

"If you're twenty-two, physically fit, hungry to learn and be better, I urge you to travel – as far and as widely as possible. Sleep on floors if you have to. Find out how other people live and eat and cook. Learn from them – wherever you go."

- Anthony Bourdain



IXO Fall 2018 exchange students in the Arabian Wildlife Center

IXO Calendar

October 24

Pre-Departure Orientation,
Outgoing Spring 2019 Students

October 26

Calligraphy Class for IXO Students

November 6

IXO Workshop:
How to Market Your Study Abroad
Experience to Potential Employers

November 17

Application Deadline for Outgoing
Fall 2019 Exchange Students

November 22

IXO's Farewell Thanksgiving Dinner

ISEP Voices Blogger Program

The ISEP Voices Blogger is a professional program that captures unique stories from ISEP students studying all over the world. One of our ISEP exchange students, Michael Kaufman, applied to the program and was chosen in Fall 2018 to become one of their bloggers. Michael is a super senior studying accounting and operations management at the University of Puerto Rico. His first blog post is "Why Not having a Destination in Mind Enhances Your Study Abroad Experience."



Michael Kaufman with the Puerto Rican Flag

Why Study Abroad?

"Before I went abroad, I was shy, and I didn't socialize much. During my stay in the States, I was able to meet new people with different backgrounds, and I was able to conquer my fear and shyness. I had new experiences, and I was exposed to different cultures. I had my first job there, and was even promoted. I also volunteered for the first time to help people with food insecurities. I travelled to a lot of places with my other exchange friends including: Chicago; Washington, DC; Las Vegas; Los Angeles; and New York City. After I came back, I realized that I have matured in so many aspects of life. Travelling abroad through an exchange program was the best experience I've had so far. I would definitely recommend it for students at AUS."

- Seif Abdelhakm, Miami University Ohio, AY17-18



Seif and his friends in Badlands National Park

IXO News

AUS Hosts Delegates From China

The IXO team welcomed visiting delegates from the Zhejiang University in China to AUS this fall. The delegates received a tour around campus and then met Dr. Mahmoud Anabtawi, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and other CAS faculty. The visitors were impressed by the beauty of the campus and by our many university facilities.



Delegates from China with Dr. Linda Angell

24-Hour Challenge

The EF Youth 24-Hour Challenge is an international competition that encourages students to find creative and engaging solutions to world problems. Juan Sapriza, an electronics engineering major studying here this semester from Universidad Catolica del Uruguay, worked with three AUS team members to develop a platform, Murshidy, to enable retired citizens to share their knowledge about jobs, internships and languages. Congratulations to Juan's team for winning the challenge!



Juan and his team members

Study Abroad Student Involvement

Our exchange students have shown great interest in different extracurricular and athletic activities. Roxanna Stephanie got a role in the play *Cirkus*; Amun Kay, Laniqua Mack and Tamia Wallace got roles in *DNA*; Kassie Fuller is now playing for the AUS football team; Bill Harris is involved in powerlifting; Alex Irish is playing basketball; and Addison Bell and Ben Magnuson are running track. Great job everyone!



Roxanna



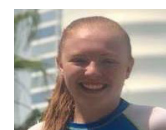
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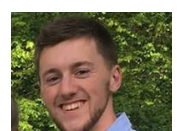
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Alex



Addison



Ben

IXO Events

Peace One Day Charity Match

IXO students participated in a Peace One Day Charity Football Match organized by the AUS Bridge Program. The newly formed IXO team played two matches against the Bridge Program team while members of IXO and the Achievement Academy cheered them on.



IXO students during the Peace One Day Charity Match

New Buddy Program

IXO's new Buddy Program, developed by Peer Advisor Anwar Elsheikh, launched this fall. After filling out a questionnaire, exchange students were matched with AUS students depending on their personalities, hobbies and preferences. The program quickly proved to be a huge success, with involvement from many students across different years, colleges/schools, majors and nationalities. We would like to share one of many success stories with you. Simah Hasan, a finance major recently arrived from San Diego State University, was matched with Rania Almadi, an AUS industrial engineering major. Simah said Rania was very welcoming and friendly, providing her with support and offering advice whenever she needed it. Simah recommends this program to all exchange students to help lessen their culture shock.



Simah and Rania, IXO Buddies

IXO Mixer

The IXO Mixer aimed to facilitate direct interactions between new incoming study abroad students and AUS faculty, staff and students. The mixer, held during the second week of the semester, incorporated ice breaker games and a shared meal. Representatives from the Egyptian, Palestinian, Pakistani, Jordanian and Indian cultural clubs; International Student Club; CAS faculty members; and other friends of IXO joined. The attendees also enjoyed cultural performances by AUS students.



IXO Mixer Attendees



Palestinian Dabke

International Student Club

AUS recently celebrated its cultural diversity during the Fall 2018 Club Fair. The two-day event featured 74 cultural and interest-oriented clubs, including the International Student Club. The exchange students had a wonderful time pursuing their personal interests outside the classroom and helping the club board members to decorate their booths. The students also enjoyed cultural performances, music and food. We love to see our study abroad students participating in AUS clubs.



International Students Club Booth



Opening Ceremony

International Opportunities

African Campus, South Africa

African Campus hosts internship and volunteer programs designed to help you gain experience while enjoying the wildlife of South Africa. From research to media knowledge, these programs empower wildlife conservationists to protect vulnerable animals and our planet. For more information, please visit: <http://african-campus.com/programs/>.

GO India Initiatives (GII), India

GII, a non-credit-bearing educational and experiential program, invites AUS students to engage with India for nine days. For every five AUS students who participate, they will provide a 50 percent scholarship for the sixth student. This would be a great opportunity for a faculty-led study tour, or for a group of students to plan on their own. Participating students must be at least 18 years old, and can be from any field of study. For more information, please visit: www.goindiainitiative.thinkeducation.in.

Cyber Intelligence Opportunities, IBM

Miranda Ritchie (previously Miranda Sumey) studied abroad at AUS in Spring 2010. She manages the cyber intelligence teams at IBM. They are looking for good AUS engineering candidates to join them. If you are interested, please contact Miranda on LinkedIn at www.linkedin.com/in/miranda-ritchie.

John Cabot University, Rome

There is a new visiting study abroad opportunity at John Cabot University's Rome, Italy campus for majors in the College of Arts and Sciences. AUS students receive an application fee waiver and a 10 percent discount on tuition and fees, and participants must pay all fees directly to this host university. Applications are currently being accepted for Spring 2019, and if interested, you should visit IXO and apply soon. For more information, please visit <https://www.johncabot.edu/>.

IXO Team Updates

Farewell and Congratulations

We would like to say farewell to Rose Armour and congratulate her on her new role as campus director of sustainability. We are honored to have worked with her and wish her all the best. Also, congratulations and welcome to Lan-ahn Aveyard on her new role as the API Regional Director. IXO looks forward to working with her to welcome API students.



Lan-ahn Aveyard



Rose Armour



Carter Habeeb

IXO Alumni Updates

Congratulations, Carter!

Carter Habeeb studied at AUS through ISEP in Spring 2016, and is currently pursuing his master's degree in international training and education at American University, Washington, DC. Carter recently joined the ISEP Global Office team as an Alumni Intern. Congratulations, Carter! We wish you all the best.

