



Season's Greetings from IXO!

As we approach the end of 2018, the IXO Team extends Season's Greetings to the AUS Community, and all the very best in the New Year.

IXO Calendar

December 15 - 22

Final Examination Period

January 1, 2019

Happy New Year!

January 2

IXO turns nine years old!

January 17

Incoming Spring 2018
Arrive to Dorms

January 27

First Day of Classes



IXO Team Fall 2018

Student Opportunities

Testimonial - John Cabot University

Saif Abueida is a senior mechanical engineering major who studied abroad at John Cabot University (JCU) in Rome, Italy during Summer 2018. He enrolled in a three credit course for four weeks to fulfill the Culture in a Critical Perspective requirement at AUS. He mentioned that 70 percent of the students who attended JCU in the summer were study abroad students from countries all over the world. During orientation week, he was introduced to Rome, the local culture and practical information. Saif was also able to visit the Amalfi Coast, the Pantheon, Capri, Pompei and Venice. He enthusiastically recommends this program to other AUS students because it is a perfect chance to explore Rome and its surroundings while fulfilling the university's general requirements.



Saif Abueida and friends at the Pantheon, Rome

IXO Events

Tolerance Day 2018

On the International Day for Tolerance, IXO collaborated with the Student Council for a trip around the globe. The event brought together students and faculty members from different cultures. Dr. Maher Bahloul, Department of English, gave an interesting talk about accepting and embracing others. Attendees also shared their experiences and perspectives. The event featured several activities including traditional games, painting, karaoke and the sharing of cultural artifacts.



Moments from the International Day of Tolerance 2018

How to Market Your Study Abroad Experience

Rose Armour, the Director of Sustainability, recently delivered our regular IXO workshop "How to Market Your Study Abroad Experience to Potential Employers." The event helps students to turn their study abroad experience into a significant asset as they move into a job search. Studying abroad has an overall positive impact on the development of a wide range of job skills, all highly valued by potential employers, including cognitive competencies such as confidence, problem solving and language skills, as well as interpersonal competencies such as communication, teamwork and leadership skills.

BBQ in Al Ain

Study abroad students spent a day in Mubazzara Park just below Jabel Hafeet Mountain in Al Ain. They enjoyed the cool weather, the hot springs and a special Arabic BBQ for lunch.



Thomas and Emad in Mubazzara Park

Thanksgiving and Farewell Dinner

IXO hosted a farewell Thanksgiving dinner at the Centro Hotel in Sharjah, an official event to say goodbye to the students who studied at AUS this Fall 2018. We wish our fall cohort a safe return journey and request that they stay in touch.



Exchange Students during the Thanksgiving Dinner

IXO Alumni Updates

Alice Tynska, SIALP Alumna

Alice Tynska is an alumna from Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic. She studied at AUS during the Summer Intensive Arabic Language Program (SIALP) held in Summer 2018. She visited IXO while in the UAE on holiday with her mother.



Sara Beghidja, Study Abroad Alumna

IXO enjoyed a recent visit from Sara Beghidja, who studied abroad at AUS in Fall 2016 from University of Nice. She just dropped in to visit when she was here on holiday with her family.



Grace Morales, Sara Beghidja and Linda Angell

Sonia Soares, Study Abroad Alumna

Sonia Soares studied in Spring 2012 at Virginia Tech University. She worked at IXO as a Peer Advisor after returning and until her graduation. She is currently getting a Master's Degree in Environmental Engineering in the Netherlands. She was visiting her family in the UAE, and decided to stop by our office. It was lovely to see her.



Grace Morales, Linda Angell, Sonia Soares and Lillie de Guzman

Sankar Narayanan, Friend of IXO

Sankar Narayanan paid us a visit this month. Sankar graduated from AUS's computer science program in Fall 2016 and recently graduated with his Master's Degree in Software Engineering from University of Melbourne in Australia. It is so good to catch up with him and hear about his adventures abroad.



Study Tours

CAAD - Morocco Study Tour

The Department of Architecture is planning a study tour for the students during the winter break to Casablanca and Marrakesh, Morocco. Students will be able to experience the original mid-century modern architecture, as well as a combination of both traditionalist and orientalist architecture and urban design. The students will be chaperoned by Dr. Faysal Tabbarah and Ms. Zaina Al Khayyat.

IISE - Italy Study Tour

The Department of Industrial Engineering is planning a study tour for the students during the winter break to Rome, Florence and Venice, Italy. Students will visit leading universities and industries in their respective fields. The students will be chaperoned by Dr. Abdulrahim Shamayleh and Ms. Melanie Walter.

Additional Study Tours Planned

During Spring Break, Finance Executives (FiEx) will visit Paris, France and Frankfurt, Germany with Dr. Narjess Boubakri and Dr. Kimberly Gleason. Another study tour, led by Dr. Igor Peraza, Department of Architecture, will visit Shanghai. In summer, additional faculty-led study tours are planned to Italy, Brussels, Spain and Thailand.

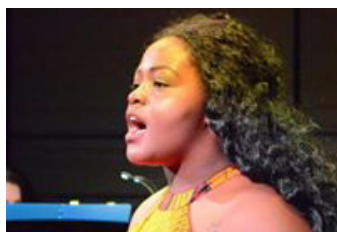
IXO News

Vive Vocal Concert

Several very talented study abroad students participated actively in the Vive Vocal Concert this fall, including Lindsay Walsh, Tamia Wallace, Iina Honkakoski and Lydia Shepherd. We love to see our students becoming so actively involved in the Performing Arts Program.



Lindsay Walsh and
Tamia Wallace



Tamia Wallace

Cirkus

Cirkus is a production that was developed as a collaborative effort among performing arts students. It began with story-circles in which the students shared personal stories about themselves, and these stories eventually evolved into a series of esoteric poems. We enjoyed cheering on our student Roxanne Alvarado, who played a key role as the trapeze artist in this wonderful production.



Moments from *Cirkus*

Michael Kaufman

Michael Kaufman, an IXO student from Puerto Rico, recently travelled to San Francisco as part of the Management Leadership for Tomorrow Program, a US-based program for US-based minority students with a goal of assisting them to obtain high-level positions upon graduation. Congratulations to Michael on his participation in this exciting program.

Happy Birthday IXO !
Our office will
turn nine years old on
January 2, 2019.

Outgoing Spring 2019 Students

Twenty students from AUS have been placed in 15 universities across the US, and in the UK, Netherlands and South Korea, to study abroad in Spring 2019. We wish them well, and we hope they make the most out of this wonderful opportunity. If you are interested in studying abroad in Spring 2020, visit our office (MG50) or contact us at ixo@aus.edu.

Guests and Delegations

Salzburg University of Applied Sciences

A group of design management students from Salzburg University of Applied Sciences came from Austria to spend a week at American University of Sharjah to work with Dr. Kathryn Best, Associate Professor of Art and Design, and her design management students in the College of Architecture, Art and Design. The group was able to spend some time exploring the UAE. IXO was delighted to assist with a cultural orientation and a campus tour.



Design management students from Salzburg University