

## IXO Calendar

**November 18**

Al Mawlid Al Nabawi Holiday

**November 22**

IXO's Farewell Thanksgiving Dinner

**November 23**

Fujairah Trip for IXO Students

**November 24**

Make-up Class Day

**November 30 - December 3**

Commemoration Day and National  
Day Holidays

## Pizza and Conversation

The IXO, together with the Academic Support Center, held a Pizza and Conversation evening for IXO students studying at AUS. This informal event encourages study abroad students to further reflect on life and culture within AUS, Sharjah, the UAE and the Arab and Islamic world.



Sharing Pizza and Conversation

## Student Opportunities

### John Cabot University, Rome

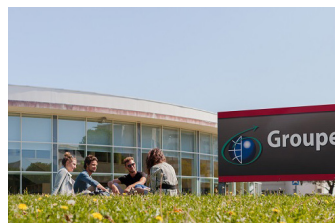
John Cabot University in Rome, Italy offers a visiting study abroad opportunity for majors in the College of Arts and Sciences. Applications are currently being accepted for Spring 2019. For more information, please visit: <https://www.johncabot.edu/>.



John Cabot University, Rome

### Study in La Rochelle, France

La Rochelle Business School offers AACSB-accredited graduate MBA courses in both English and French. The program is located in the gorgeous seaside city of La Rochelle, rich in history and French culture. For more information, please visit: <https://www.excelia-group.com>.



La Rochelle Business School

Medieval Harbor

### Yale Arab Alumni Association

The Yale Arab Alumni Association is an independent, shared interest group with a mission to bring together alumni and affiliates of Yale University with an interest in the Arab World. They offer opportunities for students interested in applying to graduate programs at Yale, or to any faculty members wanting to host a Yale faculty member for a lecture or organize a collaborative symposium. For more information, please visit: <http://yalearabalumni.org/>.

## IXO Events

During the month of October, and with the weather cooling off, the IXO team offered several events and trips for our study abroad students. Students visited Abu Dhabi to explore the Louvre Museum and the Sheikh Zayed Mosque; the Al Marmoun camel races on the outskirts of Dubai; an overnight desert safari to enjoy the warmth of a desert bonfire under the stars; and a dhow cruise through Musandam in Oman via Dibba. In addition, several of the students dressed up and celebrated Halloween while trick-or-treating their way across campus. We want to ensure that all students who spend a semester here come away with a strong knowledge of all that the UAE, Sharjah and the AUS community have to offer.



IXO Students Visit the Louvre



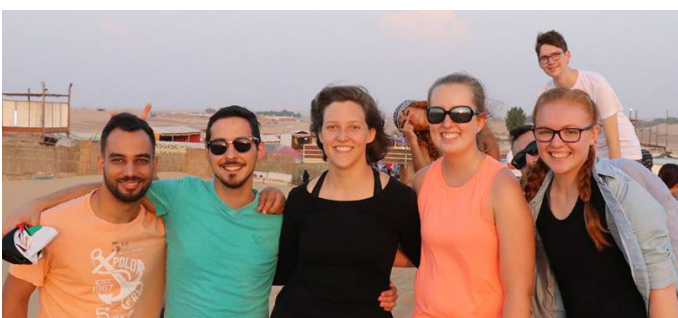
IXO Students Visit the Sheikh Zayed Mosque



IXO Students Enjoy the Camel Races



IXO Students in Musandam



IXO Students Enjoy the Desert Safari



IXO Students Around the Desert Safari Bonfire



## Study Abroad Fair and Workshop

The IXO held a Study Abroad Fair and Workshop to answer students' questions about studying abroad, advise them about the options available, help them understand the process of applying, and share their experiences with them. The event proved to be very successful. We love helping AUS students have the experience of a lifetime.



Study Abroad Workshop

## Outgoing Students

### CAAD Faculty-led Semester Abroad

Fifteen fourth- and fifth-year AUS architecture students are completing studio courses in Barcelona this semester, led by their CAAD professors.

