American University of Central Asia

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION PROGRAM 2025

LANGUAGE AND THINKING PROGRAM

"THE BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE"

Welcome, dear AUCA freshmen! The New Student Orientation Program is designed to facilitate the transition between your previous learning experience and the one that awaits you at the university. Our program events are packed with academic, social, and community service-learning activities that foster development, freedom, and AUCA's values as a liberal arts institution.

This year's Language and Thinking (L&T) program has adopted the theme of "THE BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE". This program is a part of the core-humanities program for all AUCA students and is a pre-requisite for the core course during the freshman year – First Year Seminar. The goal of the L&T academic sessions is to introduce freshmen to the interdisciplinary and challenging study ethos of AUCA, which includes creative, yet fun, learning experiences and intensive writing across a variety of genres and texts. You will read, explore, and work extensively on texts through writing and other creative approaches. Although it might be difficult to imagine what to expect in your first weeks of university, our goal is to enable you to experience a glimpse of the challenging and unique intellectual learning culture in a liberal arts institution in Central Asia.

While you as new students might be wondering how you can savor all activities that will last for two weeks, bear in mind that the AUCA New Student Orientation Program is a great way to start an exciting journey in your university life and beyond; as well as to make new friends and lasting memories. Make the most of it as you read through all the material (given in an orientation package) and actively participate in the events planned for you.

We hope that you will learn not only important information on academic issues, institutional policies, and regulations; but also gain a first-hand understanding of the liberal arts learning within a diverse community while making social connections that will remain with you throughout your academic career and beyond. We look forward to your active participation as we welcome you to our AUCA community!

ATTENDANCE OF ALL ACADEMIC SESSIONS IS MANDATORY.

YOU CANNOT MISS ANY OF THE L&T ACADEMIC SESSIONS IF YOU WANT TO RECEIVE A PASSING GRADE FOR THE ACADEMIC LANGUAGE AND THINKING PROGRAM.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

Time	EVENT	LOCATION - Responsible office/person
8:00- 9:10	REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN Find your department and receive an orientation T-shirt at the desk	AUCA OUTSIDE LAWN In front of the AUCA building (south side) Office managers of major programs Student Life Office Volunteers Admission Office International Office PR Office Security Medical Office
9:10- 9:30	STUDENT "MIXER"	AUCA OUTSIDE LAWN In front of the AUCA building (south side) • Student Life Office • Volunteers
9:30-10:00	WELCOMING CEREMONYVPAA (Speech)	 FORUM VPAA Student Life Office Orientation Director PR Office
10:00-10:10	Break	
10:10-11:20	Academic Session 1	Group # - Room # 1 - G 34 2 - G 35 3 - 203 4 - 204 5 - 205 6 - 206 7 - 207 8 - 303 9 - 304 10 - 306 11 - 307 12 - 308 13 - 309 14 - 406 15 - 407 16 - 408 17 - 409 18 - 435 19 - 403 20 - 404

		Corresponding Orientation Faculty
11:20-11:30	Break	
11:30-12:40	Academic Session 2	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective rooms Language and Thinking Faculty
12:40-13:40	Lunch Break	Kitchenette area
13:40-14:50	Academic Session 3	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective rooms - Language and Thinking Faculty
14:50-15:10	Break	
15:10 - 16:10	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CENTER (ASC) INFORMATION SESSION ID/Universal Bank Cards Study Agreements Tuition Payment Process	ALL GROUPS: Groups 1 - 10 > CH I (440) Groups 11 - 15 > Room 434 Groups 16 - 20 > Room 410 Administrative Services Center
16:10 -17:10	 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS INFORMATION SESSION Visa Registration Counseling Service/ Health Insurance Student Accommodation/Dormitory Q & A 	 CH I (Room 440) All new international students International Student Office (ISO) Administrative Services Center (ASC) Medical Office Counseling Service Center AUCA Dormitory Coordinator

