

"Seeing the world is a prerequisite to  
understanding one's place in it."

- **Josh Gates**

## WELCOME BACK TO FALL SEMESTER!

### IXO Calendar

#### September 21

Peace One Day Football Match

#### October 7 to 9

Study Abroad Fair  
IXO Library Workshop

#### October 24

Pre-Departure Orientation,  
Outgoing Spring 2019 Students

#### November 6

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

### IXO in Fall 2018

AUS sent 26 AUS students for study abroad during Fall 2018 at host universities in the US and Netherlands. Of these students, 14 are business majors, six are arts and sciences majors, four are engineering majors, and three are architecture majors.

We are especially happy to note that all AUS colleges and schools are regularly sending their students to study abroad!

We also received 39 diverse study abroad students at AUS this fall, from home universities in the US, Italy, Austria, France, Finland, Uruguay, Argentina, Puerto Rico and Morocco.

We wish all 65 of these students a wonderful study abroad experience!



Pre-Departure Orientation for Outgoing Fall 2018 Students

The IXO extends a warm welcome to returning Spring 2018 study abroad students, arriving Fall 2018 study abroad students, and new international students. IXO looks forward to working with you all!

## Student Opportunities

### Chinese University of Hong Kong

The Chinese University of Hong Kong is actually a wonderful and inexpensive study abroad option for visiting students.

### University of South Carolina

Previously, only business majors could study abroad at the University of South Carolina, but the program is now to all majors.

### Study Abroad in Fall 2019

Applications are now open for AUS students who want to study abroad in the Fall 2019 semester. The deadline for exchange student applications is November 18, 2018.

For more information about these opportunities, visit [www.aus.edu/ixo](http://www.aus.edu/ixo) or contact us at [ixo@aus.edu](mailto:ixo@aus.edu).

## IXO News

### International Students

As of Fall 2018, IXO is welcoming, advising and mentoring international students coming to study at AUS from outside the UAE. We corresponded with these students throughout the summer via Facebook and email, and met with them for a cultural orientation. Our goal is to provide better services, give them a home base within AUS and retain them throughout their degree program.

### Sharjah Ranks in Best Student Cities

The IXO is proud to note that QS Best Student Cities ranked Dubai/Sharjah/Ajman as tied for the 61st best student city in the world!

In comparison, Washington, DC, USA came in at the 60th place, and Atlanta, Georgia, USA ranked as number 62.



## IXO Events

IXO had a busy summer! We assisted the Office of Enrollment Management in recruiting new students by maintaining a table during AUS Exploration Days, and telling prospective students about the many international exchange opportunities that will be available to them throughout their time at AUS.

During the summer, IXO welcomed 21 summer students including five Intensive Arabic Language Program (SIALP) 2018 students. During the end of the semester, the SIALP program offered a calligraphy class for the students, and we enjoyed seeing the creative and beautiful results.



SIALP 2018 Calligraphy Lesson

### Orientation

IXO offers a nine-day intensive orientation for incoming study abroad students, to ensure that they are safe and culturally aware during their time at AUS.

Incoming fall students explored the historic areas of Sharjah and Dubai, had a heritage tour and cultural lunch at the Sheikh Mohammed Center for Cultural Understanding, explored the Dubai Mall, completed their visa processing, and attended a range of cultural and information sessions.



## IXO Team Updates

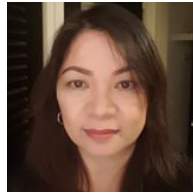
### Ongoing IXO Team Fall 2018



Dr. Linda



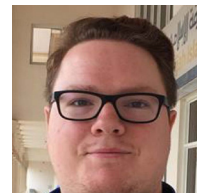
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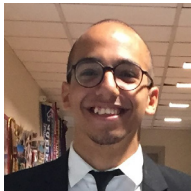
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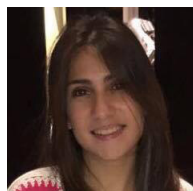
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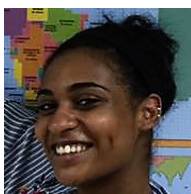
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### New Peer Advisors in Fall 2018

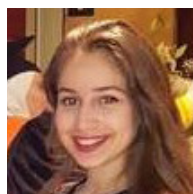
IXO welcomes new team members for Fall 2018 as follows:

- Anwar Elsheikh, a computer engineering major, studied at Louisiana State University.
- Dana Fakhoury, a chemical engineering major, studied at University of Texas Austin.
- Himo Owais, a civil engineering major, studied at University of Texas Austin.
- Kamil Khan, a finance major, studied at Maastricht University, School of Business and Economics.
- Seif Abdelhakam, a mechanical engineering major, studied at Miami University Ohio.

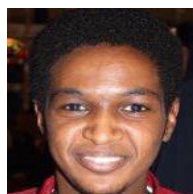
All of these returned study abroad students are excited to share their experiences with prospective students!



Anwar



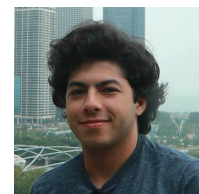
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### New Office Hours for Advisor, IXO, starting September 23, 2018

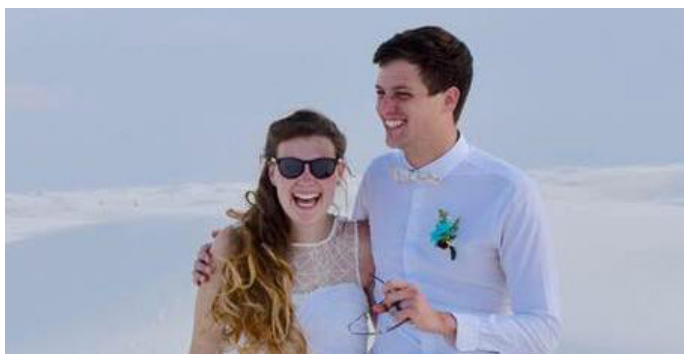
**Sunday to Thursday: Appointment Only (10a.m.-12p.m.); Drop-In Hours (2p.m.-4p.m.)**

When you arrive in IXO, please remember to always check in with the IXO Coordinator in room MG43, and inform them regarding the purpose of your visit.

## IXO Alumni Updates

### Congratulations, Candace and Alex!

Congratulations to IXO alumni Candace Smalley and Alex Moix, who met during their study abroad at AUS in Spring 2013, and just recently married in the desert!



Candace and Alex



Amy and Jasper Featured on Cover of  
Sharjah Museums Authority  
2018 Annual Programs Brochure

### Bianca Tardio

Virginia Commonwealth University student Bianca Tardio studied at AUS in Fall 2016. She graduated in May with a dual major in criminal justice and finance, and will now be pursuing her master's degree in finance from American University, Washington, DC. She fell in love with the UAE and was missing her time here, so for her graduation gift her mother gave her a trip back. We enjoyed visiting with her when she stopped by IXO before heading home.



Dr. Linda Angell, Bianca Tardio, Lillie de Guzman

### Alumni Featured

The IXO was pleased to see that two of our Fall 2016 incoming study abroad students, Jasper ter Borg from Maastricht University and Amy Karlzen from University of Denver, were featured on the cover of the 2018 Annual Programs Brochure published by the Sharjah Museums Authority!



Happy Hijri New Year!