

Farewell to our exchange students

After a wonderful semester, we are sad to say goodbye to the IXO students who were with us during Fall 2013. It was a pleasure having you, and we hope you enjoyed your semester with us. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

At the same time, we're also saying goodbye to our 13 outgoing Spring 2014 students and wishing them all good luck! These students are spread out across the US, Canada, and France. We hope their study abroad experience proves to be an amazing experience, and we look forward to hearing all about it upon their return.



Farewell dinner for Fall 2013 students

IXO students excel in Arabic



Dr. Jeremy Palmer sent this photo with a note: "These IXO students excelled in my course ARA 314 Media Arabic. We spoke in Arabic from the first day. In fact, I hardly know what their voices sound like in English!"

Welcome to incoming Spring 2014 exchange students!

While we say our goodbyes with a heavy heart, please join us in welcoming our 44 incoming Spring 2014 students to AUS! We're glad to have you at AUS, and hope you enjoy your time here.

In addition to these incoming students, we welcome home 21 returning students who studied abroad in Fall 2013. We can't wait to hear about your adventures abroad!

Happy 4th Birthday, IXO!

Four years ago, in Spring 2010, we had a total of 13 students studying abroad at AUS, and 3 outgoing students studying at one of the approximately 5 bilateral partners we had in place. In comparison, this Fall 2013 semester we welcomed a record 46 incoming students, and sent a record 21 students out. Our outgoing numbers are actually growing hugely, as we have already received a new record number of 40 outbound applications for Fall 2014!

Over the years, we have also enabled hundreds of students to attend international study tours, welcomed over 100 visiting scholars, and oriented hundreds of visiting guests either individually or as part of various delegations from around the world. We have significantly expanded the number of study abroad destinations available to AUS students, and the number of avenues open for students from all over the world to study abroad here at AUS. We have increased our tuition exchange offerings, and reduced many of the barriers that have prevented our students from studying abroad in the past. We have also hosted a wide number of events for the AUS Community. Financially, we have grown to the extent that we are now contributing substantially toward university operating expenses.

The IXO Team is really proud of all the progress we've made in establishing the international exchange program here at AUS, and we want to thank you for all of your support over the years. We look forward to working with you toward the continued growth and prosperity of AUS in the coming years!

Global Engagement Institute invites volunteers!

The Global Institute (GEI) offers high-impact short-term programs to students and professionals. It offers varied opportunities for global social engagement, from experiential learning to service learning to global development. For example, this year, one opportunity includes the chance to help train 2,000 Rwandan nurses and midwives to save newborn lives through an initiative called Helping Babies Breathe (HBB). For more information about the institution and its programs, please visit: <http://global-engagement.org>.



IXO holiday party

IXO's semester in photos



IXO trip to Musandam, Oman



IXO students at Sharjah bakery



IXO lounge game nights



IXO paintball team