

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find your department and receive an orientation T-shirt at the desk 	AUCA OUTSIDE LAWN In front of the AUCA building (south side) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Life Office Volunteers
9:30-10:00	WELCOMING CEREMONY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VPAA (Speech) 	FORUM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VPAA Student Life Office Orientation Director PR Office
10:00-10:10	Break	
10:10-11:20	Academic Session 1	Group # - Room # <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corresponding Orientation Faculty
11:20-11:30	Break	
11:30-12:40	Academic Session 2	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective rooms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language and Thinking Faculty
14:50-15:10	Break	
15:10 - 16:10	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CENTER (ASC) INFORMATION SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative Services Center
16:10 -17:10	INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS INFORMATION SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visa Registration Counseling Service/ Health Insurance Student Accommodation/Dormitory Q & A 	CH I (Room 440) All new international students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language and Thinking Faculty
10:40-10:50	Break	
10:50-12:00	Academic Session 2	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective rooms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 rooms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language and Thinking Faculty
14:10 -14:20	Break	
14:20 - 15:00	WRITING AND ACADEMIC RESOURCES CENTER (WARC) Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Support Services and Resources for Successful Study One-on-One Scheduling System 	FORUM Groups 1 - 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WARC Director and WARC Coordinator
	MEDICAL OFFICE Presentation	FORUM

15:00 - 15:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirements for medical documents for all students Medical Services/First Aid/ Student Health/Vaccinations Information 	Groups 1 - 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical Office
15:40 -16:10	"GREEN AUCA" Initiative Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recycling and Sustainability 	FORUM Groups 1 - 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Green AUCA' Team
16:10 -16:20	Break	
16:20 -18:45	SURVIVAL DAY "AUCA-GRAPHIA"	FORUM/ CH I/ GYM All freshmen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language and Thinking Faculty
10:40-10:50	Break	
10:50-12:00	Academic Session 2	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective rooms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language and Thinking Faculty
12:00-13:00	Lunch Break	Kitchenette area
13:00-14:00	ACADEMIC SUCCESS at AUCA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Expectations Components of the Bachelor Degree General Education Requirements/ Course Options + the First-Year Overview Learning Skills Q & A 	ALL FRESHMEN: Groups 1 - 10 > CH I (440) Groups 11 - 15 > Room 434 Groups 16 - 20 > Room 410 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Advising Office General Education Department Co-Chairs
14:00 - 14:10	Break	
14:10 -14:45	STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anti-harassment policy Communication and social media practices Diversity and inclusion Code of students' rights, responsibilities, and conduct 	FORUM Groups 1 - 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Life Officer

14:45-15:30	"UNIQUE SPIRIT" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life Outside the Classroom Student Involvement Opportunities 	FORUM Groups 1 - 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AUCA Art Director Student Life Office Volunteers
15:30 -15:40	Break	
15:40 -17:40	KYRGYZ LANGUAGE PLACEMENT EXAM	ALL FRESHMEN: Groups 1 - 10 > CH I (440) Groups 11 - 15 > Room 434 Groups 16 - 20 > Room 410 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Education Department

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

Time	EVENT	LOCATION - Responsible Office
9:30 -10:40	Academic Session 1	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective rooms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language and Thinking Faculty
10:40 -10:50	Break	
10:50 -12:00	Academic Session 2	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective rooms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language and Thinking Faculty
12:00 -13:00	Lunch Break <i>Peer advisors</i> are available during lunchtime to answer your questions about academic issues, including registration.	Kitchenette area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer Advisors
13:00 -14:10	Academic Session 3	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective rooms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language and Thinking Faculty
14:10 - 14:20	Break	
14:20 -15:00	INTRODUCTION TO ONLINE REGISTRATION and PREPARING A STUDY SCHEDULE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online registration tutorial http://study.auca.kg 	ALL FRESHMEN: Groups 1 - 10 > CH I (440) Groups 11 - 15 > Room 434 Groups 16 - 20 > Room 410 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registrar's Office Specialists
15:00 -15:10	Break	
15:10 - 15:40	COUNSELING SERVICE at AUCA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overcoming Challenges of the First Year Appointment System 	FORUM Groups 1 - 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Counseling Service Office
15:40 - 16:10	Civic Engagement Center (CCE) and Student Initiative Development Program (SIDP) Presentation	FORUM Groups 1 - 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCE Executive Director

16:10 - 16:40	CAMPUS SECURITY AND FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilities for students with disabilities Q & A 	FORUM Groups 1 - 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical Plant Department Director
16:40 - 17:40	LIBRARY SESSION and USER X <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Library and IT services on campus 	FORUM Session for Groups 1 - 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Library, IT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

Time	EVENT	LOCATION - Responsible Office
9:30 -10:40	Academic Session 1	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective rooms <ul style="list-style-type: none">Language and Thinking Faculty
10:40 -10:50	Break	
10:50 -12:00	Academic Session 2	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective rooms <ul style="list-style-type: none">Language and Thinking Faculty
12:00 -13:00	Lunch Break <i>Peer advisors</i> are available during lunchtime to answer your questions about academic issues, including registration.	Kitchenette area <ul style="list-style-type: none">Peer Advisors
13:00 -14:10	Academic Session 3	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective rooms <ul style="list-style-type: none">Language and Thinking Faculty
14:10 -14:20	Break	
14:20 -14:50	ACADEMIC INTEGRITY at AUCA: Anti-plagiarism Session	FORUM Groups 1 - 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none">WARC Director
14:50 -15:00	Break	
15:00 -16:00	MEETING WITH ASSIGNED FACULTY ADVISORS <ul style="list-style-type: none">Online registration tutorial https://study.auca.kg <i>*Office Managers</i> of all undergraduate programs bring departmental CHECKLISTS for freshmen to this meeting	ALL FRESHMEN: 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Faculty Advisors/AdvisorsOffice Managers of Academic Programs

