

GSPP MPP ORIENTATION PROGRAM

August 7-14, 2021

Attendance policy

Dear students, please note attendance is compulsory for all orientation activities organized by GSPP including the Teambuilding sessions.

If you are unable to attend a session for any reason, you should inform MPP/MPA Program manager Madina Kuvanysheva (mkuvanysheva@nu.edu.kz) in advance. Students who missed a compulsory session shall be considered as having missed the equivalent of 1 session/class of a course of Fall 2021.

Day 1: Saturday, August 7

Time	Activity	Venue*	Status	Organizers
09:00 – 10:30	Welcome & Kick off Introduction to the program: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Objectives• Approach• Ground Rules Orientation to Online team collaboration	Live ZOOM session	All students must attend	Crossroads Consulting, Singapore
10:30 – 11:00	Break			
11:00 – 12:30	Team Awareness – What Makes a Winning Team? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding Team Dynamics and Foundations• Understanding the Role and Impact of the Individual within the Team			

Day 2: Monday, August 9

Time	Activity	Venue*	Status	Organizers
08:30-09:00	Welcoming speech by Dean of GSPP Prof. Hui Weng Tat, Vice-Deans	Live ZOOM session	All students must attend	GSPP
09:00-09:20	Faculty/Staff introduction			
09:20-09:30	Q&A			
09:45 – 10:45	MPP program overview and student introduction - <i>Student introduction;</i> - <i>Introduction to MPP program,</i> <i>courses, exams;</i> - <i>Answering specific questions from</i> <i>students.</i>	Live ZOOM session	All students must attend	Peter Howie
11:00-11:30	Vice-Provost for Academic Affairs Dr. Loretta O'Donnell: Introduction to NU Academic Integrity	Live ZOOM session	Recommended for all students	Office of the Provost
12.30-13.00	Health and Safety Orientation for Graduate students	Live ZOOM session	Highly recommended for all students	University Healthcare Department (UHD) Dinara Beisembekova, Senior manager
13.30-14.00	Nazarbayev University: building blocks, strategic goals, and values	Live ZOOM session	Recommended for all students	Strategic Planning and Experience Sharing Department
15:30-16:30	Introduction to NU academic policies and procedures	Live ZOOM session	Highly recommended for all students	Office of the Registrar

Day 3: Tuesday, August 10

Time	Activity	Venue*	Status	Organizers
10:00 - 11:00	"How to avoid plagiarism"	Live ZOOM session	All students must attend	Colin Knox
11:30 – 12:30	Writing Guidelines and Reading Comprehension <i>Topics covered:</i> - reading and skimming for main ideas and key phrases; - paraphrasing and summarizing; - writing well-supported paragraphs and essays; - common mistakes students make; - APA rules on citation.	Live ZOOM session	All students must attend	Anna Chung
12:30-13:30	Introduction to students' non-academic life and extracurricular activities	Live ZOOM session	Recommended for all students	Department of Student Services (DSS)
14:00-14:30	Information on PCC, its services and how to adapt to new environment	Live ZOOM session	Recommended for all students	Health and Wellness Center
15:00-16:00	Introduction to course registration on myRegistrar	Live ZOOM session	Highly recommended for all students	Office of the Registrar
17:00-18:00	Introduction to Kazakh culture and traditions for international students	Live ZOOM session	Recommended for International Students	Office of International Students and Scholars Services (OISSS), Cultural Center "Rukhani Zhangyru"

Day 4: Wednesday, August 11

Time	Activity	Venue*	Status	Organizers
10:00 – 11:00	Math exam: <i>The math exam will cover the necessary quantitative skills in preparation for the statistics and microeconomics courses. GSPP offers resources to help you prepare for the math exam. An email will be sent to all MPP and PhD students that will provide links to the self-preparation materials.</i>	Live ZOOM session	All students must attend	Peter Howie
11:30-12:15	Workshop on Writing Guidelines	Live ZOOM session	All students must attend	Anna Chung
12:30-13:00	Information on stipends and bank cards	Live ZOOM session	Highly recommended for all students	Bursar's Office
13:30-14:00	Information about CAC, its services and CareerNet platform	Live ZOOM session	Recommended for all students	Career and Advising Center (CAC)
15:00-16:00	Math Workshop I: <i>The Math Workshop provides a refresher on mathematical principles, including basic algebra and foundations of derivative calculus. During the workshop there will be both asynchronous and synchronous components. The asynchronous component will comprise links to online presentations that will present the methods used to perform all the required mathematical operations. During the synchronous sessions, students will get a chance to evaluate their math skills by practicing the required mathematical techniques. The Math Workshop is intended to prepare students ahead of time for the courses that require quantitative skills. Enrolment into the Math Workshop is based on obtaining less than 80 percent on the Math Exam.</i>	Live ZOOM session	Selected students	Peter Howie

Day 5: Thursday, August 12

Time	Activity	Venue*	Status	Organizers
10:00-10:45	Logical Reasoning	Live ZOOM session	All students must attend	Omer Baris
13:00-14:00	<p>Introduction to the Writing Center</p> <p><i>Topics covered:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the importance of academic writing; - how the writing center supports students; - how to make appointments with us; - what to expect from appointments; - an introduction to writing and communication webinars planned for Fall; - where to access information and resources. 	Live ZOOM session	Recommended for all students	<p>Writing Center</p> <p>Instructors: Karie Pieczynski, James Swider</p>
15:00-16:00	Math Workshop II	Live ZOOM session	Selected students	Peter Howie
16:30-18:00	<p>"How to ensure success for PAE, Master's Project"</p> <p><i>Topics covered:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - choosing a topic; - forming a team; - finding an advisor; - choosing a client; - collecting data (included IREC guidelines); - writing the PAE/Master's Project. 	Live ZOOM session	All students must attend	<p>Peter Howie, Aziz Burkhanov, Anna Chung</p>

Day 6: Friday, August 13

Time	Activity	Venue*	Status	Organizers
10:00-11:00	Overview of policies, services, collections and programs of Library	Live ZOOM session	Recommended for all students	NU Library
11:15-12:00	Information Literacy: Searching for Information <i>This Information Literacy session aims to provide an understanding of different types of public policy information and how to use and locate public policy related databases. It also teaches students how to apply literature search strategies and keyword building to effectively retrieve information.</i>	Live ZOOM session	Highly recommended for all students	Joseph Yap, Senior Expert Librarian
15:00-16:00	Math Workshop III	Live ZOOM session	Selected students	Peter Howie
16:30-17:30	GSPP Students Council, GSPP Student representatives and Alumni session	Live ZOOM session	All students must attend	GSPP

Day 7: Saturday, August 14

Time	Activity	Venue*	Status	Organizers
09:00 – 10:30	Follow Up and Review Team Communication – What Makes Teams Tick? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employing Effective Team Processes • Improving Communication with Team EQ Break	Live ZOOM session	All students must attend	Crossroads Consulting, Singapore
10:30 – 11:00	Team Design – How to Create a Winning Team?			
11:00 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role Clarity and Alignment to Purpose and Values • Managing Team Spirit – the Intangible Quality of Engagement 			

*Links to Live Zoom sessions will be sent by email prior to Orientation week.