

American University of Central Asia
FRESHMAN ORIENTATION PROGRAM 2023
LANGUAGE AND THINKING PROGRAM
“THE SOUND OF SILENCE”

Welcome dear AUCA freshmen! The Freshman 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 SOUND OF SILENCE”**. 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 Freshman 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 21

Time	EVENT	LOCATION – Responsible office/person
8:30– 9:10	<p align="center">REGISTRATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find your Department and Receive a T-Shirt at the desk 	<p>OUTSIDE LAWN In front of the AUCA building (south side)</p> <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	<p align="center">STUDENT “MIXER”</p>	<p>OUTSIDE LAWN In front of the AUCA building (south side)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Life Office Volunteers
9:30–10:00	<p align="center">WELCOMING CEREMONY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AUCA President (Speech) 	<p>FORUM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freshman Orientation Program Director Student Life Office PR Office
10:00–10:10	Break	
10:10–11:20	Academic Session 1	<p align="center">Group # - Room #</p> <p align="center">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 – 410</p>

		19 – 434 20 – 435 <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	
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 OFFICE INFORMATION SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ID/Universal Bank Cards ▪ Study Agreements ▪ Tuition Payment Process 	Groups 1 - 10 > CH I (440/435) Groups 11 - 15 > Room 434 Groups 16 - 20 > Room 410 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administrative Services Office
16:10 –17:10	INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS INFORMATION SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Visa ▪ Registration ▪ Counseling Service/ Medical Insurance ▪ Accommodation Issues ▪ Q & A 	CH I (Room 440) All new international students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ International Student Office ▪ Administrative Services Office ▪ Medical Office ▪ Counseling Service Center

TUESDAY, 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	
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 -14:40	MEDICAL OFFICE Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirements on medical documents 	FORUM Groups 1-20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Office
14:40 - 15:20	Presentation on GREEN AUCA Initiative	FORUM Groups 1- 20

		▪ 'Green AUCA' Team
15:20 -16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus Security and Fire Safety Issues • Facilities for students with disabilities 	FORUM Groups 1- 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Physical Plant Department
16:00 -16:10	Break	
16:10 –18:30	SURVIVAL DAY “AUCA-GRAPHIA”	FORUM / CH I / GYM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student Life Office ▪ Volunteers ▪ Medical Office

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Peer advisors</i> are available at the FORUM during lunchtime to answer your questions about academic issues, including registration. 	
13:00–14:00	ACADEMIC SUCCESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Expectations • Components of the Degree • General Education + First Year Overview • Learning Skills 	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 Head
14:00 - 14:10	Break	
14:10– 15:10	STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-harassment Policy • Communication and Social Media Practices • Code of Students’ Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct 	FORUM Groups 1-20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dean of Student Affairs • Student Affairs Coordinator • Student Life Officer
15:10-15:40	“UNIQUE SPIRIT”	FORUM Groups 1-20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Art Director ▪ Student Life Office ▪ Volunteers

15:20 -15:50	WRITING AND ACADEMIC RESOURCES CENTER (WARC) Presentation	FORUM Groups 1-20 ▪ WARC Director and Coordinators
15:50– 16:00	Break	
16:00–17:00	LIBRARY SESSION and USER X	CH I (440) - Parallel Session for Groups 1- 10 ▪ Library, IT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

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 at the FORUM during lunchtime to answer your questions about academic issues, including registration.	
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	INTRODUCTION TO ONLINE REGISTRATION	Groups 1-10 > CH I (440) Groups 11-15 > Room 434 Groups 16- 20 > Room 410 ▪ Registrar’s Office
15:00 –15:10	Break	
15:10– 15:40	COUNSELING SERVICE at AUCA	FORUM Groups 1-20 ▪ Counseling Service Office
15:40 –16:10	CCE (Civic Engagement Center) and SIDP (Student Initiative Development Program) Presentation	FORUM Groups 1-20 ▪ CCE Executive Director
16:10– 16:50	ACADEMIC INTEGRITY at AUCA: Anti-plagiarism Session	FORUM Groups 1-20 ▪ WARC Director
16:50-17:00	Break	
17:00 –18:00	LIBRARY SESSION and USER X	CH I (440) - Parallel Session for Groups 11-20 ▪ Library, IT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer advisors are available at the FORUM during lunchtime to answer your questions about academic issues, including registration. 	
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	MEETING WITH ACADEMIC ADVISORS *Office Managers of major programs should bring departmental CHECKLISTS to this meeting	SFW - FORUM ICP - Room G34 ANTH - Room 207 IBL - Room 220 ES - Room 301 TCMA - Room 306 JMC - Room 307 AMI - Room 309 SOC - Room 409 ECON - Room 410 AGEO/EMSD - Room 430 PSY - Room 434 LAS - Room 435 BA - CHI (440) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Advising Office Managers of Academic Programs
15:20–15:30	Break	
15:30-16:00	CAREER DEVELOPMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career Development Center Presentation 	FORUM Groups 1-20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career Development Office
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 28