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

Time	EVENT	LOCATION - Responsible Office
9:30 -10:40	Academic Session 1	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective rooms - Language and Thinking Faculty
10:40-10:50	Break	
10:50-12:00	Academic Session 2	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective rooms Language and Thinking Faculty
12:00-13:00	Lunch Break	Kitchenette area
13:00 -14:10	Academic Session 3	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective roomsLanguage and Thinking Faculty
14:10 -14:20	Break	
14:20 - 15:00	WRITING AND ACADEMIC RESOURCES CENTER (WARC) Presentation • Academic Support Services and Resources for Successful Study • One-on-One Scheduling System	FORUM Groups 1 - 20 WARC Director and WARC Coordinator
	MEDICAL OFFICE Presentation	FORUM

15:00 - 15:40	 Requirements for medical documents for all students Medical Services/First Aid/ Student Health/Vaccinations Information 	Groups 1 - 20 ● Medical Office
15:40 -16:10	"GREEN AUCA" Initiative PresentationRecycling and Sustainability	FORUM Groups 1 - 20 • 'Green AUCA' Team
16:10 -16:20	Break	
16:20 -18:45	SURVIVAL DAY "AUCA-GRAPHIA"	FORUM/CH I/GYM All freshmen Student Life Office Volunteers Medical Office

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

Time	EVENT	LOCATION - Responsible Office
9:30-10:40	Academic Session 1	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective rooms - Language and Thinking Faculty
10:40-10:50	Break	
10:50-12:00	Academic Session 2	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective rooms - Language and Thinking Faculty
12:00-13:00	Lunch Break	Kitchenette area
13:00-14:00	 ACADEMIC SUCCESS at AUCA Academic Expectations Components of the Bachelor Degree General Education Requirements/ Course Options + the First-Year Overview Learning Skills Q & A 	FORUM Groups 1 - 20 • Academic Advising Office • General Education Department Co-Chairs
14:00 - 14:10	Break	
14:10 -14:45	 STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE Anti-harassment policy Communication and social media practices Diversity and inclusion Code of students' rights, responsibilities, and conduct 	FORUM Groups 1 - 20 • Student Life Officer

14:45-15:30	 "UNIQUE SPIRIT" Life Outside the Classroom Student Involvement Opportunities 	FORUM Groups 1 - 20 AUCA Art Director Student Life Office Volunteers
15:30 -15:40	Break	
15:40 -17:40	KYRGYZ LANGUAGE PLACEMENT EXAM	Groups 1 – 20 in their respective classrooms General Education Department

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

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10:50 -12:00	Academic Session 2	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective rooms Language and Thinking Faculty
12:00 -13:00	Lunch Break	Kitchenette area
	Peer advisors are available during lunchtime to answer your questions about academic issues, including registration.	Peer Advisors
13:00 -14:10	Academic Session 3	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective rooms Language and Thinking Faculty
14:10 - 14:20	Break	
14:20 -15:10	INTRODUCTION TO ONLINE REGISTRATION and PREPARING A STUDY SCHEDULE Online registration tutorial http://study.auca.kg	FORUM Groups 1 - 20 Registrar's Office Specialists
15:10 - 15:40	 COUNSELING SERVICE at AUCA Overcoming Challenges of the First Year Appointment System 	FORUM Groups 1 - 20 • Counseling Service Office
15:40 - 16:10	Civic Engagement Center (CCE) and Student Initiative Development Program (SIDP) Presentation	FORUM Groups 1 - 20 CCE Executive Director
16:10 - 16:40	CAMPUS SECURITY AND FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION SESSION	FORUM Groups 1 - 20

	Facilities for students with disabilitiesQ & A	Physical Plant Department Director
16:40 - 17:40	LIBRARY SESSION and USER X ■ Library and IT services on campus	FORUM Session for Groups 1 - 20 Library, IT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