16:00 - 16:10	Break	
16:10 - 18:00	BODY MOVING DAY	FORUM Groups 1 - 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student Life Office ▪ Volunteers

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Language and Thinking Faculty
10:40 -10:50	Break	
10:50 -12:00	Academic Session 2	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective rooms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Language and Thinking Faculty
12:00 -13:00	Lunch Break <i>Peer advisors</i> are available during lunchtime to answer your questions about academic issues, including registration.	Kitchenette area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer advisors
13:00 -14:10	Academic Session 3	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective rooms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Language and Thinking Faculty
14:10 -14:20	Break	
14:20 -15:20	Q&A SESSION: GOOD ADVICE AND GOOD QUESTIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Meeting with Department Chairs and Office Managers of all Undergraduate Academic Programs</i> 	ALL FRESHMEN: 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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	
16:40-17:30	AUCA THEATER “MIRRORS” presentation	CH I Groups 1 - 20 ▪ AUCA Art Director ▪ Student Life Office ▪ Volunteers
17:30- 19:00	“STAR ACADEMY” rehearsals	Groups 1 - 20 (Any available rooms) ▪ Volunteers

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19**(DEADLINE FOR THE MINI-INTELLECTUAL ESSAY SUBMISSION!)**

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 <i>Peer advisors</i> 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 rooms ▪ Language and Thinking Faculty
14:10–14:20	Break	
14:20-15:00	FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES	Groups 1 - 10 - CH I (440) Groups 11 - 20 - Room 410 ▪ Scholarships and Financial Aid Office
15:00- 15:30	CTLT Welcome to Digital AUCA - Building responsible digital habits - Navigating the e-Course platform with confidence - Accessible learning: tools that support everyone	FORUM Groups 1 - 20 Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology • CTLT Director • Senior Specialist for E-Learning
15:30-16:10	CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE • Career Prospects • On-Campus Employment Opportunities for Students • Career Preparation and Skill Building	FORUM Groups 1 - 20 ▪ Career Development Office
16:10 -16:20	Break	

16:20- 18:00	"STAR ACADEMY" rehearsals	CH I (Room 440) Groups 1 - 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Student Life Office▪ Volunteers
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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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Language and Thinking Faculty
10:40- 10:50	Break	
10:50 - 12:00	Academic Session 2	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective rooms <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Language and Thinking Faculty
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch Break <i>Peer advisors</i> are available during lunchtime to answer your questions about academic issues, including registration.	Kitchenette area <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Language and Thinking Faculty
10:40 - 10:50	Break	
10:50 -12:00	Academic Session 2	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective rooms <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Language and Thinking Faculty
12:00-13:00	Lunch Break <i>Peer advisors</i> are available during lunchtime to answer your questions about academic issues, including registration.	Kitchenette area <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peer advisors
13:00 - 14:10	Academic Session 3	Groups 1 - 20 in their respective rooms <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Language and Thinking Faculty

14:10 - 14:20	Break	
14:20 -15:00	<p>"SHARED READING BY STUDENTS & FACULTY"</p> <p>(The whole L&T community (students and faculty) share pieces of writing they have produced during the program)</p>	<p>CH I - Groups 1 - 7</p> <p>Room 410 - Groups 8 - 12</p> <p>Room 434 - Groups 13 - 16</p> <p>Room 435 - Groups 17, 18</p> <p><i>Groups 19, 20 - follow their regular schedule</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language and Thinking Faculty
15:00-15:10	Break	
15:10-17:00	<p>"STAR ACADEMY" - Final Performance</p>	<p>FORUM</p> <p>Groups 1 - 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p>Groups 1 - 20 in their respective rooms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language and Thinking Faculty
11:10- 11:20	Break	
11:20 -12:30	Academic Session 2	<p>Groups 1 - 20 in their respective rooms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language and Thinking Faculty
12:30 -13:30	<p>Lunch Break</p> <p><i>Peer advisors</i> are available during lunchtime to answer your questions about academic issues, including registration.</p>	<p>Kitchenette area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer advisors
13:30 - 15:00	<p>Informal Meetings with Department Faculty, Current Students, and Alumni</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study Track-related issues Sharing experiences Prospects of the major/ Career options Q&A 	<p>ALL FRESHMEN:</p> <p>AMI - Room 309</p> <p>ANTH - Room 207</p> <p>BA - Room 410</p> <p>ECON - Room 220</p> <p>ESCS - Room 304</p> <p>IBL - CH I (440)</p> <p>ICP - Room G34</p> <p>JMC - Room 307</p> <p>LAS - Room G35</p> <p>PSY - Room 435</p> <p>SFW - Room 434</p> <p>SOC - Room 308</p> <p>TCMA - Room 306</p>

15:00 -16:30	<p style="text-align: center;">CLOSING CEREMONY "YOU ARE NOT ALONE!"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AUCA President (Closing remarks)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Film showing on "ORIENTATION 2025: Our First Steps in AUCA"</p>	<p>FORUM Groups 1 - 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AUCA President ▪ AUCA Art Director ▪ Director of AUCA Freshman Orientation Program ▪ Student Life Office ▪ PR Office ▪ Volunteers
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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.