Reminder: The deadline for submission of a student portfolio is August 30

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 at the FORUM during lunchtime to answer your questions about academic issues, including registration.	
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	FORUM Groups 1-20 ▪ Scholarships and Financial Aid Office
15:00-16:00	Q&A SESSION: “GOOD ADVICE AND GOOD QUESTIONS” • Meeting with Department Chairs and Office Managers of all Undergraduate Academic Programs	ICP – Room G34 ANTH - Room 207 IBL – Room 220 ES – Room 301 AGEO/EMSD - Room 304 TCMA – Room 306 JMC – Room 307 SOC – Room 308 AMI – Room 309 LAS – Room 409 PSY - Room 410 BA – Room 434 ECON – Room 435 SFW – CH I (440) ▪ Department Chairs/Program Coordinators ▪ Office Managers
16:00-16:10	Break	
16:10-17:00	AUCA THEATER “MIRRORS” MUSICAL presentation	CH I Groups 1-20 ▪ AUCA Art Director

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student Life Office ▪ Volunteers
17:00-17:10	Break	
17:10- 19:00	“STAR ACADEMY” rehearsals	CH I (Room 440) Groups 1-20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student Life Office ▪ Volunteers

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

DEADLINE FOR MINI- INTELLECTUAL ESSAY SUBMISSION!

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 at the FORUM during lunchtime to answer your questions about academic issues, including registration.	
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	“SHARED READING BY STUDENTS & FACULTY” (Whole L&T community (LT faculty and students) share their writing that they have produced during the program.)	CH I – Groups 1- 9 Room 410 – Groups 10- 13 Room 434 – Groups 14 -16 Room 435 – Groups 17, 18 Room G34 – Groups 19, 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Language and Thinking Faculty ▪ All freshmen
15:00 -15:10	Break	
15:10-16:10	KYRGYZ PLACEMENT EXAM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper-based tests will be conducted by the General Education department 	All freshmen Groups 1 - 7 – CH I (440) Groups 8 -17 - FORUM Groups 18- 20 – Room 410 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General Education Department
16:10-16:20	Break	

16:20– 18:00	"STAR ACADEMY" final rehearsals	CH I (Room 440) Groups 1-20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student Life Office ▪ Volunteers
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30
STUDENT PORTFOLIOS ARE DUE!

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 at the FORUM during lunchtime to answer your questions about academic issues, including registration.	
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	
14:20–16:00	ONLINE REGISTRATION BEGINS! 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 14:20 to 18:00!	FORUM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advisors are available at the tables in the FORUM ▪ Please visit the Academic Advising office (room #244) or email advising@auca.kg for additional information ▪ Rooms G31, G30, 233, 223, 433, 432
16:00–18:00	"STAR ACADEMY" – Final performance	FORUM Groups 1-20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student Life Office ▪ Volunteers ▪ Freshman Orientation Program Director

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, Independence Day – DAY OFF

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Time	EVENT	LOCATION - Responsible Office
8:30–10:55	<p>ONLINE REGISTRATION continues Meeting with Advisors</p> <p>COMPUTER LABS (G31, G30, 233, 223, 433, and 432) ARE OPEN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advisors are available in their offices. ▪ Please visit the Academic Advising office (room #244) or email advising@auca.kg for additional information.
10:55–11:00	Break	
11:00 –12:10	Academic Session 1	<p>Groups 1-20 in their respective rooms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Language and Thinking Faculty
12:10 –13:10	Lunch Break	
13:10 –14:30	<p>CLOSING CEREMONY “YOU ARE NOT ALONE!” Film Showing on</p> <p>“ORIENTATION 2023: Our First Steps in AUCA”</p>	<p>FORUM Groups 1-20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Freshman Orientation Director ▪ Student Life Office ▪ PR Office ▪ Volunteers
19:00-22:00	<p>AUCA FRESHMAN PARTY: AUCA AND COKE STUDIO</p> <p>Headliners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ JAX ○ Tamga ○ Aiym Aiylchieva ○ Bayastan ○ Ayana Kasymova <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Interactive Games ➤ DJ Set 	<p>OUTSIDE LAWN In front of the AUCA building (south side)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student Life Office ▪ Volunteers ▪ All Orientation Community

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Students will receive either a **“Pass”** or **“Fail”** grade based on their attendance and performance during the Academic Orientation Sessions.

In case of an *emergency*, please contact
 AUCA Freshman Orientation and Language and Thinking Program Director –
Kamilya Kadyrova at **kadyrova_k@auca.kg** or office **#420** (AUCA campus 4th floor)