

Nazarbayev University Foundation Year Student Newsletter

Week 4

Issue 3

Sept 7th – 11th 2020

Timetable and Deadlines: Week 4

September 7th Monday by 9:00 am

EAP: Moodle Lesson RW1: APA Referencing

Math: Homework completed

Math: Practice exam available on LON-CAPA at 9 am

Monday by 6:00 pm

Physics Quiz 1: Mechanics I & II

Deadline: Sept 7 by 6:00 pm (start Aug 31)

September 8th Tuesday by 9:00 am

EAP: Moodle Lesson RW 2: Basic Research Methodology

EAP: Moodle Lesson RW 3: Annotated Sources

September 9th Wednesday by 9:00 am

EAP: Moodle Lesson LS 1: Artificial Intelligence

EAP: *Student Led Seminar*

Wednesday by 11:00 pm

Preliminary Deadline on OWE: Research Project working title with one to three refinements posted to the *OWE Research Project Proposal Working Document*

September 10th Thursday by 9:00 am

EAP: Moodle Lesson RW 4: Summarizing Sources

EAP: Moodle Lesson RW 5: Annotated Sources

PDM: Week 4 Time Management

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.

For information about the EAP curriculum and assessments, please visit the Moodle EAP Homepage and refer to the EAP Student Assessment Handbook.

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.

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

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.

ALC NEWS

Welcome all.

Week 4 already! You have already been here a month. You should be well settled in now and hopefully you have been making use of the resources the ALC has to offer.

This week there are no new activities, but you are always welcome to join an existing activity.

Below is a reminder of the short courses and speaking circles that are currently active.

Consultations are beginning to be more popular so sign up early if you need extra help on a one-to-one basis. New sign-up sheets are available on the ALC Moodle page from tomorrow.

That's all for this week.

Have a restful weekend.

John Seely
ALC Manager

Announcing the Winners of the Treasure Hunt Group Photo and Video Contest!

Congratulations to
the winning groups:

Photo
EAP 35
Optimism

Video
EAP 10
Optimism

Thank you for all of
your submissions!

We saw some
wonderful examples
of Unity, Harmony,
Achievement, and
Optimism and were
quite inspired by
your creativity in
difficult
circumstances.

Please remember that it is
always important to follow
directions carefully. If you
submitted files without your
EAP group or theme
labeled, your projects could
not be judged.

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

September

Physics Quiz 1 Mechanics I & II
Deadline
September 7 by 6:00 pm (start Aug 31)

Mathematics Exam 1
September 16

EAP Preliminary Deadline (*Introductory Paragraph and Working Thesis*)
September 23 by 11:00 pm

Physics Quiz 2 Thermal Physics I & II
September 21 by 6:00 pm (start Sept 14)

EAP Preliminary Deadline
(*First Annotated Source*)
September 30 by 11:00 pm

October

Fall Break
October 5-9

Physics Midterm Exam
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

Physics Video Project
October 30 by 6:00 pm

November

EAP Preliminary Deadline
(*Paraphrasing 1st Draft*)
November 4 by 11:00 pm

Physics Quiz 3 Electricity & Magnetism I & II **Deadline**
November 2 by 6:00 pm (start Oct 26)

Geography Final Essay
November 13 at 11:59 pm

EAP Research Project Proposal Final
November 18 by 11:00 pm

Physics Quiz 4 Modern Physics I & II **Deadline**
November 16 by 6:00 pm (start Nov 9)

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 Raquel Reinagel



Hello! My name is Raquel Reinagel and this is my third year teaching at NU.

You might know me as the teacher who sends you emails about Moodle. I am the teacher of EAP 2 and 29 this year, but interestingly enough I have been assigned EAP 2 three years in a row now.

I was born in Texas, USA and went to university in Hawai'i. Like most other EAP teachers, I like to travel, but there are still many places I haven't seen. For example, I have never been to Europe (unless you count Atyrau)!

Other than English, I speak Korean and I am learning Kazakh. My biggest hobby is making videos. I make a new video almost every week. I also train my cat to do tricks such as sitting, handshaking, and playing dead.

Good luck with your online studies!

Introducing CPS

Good morning everyone,

This week we are introducing Raquel, the EAP Teaching Fellow who takes care of all of our Moodle issues and looks after new technology and the TEL group.

On Monday please watch for the fantastic video introduction of the members of EAP 21 and for the winning photo and video submissions from EAP 10 and EAP 35.

You can find uploaded versions of the student newsletter on the CPS website under News and on the EAP Homepage in Moodle.

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