 Semester at Sea

IXO is happy to announce its new partnership with the Semester at Sea program, an exciting new study abroad option enabling AUS students to complete a semester aboard a cruise ship that takes them over 106 days to 11 countries and 13 cities around the world.

Students are given the chance to have a truly international experience, while earning credits and receiving transcripts from Colorado State University in the USA.

AUS students automatically receive a discount of US $400 on their fees and can also apply for the many different scholarships and financial aid offered by the program. Some of these scholarships are open to any student; some are based on GPA, and others target particular majors, nationalities and/or other criteria. Many of these scholarships award substantial fees.

Students are advised to plan early as visas may be needed for each port-of-call. A year of planning in advance is recommended.

For more information, please visit IXO and check the website: https://www.semesteratsea.org/voyages/fall-2018/

IXO Calendar

November 23
IXO's Farewell Thanksgiving Dinner

December 2
Application Deadline for Study Abroad in Fall 2018

January 12 to 19
IEEE Study Tour to Greece

January 20
CIC-TEP Application Deadline for AUS Faculty/Staff

IXO News

ISEP Photo Contest

Former incoming study abroad student Asya Wilson is a finalist for the ISEP study abroad photo contest. A student at Virginia Commonwealth University, Asya studied at AUS during AY 2015-16.

Asya Preparing to Dance on Stage for AUS Global Day

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**Summer Opportunities**

**Summer Program at the University of Oxford**

Exeter College, the fourth oldest college within the University of Oxford, UK, is open for study abroad in Summer 2018. Seventy students from 17 universities around the world participated in last summer's program, including AUS student Reem Al Nuaimi, an electrical engineering major. Courses offered are quite varied.

Reem thought it was a great experience on every level. Apart from the high-quality academic experience, she also enjoyed the various social and cultural activities offered as part of the program.

This summer's program will take place over six weeks, from July 1 to August 11, 2018 and will continue to run annually. Students must have a minimum 3.3 GPA to apply. For more information, visit: https://exetersummerprogramme.com

**African Internship Opportunity**

African Campus is offering an opportunity for undergraduate students of all levels to become members of the Oceans Research Unit in Mossel Bay, South Africa.

The renowned Oceans Research Internship offers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for students to gain hands-on practical training in conducting research on South Africa's marine megafauna, including the great white shark. Interns join the scientists daily on their research expeditions to conduct groundbreaking research and experiments involving Mossel Bay's sharks and marine mammals.

As part of this internship, students will gain valuable insight and training in the latest research techniques and seamanship to equip them with the skills necessary to be a successful marine biologist.

For more information, please visit: http://african-campus.com/product/oceans-research-great-white-shark-research

**Summer Program at University College London**

University College London (UCL), ranked seventh best university in the world by 2018 QS World Rankings, is also offering an exciting summer program, which gives AUS students the chance to study in London for six weeks over the summer for credit.

UCL's academic specialties cover most subjects, from the arts and social sciences to health and physical sciences. Their innovative focus on interdisciplinary study to examine global issues sets them apart. In addition, their location, in one of the world's most dynamic capital cities, offers unrivalled personal, social and academic benefits that will enhance any CV or résumé.

The program conducted an information session at AUS in November. For more information, visit: http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-ucl/summer-school
IXO Events

Trip to Musandam

IXO organized a trip to Musandam, Oman. Study abroad students spent a day of fun and laughter aboard a local cruise departing from Dibba.

Pizza and Conversation

Every semester, IXO coordinates with the Academic Support Center to offer a Pizza and Conversation evening for IXO students studying at AUS. The event aims to encourage the incoming exchange students to share and discuss questions about life and culture within AUS, Sharjah, the UAE, and more generally, the Arab and Islamic world. We cover so many interesting topics this way!
Outgoing Students

CAAD Semester Abroad

Fifteen fourth- and fifth-year AUS architecture students are completing studio courses in Barcelona this semester, along with their CAAD professors, including Igor Curiel and Camilo Cerro.

This "Architecture Abroad" program provides an international academic experience to develop the ability to be active, informed and culturally sensitive citizens in a diverse and changing global community. The one-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 initiative will enrich their educational experience and provide opportunities for immersion in another cultural context.

Latest word indicates they are enjoying the experience to the fullest.

IXO Team Updates

Congratulations Abubaker!

IXO's peer advisor Mohamed "Abubaker" Abdullah, working in partnership with another AUS student, just won first prize in the Explore Mars Poster Competition, a prestigious competition held by the Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC) in Dubai. We would like to congratulate him on this proud achievement.