

NU CENTER FOR *PREPARATORY STUDIES*



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OVERVIEW

The Center for Preparatory Studies (CPS) at Nazarbayev University was established in 2010 in cooperation with University College London, one of the world's leading universities. Today, NU CPS continues to thrive, taking in a record number of students in 2026 who are seeking access to world-class education. This is delivered through our flagship program, the Nazarbayev University Foundation Year Program (NUFYP). Designed to prepare students for undergraduate success, NUFYP acts as a gateway to Nazarbayev University and other elite international universities worldwide.

The program equips learners for success in an English-language academic environment through high-quality instruction delivered by an internationally experienced faculty. Furthermore, NUFYP holds international accreditation from the British Association of Lecturers in English for Academic Purposes (BALEAP), awarded by an independent auditor who evaluates our program against rigorous international standards. NUFYP is the only foundation year program across Central Asia and the broader CIS region to hold this distinction.

Joining NUFYP is the first step in transitioning from secondary school study to university-level undergraduate education. NUFYP curriculum will strengthen your English, Mathematics, and Leadership skills through a supportive learning environment designed to develop your critical-thinking capacity and build academic confidence.

A strong foundation is the cornerstone of future academic success.

WHY CHOOSE NU CPS

Internationally Accredited EAP Program – Our English for Academic Purposes program is accredited by BALEAP (UK)

Experienced International Faculty – Learn from highly qualified educators with international teaching experience and expertise.

Academic Learning Center – Access individual academic consultations, the Writing Lab, Speaking Circles, and other activities to strengthen your academic and communication skills.

Dedicated Student Support – Receive academic advising and personal counseling throughout your foundation year.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Language of instruction: English
Delivery mode: Full-time, on campus
Duration: 1 academic year

CURRICULUM:

Mathematics
English for Academic Purposes
Foundations of Leadership

OUR STUDENTS



Zamira Kokumbayeva, NUFYP Graduate 2026

Now that I am already studying in my undergraduate program, I can clearly see how important and valuable that year was for me.

I graduated from a regular linguistic gymnasium, not NIS or RFMS, so Foundation gave me a great opportunity to strengthen my academic background and gradually adapt to the university level. Some subjects were challenging at times, but CPS always provided a lot of additional support in all three subjects. If I found it difficult to understand something from one teacher, I could attend office hours or a personal consultation with another. Because of this, I was able to significantly improve my knowledge and become much more confident in my studies.

During this year, I became familiar with the campus, tried myself in different student clubs, and, most importantly, made many friends. Because of that, studying as an undergraduate now feels much easier both mentally and physically. The university environment is already familiar to me, so the transition to the next stage of my studies does not feel as overwhelming.

For me, Foundation was not just a preparatory year. It became one of the most valuable and important stages of my university experience.



Alima Duisen, NUFYP Graduate, 2025

When I graduated from high school, I couldn't decide on my future direction, which many students can relate to. I was interested in several fields, but it was hard to choose. The Foundation program offered the time and all the conditions to learn more about majors by communicating with senior students. Therefore, NUFYP was a good opportunity for me to prepare for further studies.

NUET WORKSHOP

Prepare for NUET with Nazarbayev University
The NUET Workshop is a full-day practical program designed to help prospective students prepare for the NUET. Led by Nazarbayev University faculty, the workshop combines focused preparation, practical activities, test-taking strategies, and a Sample NUET in exam-like conditions.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

PREPARATION WITH *NU FACULTY*

Learn effective approaches and strategies directly from experienced Nazarbayev University instructors.

PRACTICAL LEARNING

Work individually and in groups on tasks designed to strengthen key skills for the NUET.

SAMPLE NUET

Test your knowledge and experience the exam format in conditions similar to the actual NUET.

EXPERT FEEDBACK

Receive feedback from NU faculty and identify areas to focus on in your further preparation.

LEARN MORE & REGISTER



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ABOUT NU

13 900
alumni (2015–2025)

8200+
publications in collaboration
with partner universities

270+
laboratories

8000+
students in the 2025/26
academic year

founded in
2010

THE World University Rankings:
Ranks among the top 376–400 of
research universities worldwide.

#1 in Central Asia,
CIS and the Caucasus

TOP 17%
— ranking indicator

NU CPS FACULTY

approximately
50%
native speakers

72%
have international
academic experience

12
countries

NU CPS STUDENTS IN 2026

778
students

Female:
37%

Male:
63%

Students from
40
countries

70%
of faculty are international with
degrees from top universities

International Accreditation:
QAA, AMBA, European
University Association, World
Federation for Medical
Education (WFME), Joint
Commission International
(JCI)

On-campus housing from
18,000
tenge/month

Faculty and staff from
62
countries

94-hectare
campus — shops, cinema,
sports, residences, 24/7
security

98%
are working or continuing
their studies

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