watching as well as playing – including basketball, football and squash – but play a bit less than I used to. I have played in a couple of Staff vs Students basketball matches here at the university, but....um....I don't remember who won... 😊

Good Luck and Work Hard

Introducing CPS

Good morning everyone,

This week meet Andrew, an EAP Teaching Fellow, who has been with NU since its beginnings, and who helped out with the beginning of this newsletter. He can also help you out in the ALC.

On Tuesday please watch for the introduction of the members of EAP 21, EAP 22, and EAP 23! We are looking forward to learning more about these groups!

Enjoy your long weekend!

If you would like to add something to the Student Newsletter, please send it to amy.golden@nu.edu.kz