Time	EVENT	LOCATION - Responsible Office	e e
		Groups 1 - 20 in their respective	
9:30 -10:40	Academic Session 1	rooms	
		 Language and Thinking Faculty 	V
10:40 -10:50	Break		
		Groups 1 - 20 in their respective	
10:50 -12:00	Academic Session 2	rooms	
		 Language and Thinking Faculty 	y
12:00 -13:00	Lunch Break	Kitchenette area	
	Peer advisors are available during lunchtime to	 Peer Advisors 	
	answer your questions about academic issues,		
	including registration.	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective	-
13:00 -14:10	Academic Session 3	rooms	
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14:10 -14:20	Break	- Language and Timking Lacuity	y
14.10 -14.20	Dicar	FORUM	
14:20 -14:50	ACADEMIC INTEGRITY at AUCA:	Groups 1 - 20	
14.20 -14.50	Anti-plagiarism Session	• WARC Director	
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14:50 -15:00	Break		
15:00 -16:00	MEETING WITH ASSIGNED	AMI – Room 309	
	FACULTY ADVISORS	ANTH - Room 207	
	 Online registration tutorial 	BA - Room 410	
	https://study.auca.kg	ECON - Room 220	
		ESCS - Room 304	
	*Office Managers of all undergraduate	IBL - CH I (440)	
	programs bring departmental	ICP - Room G34	
	CHECKLISTS for freshmen to this	JMC - Room 307	
	meeting	LAS - Room G35	
		PSY - Room 435	
		SFW - Room 434	
		SOC - Room 308	
		TCMA - Room 306	
		 Faculty Advisors/Advisors 	
		 Office Managers of Academic 	
		Programs	
16:00 - 16:10	Break		

16:10 - 18:00	BODY MOVING DAY	FORUM Groups 1 - 20
		Student Life OfficeVolunteers

MONDAY, AUGUST 18 Reminder: *The deadline for submission of a student portfolio is* August 22

Time	EVENT	LOCATION - Responsible Office
9:30-10:40	Academic Session 1	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective rooms - Language and Thinking Faculty
10:40 -10:50	Break	
10:50 -12:00	Academic Session 2	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective rooms Language and Thinking Faculty
12:00 -13:00	Lunch Break Peer advisors are available during lunchtime to answer your questions about academic issues, including registration.	Kitchenette area • Peer advisors
13:00 -14:10	Academic Session 3	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective roomsLanguage and Thinking Faculty
14:10 -14:20	Break	
14:20 -15:20	Q&A SESSION: GOOD ADVICE AND GOOD QUESTIONS • Meeting with Department Chairs and Office Managers of all Undergraduate Academic Programs	AMI - Room 309 ANTH - Room 207 BA - Room 410 ECON - Room 220 ESCS - Room 304 IBL - CH I (440) ICP - Room G34 JMC - Room 307 LAS - Room G35 PSY - Room 435 SFW - Room 434 SOC - Room 308 TCMA - Room 306 • Department Chairs/Program Coordinators • Office Managers
15:20 -15:30	Break	
15:30 -16:30	RUSSIAN LANGUAGE PLACEMENT EXAM Paper-based tests will be conducted by the General Education department	ALL FRESHMEN: Students from KR - CH I (440) Students from CIS countries - Room 434 Other international students - Room 410 General Education Department

16:30-16:40	Break	
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16:40-17:30	AUCA THEATER "MIRRORS"	Groups 1 - 20
	presentation	 AUCA Art Director
		 Student Life Office
		 Volunteers
		Groups 1 - 20 (Any available rooms)
17:30- 19:00	"STAR ACADEMY" rehearsals	 Volunteers

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

(DEADLINE FOR THE MINI-INTELLECTUAL ESSAY SUBMISSION!)

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Time	EVENT	LOCATION - Responsible Office	
		Groups 1 - 20 in their respective	
9:30-10:40	Academic Session 1	rooms	
		 Language and Thinking Faculty 	
10:40-10:50	Break		
		Groups 1 - 20 in their respective	
10:50-12:00	Academic Session 2	rooms	
		 Language and Thinking Faculty 	
12:00-13:00	Lunch Break	Kitchenette area	
	Peer advisors are available during lunchtime to	 Peer advisors 	
	answer your questions about academic issues,		
	including registration.	C	
13:00-14:10	Academic Session 3	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective	
15:00-14:10	Academic Session 5	rooms	
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14:10-14:20	Break		
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14:20-15:00	FINANCIAL AID AND	FORUM	
	SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES	Groups 1 - 20	
		Scholarships and Financial Aid	
	CTITIALICA	Office	
15:00- 15:30	CTLT Welcome to Digital AUCA	EODIM	
15.00- 15.50	- Building responsible digital habits	FORUM	
	- Navigating the e-Course platform with	Groups 1 - 20	
	confidence	Center for Teaching, Learning, and	
	- Accessible learning: tools that support	Technology ■ CTLT Director	
	everyone		
		Senior Specialist for E-Learning	
15:30-16:10	CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE	FORUM	
10.00 10.10	• Career Prospects	Groups 1 - 20	
	On-Campus Employment	Career Development Office	
	Opportunities for Students	- Career Development Office	
	 Career Preparation and Skill Building 		
	- Career reparation and own building		
16:10 -16:20	Break		
16:20- 18:00	"STAR ACADEMY" rehearsals	CH I (Room 440)	
		Groups 1 - 20	

