

## Adventure of a Lifetime!

Spend a semester abroad and have the adventure of a lifetime.

The study abroad program at AUS is affordable, and allows you to apply your financial grants and scholarships toward expected costs.

Study abroad should not impact your GPA or your expected graduation date, and upon completion, you can transfer credits back to count towards your graduation.

So long as you have a minimum GPA of 2.5, you can study abroad in your junior year, or first semester senior year. The higher your GPA, the more opportunities will be available to you.

Study abroad requires one year to plan and apply. Visit IXO for advising in the first semester of your sophomore year.

The International Exchange Office is located on the Ground Floor of the Main Building, MG50.

## Develop Your Career

Every semester, IXO hosts the workshop "How to Market Your Study Abroad Experience to Potential Employers."

Studying abroad has an overall positive impact on the development of a wide range of job skills, all highly valued by potential employers, including intrapersonal competencies such as flexibility and adaptability; cognitive competencies such as confidence, problem solving and language skills; and interpersonal competencies such as communication, teamwork and leadership skills.

## IXO Calendar

**May 16**

Last Day of Exams!  
Congratulations to Our Graduates!

**May 26 to 28**

IXO Welcomes and Orients  
Incoming Summer Students

**June 7**

IXO Iftar Dinner and  
Summer Outing to Old Dubai

This semester's workshop, held on Sunday, April 22, was led by Rose Armour, IXO Volunteer. In addition to the workshop, Rose has generously offered to follow-up with participants afterwards to revise and improve their resumes, and solidify their job search strategy. IXO would like to take the opportunity to thank Rose for working with our students this way.

In fact, Rose's job search advising has already paid off since one of our current students, Gloria Rosario, landed a fantastic internship with an NGO located in India, where she will be working as Assistant Manager to the Program Director. Congratulations, Gloria!



Rose Leads Workshop

## IXO Team Updates

### Well done, Sawi

Congratulations to Ahmed Elswawi, our peer advisor, who recently joined the Engineering Honor Society, and who won first prize over Spring Break competing with the AUS Leopard Swim Team at the ACG International Sports Festival in Greece.



Ahmed Elswawi and the AUS Swim Team

### Welcome back, Himo

Ibrahim Owais (Himo) is studying abroad via ISEP Exchange at Virginia Tech this spring semester. He is having a great adventure and enjoying the beautiful weather in Virginia. We look forward to welcoming him back to the IXO Team.



Ibrahim Owais (second from left)

### Welcome, Nadine and Sara

IXO welcomes two new publicity specialists, both mass communications majors specializing in advertising: Nadine Abdul Majeed and Sara Omar Mostafa. They will publish our future newsletters and design IXO publicity materials. Welcome to both.



Nadine Abdul Majeed



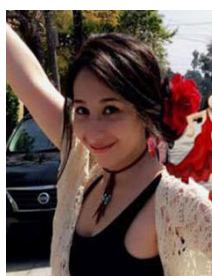
Sara Omar Mostafa

### Congratulations, Graduates!

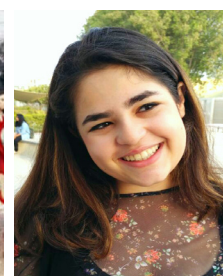
Congratulations to our graduating student employees: Leontia D'Silva, Shaza Khalil, and Tasnim Tinawi! We thank them for their many contributions to IXO, and wish them all of the best for their next great adventures! They will be missed.



Leontia D'Silva



Shaza Khalil



Tasnim Tanawi

### Farewell, Hong

Hong Ho, Regional Director for our partner, Academic Programs International (API), is moving to Ottawa, Canada soon with her family. She has contributed so much to our programs since joining the IXO team in 2012, and will be terribly missed.



Hong Ho, Regional Director, API

## AUS Visitors

### Sun Y At-Sen University

We hosted a Sun Y At-Sen University delegation on April 22 which included Dr. Wang Tinghuai, President, Xinhua College, Director of the Medical Information Institute, and Professor of Physiology; Dr. Cao Yingnan, Associate Professor and Office Director of the School of Pharmacy, Xinhua College; and Dr. Kaiguo Zhou, Finance Professor at Lingnan College.



Visiting Delegates from China

### University of North Georgia

We hosted a visit on April 19 from our ISEP partner, University of North Georgia. The delegation included Awad Awad, Arabic Lecturer; Daniela Martinez, Director of Sponsored Programs Language; and Dr. Victoria Hightower, Associate Professor, History and Assistant Director, Scholarships Office. We hope to send students to them soon.



North Georgia Delegates with IXO Staff

## IXO Events

### Pre-Departure Orientation

IXO held a pre-departure orientation on Wednesday, April 11, to prepare outgoing Fall 2018 students for their upcoming academic and cultural experience while abroad. The orientation was followed by a mixer dinner during which the outgoing fall students were joined by returned AUS study abroad students, as well as the cohort currently studying here at AUS.

We were pleased to see such a big turnout for this event. We enjoy the ongoing support we receive from students who previously studied abroad and then support other students upon their return.



Pre-Departure Orientation



Pre-Departure Dinner

## IXO Events

### Arabic Cooking Class

Hong Ho, Regional Director, Academic Programs International, organized an Arabic cooking class at Table 9 restaurant at the Hilton Dubai Creek on April 6. Our favorite part was tasting the four mezze dishes, followed by Tokcapi Chicken, and then the delicious chocolate fondant.



Arabic Cooking Class

### Study Abroad Fair

IXO held a Study Abroad Fair in March in the Student Center Atrium to inform students about opportunities to study abroad and to answer any questions or concerns they might have. We collected contact details for interested students, and will continue to follow up in future.



Study Abroad Fair

## IXO Alumni Updates

### Kamra Hakim

It was great to see our IXO alumnus Kamra Hakim, who studied at AUS from Arizona State University via CIEE in Spring 2014. She was visiting the UAE along with a group of students coming through a faculty-led study tour from her graduate program at New York University (NYU).

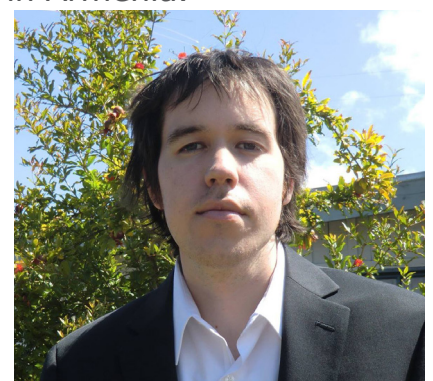


Kamra Hakim (far right)

### Tim Avila

Tim Avila studied abroad at AUS way back in Fall 2011, through ISEP Exchange from San Jose State University in California, USA. He recently updated us that he is teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) at the International Rescue Committee in San Jose. He is applying to ESL schools in Eastern Europe now and hoping that he will get a job with a language school in Armenia.

He has seen the IXO photos being posted on social media, and he said it is great to see so many people getting involved in the program.



Tim Avila