

## Student Opportunities

### Study Abroad Spring 2016



Attention students! The deadline for applying to study abroad in Spring 2016 is rapidly approaching. The **deadline** is **May 9, 2015**. For more information, come down to IXO (MG43) and talk to a Peer Advisor about your options or visit [www.aus.edu/ixo](http://www.aus.edu/ixo).

### Study Arabic at AUS

IXO is still accepting late applications for the Summer Intensive Arabic Language Program. To apply or for more information, visit <http://www.aus.edu/ixo>.



### New Study Abroad Partner: Miami University, Ohio

AUS students have a new study abroad opportunity at Miami University, Ohio, USA, which just became a new bilateral partner university to AUS. Applications are now open for the Spring 2016 semester!

A great undergraduate institution with a student body of 16,000, Miami offers a wide range of courses for AUS students.

Eligibility:

- Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 and above.
- Students must have a minimum TOEFL/IELTS score of 80 iBT or 6.5 IELTS.

For more information, email us at [ixo@aus.edu](mailto:ixo@aus.edu), visit <http://miamioh.edu/> or come to MG43 and talk to an IXO Peer Advisor.

### IXO Calendar

**April 17-18**

Overnight Desert Safari for Spring 2016 exchange students

**April 23**

Trip to Bounce Dubai for Spring 2016 exchange students

**April 30**

Young Diplomats Forum Deadline (see page 2)

**May 9**

Spring 2016 Study Abroad Application Deadline for Outgoing AUS students

## Young Diplomats Forum



AUS students who dream of becoming diplomats can apply to attend the Young Diplomats Forum in Athens, Greece, June 8-12. This global gathering of aspiring diplomats is organized by the Global Diplomatic Forum. Previous forums took place in Turkey, Mexico and the UK and participants came from more than 100 countries.

The **deadline** to apply is **April 30, 2015**. Participation fees of £500 include accommodation at the Novotel Hotel, Athens, Greece; food; transportation; visits and field trips. Please send your applications to [ydf@gdforum.org](mailto:ydf@gdforum.org).

Required documents:

- CV
- personal statement (in English) of a maximum of 500 words that outlines your ambitions and achievements

For more information check out their [brochure](#), [website](#), and [gallery](#) of previous editions.

## Summer Opportunities

There are many opportunities and programs available to study abroad in the summer. Have a European summer by studying abroad in Rome, Utrecht, Berlin or France.

You can also study abroad at the George Washington University, USA, or University of Manchester, England! Come to MG50 to take a look at our summer brochures.

## Learn to Speak French!

The Alliance Française Paris Ile-de-France, a private higher education establishment and recognized training body, is offering international students an opportunity to go to Paris and be fluent in French!

Alliance Française Paris Ile-de-France, has built its reputation on the quality of its teaching and training programs, in a multicultural environment that promotes exchanges, respect and conviviality.

They receive almost 12,000 students each year of 160 different nationalities and are the oldest and leading center of this type in France.

There are many packages available that allow you to combine group classes, private lessons and workshops which include general French courses and customized courses.

Students must be at least 18 years old (or over 16 years old with a parental authorization). To apply or for more information on eligibility, courses and fees visit [www.alliancefr.org/en](http://www.alliancefr.org/en).

## Visiting Scholar

One of the many visiting scholars that AUS is hosting for the Spring 2016 semester is Dr. Ana Martins from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Virginia, USA.



Dr. Martins moved to the UAE in 2009, when her husband Dr. Abdul Jarrah, joined the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. Two years later she joined the Department of Applied Biology at University of Sharjah as a Visiting Assistant Professor. In 2013, she joined AUS to work as a researcher.

Dr. Martins is working with Dr. Ghaleb Hussein, Department of Chemical Engineering, and Dr. Rute Vitor, another visiting scholar, in the Drug Delivery Group. "We develop nanoparticles to carry chemotherapeutic drugs to cancer cells. We synthesize them and study their behavior under the influence of ultrasound, which is supposed to open them, allowing the drug to come out. The idea is that the drugs will remain inside, except at the tumor site, where the ultrasound is applied. This way, researchers are hoping to decrease the side effects of conventional chemotherapy, where the drug affects both cancer cells and healthy cells," said Dr. Martins.

## Student Profile

Yasemin Hezer, a third-year international business student from the University of Chester, UK, chose to study abroad for a year at AUS.



Yasemin at the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque

### How did you decide to study abroad?

"It has always been my dream to live in the Middle East, especially Dubai after visiting on a family holiday five years ago. I have always loved the Arab culture. My father is Turkish and mum is from England, so I have been brought up with a mix of cultures myself, but the Middle East and Arab world have always been my soft spot. To learn Arabic has also been a big passion so one of the biggest goals for me in coming here was to learn Arabic."

### Why do you think it's important to study abroad?

"Studying abroad is most definitely an experience of a lifetime. You gain friends from all over the world, and gain knowledge on a diverse mix of cultures and languages. You learn to become yourself and learn that being open to new cultures is more important than you can imagine. I feel I have grown as an individual and become more aware of what I want out of myself in the future because of the experiences I have had here."

## Events

### Pre-Departure Orientation Dinner

IXO recently hosted an pre-departure orientation and dinner for the outgoing Fall 2015 students.

The dinner included students who recently returned to AUS from their study abroad, and students currently studying abroad at AUS this semester.

IXO wishes the Fall 2015 outgoing students a wonderful semester abroad!



Outgoing Fall 2015 AUS students and incoming Spring 2015 exchange students at the pre-departure dinner

### Visitors from University of Maryland

IXO partnered with the the Department of Management in the School of Business Administration to host a social gathering with visitors from the University of Maryland, Maryland, US, at Mushrif Park, Dubai where everyone enjoyed a delicious barbeque meal.

### Trip to Musandam, Oman

IXO recently hosted an outing for the Incoming Spring 2015 exchange students to Musandam, Oman. The students spent a day on a traditional wooden dhow and enjoyed the beautiful scenery and swimming.



Incoming Spring 2015 exchange students in Musandam, Oman

### North Dakota State visits AUS

IXO recently hosted a visiting delegation from North Dakota State University, North Dakota, US. The students were excited to visit the UAE and take a tour of the AUS campus.



Students from North Dakota State University