This "Architecture Abroad" program provides an international academic experience to develop program majors into active, informed and culturally sensitive citizens in a diverse and changing global community. The semester program combines academic rigor with experiential learning through immersion in a vibrant urban context with a rich mix of historical, cultural and architectural content.

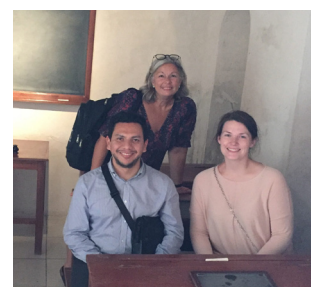
This is the second time CAAD has offered this program with great success.

## IXO News

### Recent Visitors

This month, IXO enjoyed a visit from Pablo Ulloa-Perez, Director of Member Relations for Europe, Latin America and the Middle East, International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) and Cathy Knudson, Assistant Director of International Recruitment, Office of Global Affairs, East Carolina University, an ISEP member university.

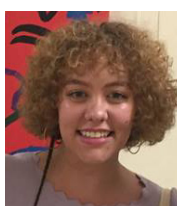
Pablo visited the AUS campus, and then Cathy joined for an afternoon in the historical Heart of Sharjah area as well as an evening in Dubai. We are always glad to welcome our ISEP partners to AUS.



Pablo, Linda and Cathy

### Congratulations, Lydia!

Lydia Shepherd, an exchange student, is working as a music tutor with the Ministry of Education's Masterpieces Program. Her students will perform for His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, at the La Perle Theatre.



### Visiting Scholar News

As of November 4, IXO has handed over much of the Visiting Scholar and Postdoctoral Fellow Program to Human Resources (HR). IXO will continue to handle anyone who is coming with their own funding, while HR will manage all AUS research-funded people.

## Recent Visitors

IXO hosted a group from various Spanish universities, led by a representative from the Spanish Embassy. Our Peer Advisor Kamil Khan gave them a tour around campus, and then they met with Dr. Linda Angell, IXO Director, to explore possible collaborations. They also attended the Najah Education Expo in Abu Dhabi.



Lillie DeGuzman, Mar Reguero, David Gil, Linda Angell, Francisco Sanchez, Erik Rovina and Kamil Khan

## IXO Team Updates

### AUS Women's Choir

Dr. Linda Angell and Iina Honkakoski, one of our exchange students from Finland, are both singing in the AUS Women's Choir this semester. The choir will be performing on Monday and Tuesday, November 26 and 27.



Dr. Linda Angell and Iina Honkakoski

### Congratulations, Sawi!

Congratulations to Ahmed Elsayi, one of our Peer Advisors, for winning five gold medals during the AUD Fall Sports Tournament, as well as for receiving the Fall 2018 Partial Athletic Scholarship. We are glad to have him on our IXO team!



Ahmed Elsayi

## Testimonial - Why Study Abroad?

"I heard about the study abroad program when I joined university back in Fall 2015, when the Director of the IXO spoke to us during Orientation. Right then, I decided that this was something that I was interested in. The idea of studying at an entirely new university for six months sounded great. Just thinking about the experiences that I would have far away from home gave me goosebumps. I am really glad that I did it.

I studied abroad in the Netherlands, which allowed me to travel throughout Europe. I visited nine countries, including Portugal, Spain, Germany, Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary and Italy. My university was close enough to the Belgian border that I could cycle there within 10 minutes. I made some really great friends that I'm still in touch with. I feel like I have places around the world with friends waiting for me.

Study abroad definitely changed me as a person. If there is anything in my life that I can repeat, it would be this program. I highly recommend this experience to everyone. You don't know what you're missing out on and what the exchange program has to offer you. This is one of the reasons I work at the IXO as a Peer Advisor now."

- Kamil Khan, Maastricht University, Spring 2018



Kamil Khan and Study Abroad Friends