	Student Life Office
	 Volunteers

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

REGISTRATION FOR COURSES

Time	EVENT	LOCATION - Responsible Office	
9:30 - 10:40	Academic Session 1	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective rooms Language and Thinking Faculty	
10:40- 10:50	Break		
10:50 - 12:00	Academic Session 2	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective rooms Language and Thinking Faculty	
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch Break	Kitchenette area	
	Peer advisors are available during lunchtime to answer your questions about academic issues, including registration.	Peer advisors	
13:00-18:00	ONLINE REGISTRATION for COURSES Faculty Advisors are available to help you with registration based on the major you are enrolled in. AUCA COMPUTER LABS (G31, G30, 233, 223, 433, and 432) ARE OPEN FROM 13:00 to 18:00!	 Faculty advisors are available in relevant departments (find your department office) Please visit your departments for additional information or email your department chair for additional information Rooms G31, G30, 233, 223, 433, 432 are available for registration 	

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

Time	EVENT	LOCATION - Responsible Office
9:30-10:40	Academic Session 1	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective rooms Language and Thinking Faculty
10:40 - 10:50	Break	
10:50 -12:00	Academic Session 2	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective rooms Language and Thinking Faculty
12:00-13:00	Lunch Break Peer advisors are available during lunchtime to answer your questions about academic issues, including registration.	Kitchenette areaPeer advisors
13:00 - 14:10	Academic Session 3	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective rooms - Language and Thinking Faculty
14:10 - 14:20	Break	

14:20 -15:00 15:00-15:10	"SHARED READING BY STUDENTS & FACULTY" (The whole L&T community (students and faculty) share pieces of writing they have produced during the program) Break	CH I - Groups 1-7 Room 410 - Groups 8-12 Room 434 - Groups 13-16 Room 435 - Groups 17, 18 Groups 19, 20 - follow their regular schedule Language and Thinking Faculty
15:10-17:00	"STAR ACADEMY" - Final Performance	FORUM Groups 1 - 20 Student Life Office Volunteers Director of AUCA Freshman Orientation Program

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22 STUDENT PORTFOLIOS ARE DUE!

Time	EVENT	LOCATION	- Responsible Office
10:00 - 11:10	Academic Session 1	Groups 1 - 20	in their respective
		rooms	
		 Language 	and Thinking Faculty
11:10- 11:20	Break		
11:20 -12:30	Academic Session 2	rooms	in their respective and Thinking Faculty
12:30 -13:30	Lunch Break	Kitchenette area	
	Peer advisors are available during lunchtime to answer your questions about academic issues, including registration.	• Peer ac	lvisors
		AMI -	Room 309
13:30 - 15:00	Informal Meetings with Department	ANTH -	Room 207
	Faculty, Current Students, and Alumni	BA -	Room 410
		ECON -	Room 220
	Study Track-related issues	ESCS -	Room 304
	Sharing experiences	IBL –	CH I (440)
	Prospects of the major/Career	ICP -	Room G34
	options	JMC -	Room 307
	• Q&A	LAS -	Room G35
		PSY -	Room 435
		SFW -	Room 434
		SOC -	Room 308
		TCMA -	Room 306

15:00 -16:30	CLOSING CEREMONY "YOU ARE NOT ALONE!"	FORUM Groups 1 - 20 • AUCA President • AUCA Art Director
	AUCA President (Closing remarks)	Director of AUCA Freshman Orientation Program
	Film showing on "ORIENTATION 2025: Our First Steps in AUCA"	Student Life OfficePR OfficeVolunteers

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Students will receive either a "PASS" or "FAIL" grade based on their attendance and performance during the Orientation Language and Thinking Program Academic Sessions.