



# Center for Preparatory Studies





## General Director, Center for Preparatory Studies

**Thank you for considering studying in Nazarbayev University's Foundation Year Program (NUFYP).**

Our English curriculum has been accredited by BALEAP—a UK accrediting agency — testifying that we prepare students as well as any foundation program in the world. And our teachers are here to ensure you grow and succeed in every area. We build confidence in our students so that they reach their potential intellectually while learning valuable new life skills.

If you come to study in NUFYP, you will have a great opportunity to develop academic and personal skills that prepare you to continue a degree program at NU or in any international university.

NUFYP has a challenging and intensive academic curriculum that is designed to develop students for study in any major — it will focus on what is necessary and won't waste your time. It will require discipline, perseverance, and hard work, but it will also be enjoyable and rewarding.

**We welcome you to consider joining NUFYP to be ready to follow your dream!**

# Robert K. Doebler



A wide-angle photograph of the Astrakhan skyline at night. The city is illuminated with various lights, including streetlights and building lights. The sky is a mix of purple and blue. The central feature is the Astrakhan Tower, a tall, illuminated structure with a spherical top. Other buildings of varying heights and architectural styles are visible in the background.

# Program and Duration

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## NU Foundation Year Program

Campus:

Astana, Kazakhstan

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Language of instruction:

English

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Delivery mode:

Full-time, on campus

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Duration:

1 year

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# Why choose CPS?

## International Recognition

Our English curriculum is accredited by BALEAP (UK), confirming that NUFYP meets the standards of the best foundation programs worldwide.

## World-Class Teaching

Learn from highly qualified faculty with international expertise, energy, and passion for teaching.

## Student Support

Academic advising and personal counseling that give you every opportunity to grow.

## Unique Foundation Program

One year of intensive study that develops knowledge, critical thinking, and communication skills essential for success in any NU undergraduate program.

## Pathway to NU and Beyond

Successful completion of NUFYP opens the doors to NU undergraduate study and international opportunities.

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## What you will gain

- / Academic English fluency and Mathematic skills — ready for undergraduate study.
- / Understanding of academic integrity necessary for research and degree studies.
- / Practice in leadership, decision-making, teamwork, and time management.
- / Develop essential communication skills—academic presentations, debates, framing arguments.
- / Confidence, independence, and the ability to succeed in a rigorous university environment.

# Student testimonials



**Adil Mimenbayev**

**NUFYP Graduate, 2025**

The CPS year was very eventful for me. It helped me understand myself, I learned a lot of new things and made good contacts.



**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.

**Anastassiya Pak**

**NUFYP Graduate, 2025**

CPS was truly an amazing experience before acquiring my bachelors, just as I gained academic skills, I also experienced social growth as a member of SC and 25th July Cinema, embracing one of the most valuable opportunities in NU and simply living my life to the fullest.





## Nuray Dauletova

NUFYP Graduate, 2024

Studying at the Foundation Program strongly assisted me in the adaptation to university life. Throughout the courses offered at NUFYP, I was able to strengthen both my academic and personal skills. In addition, I had an opportunity to explore undergraduate programs offered at NU and make a choice about my future studies.



## Anastassiya Tyazholova

NUFYP graduate, 2023

"I enjoyed studying at the Foundation Program, besides the fact that I acquired a lot of useful knowledge. I also found purpose in life and the activity that I really want to do. In terms of academic skills, I learnt how to write research projects, academic papers, and how to choose reliable sources of information

## Sholpan Marat

NUFYP Graduate, 2023

My time at NUFYP was one of the most memorable and transformative periods of my life. It not only helped me discover my academic path and built a strong foundation for my future studies, but also became the perfect starting point for my social and student life.





**12,000+**

alumni  
(2015–2025)

**98%**

are working or  
continuing their  
studies

**15**

years —  
founded in 2010

**70%**

of faculty are international  
with degrees from top  
universities

**8000+**

students in the 2025/26  
academic year

Students from  
**34+ countries.**

Faculty and staff  
from **62 countries.**

**250+**

laboratories

**6300+**

publications

**114**

patents

/ **94,5% of students**  
are provided with  
on-campus housing

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

/ **Accommodation**  
from 18,000 tenge/  
month

## Rankings:

THE World University  
Rankings:

**401+**

Ranks among the top

**18–23%**

of research universities  
worldwide

**#1**

in Central Asia  
and the Caucasus

## International Accreditation:

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










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