

## Student Opportunities

### IXO Calendar

**May 4**

IXO Farewell Dinner

**May 6**

Application deadline to study abroad in  
Spring/CY 2018

## Study Abroad, Spring/CY 2018

Applications are now open for AUS students who want to study abroad in Spring 2018, or for the full calendar year of 2018. The deadline to apply is May 6, 2017.

Visit IXO (MG43) to talk to a Peer Advisor about your many options. To apply, or for more information, visit [www.aus.edu/ixo](http://www.aus.edu/ixo) or contact us at [ixo@aus.edu](mailto:ixo@aus.edu).

## Outbound Summer Study Abroad Process

Are you studying abroad this summer? Please remember that all outbound summer study abroad applications are processed directly through the Office of the Registrar (MG10B). IXO does not collect applications for outbound summer study abroad.

Students can download the Summer Study Abroad Course Approval Form here: [https://www.aus.edu/downloads/file/1442/permission\\_to\\_take\\_summer\\_courses\\_outside\\_aus](https://www.aus.edu/downloads/file/1442/permission_to_take_summer_courses_outside_aus).

## Scholarships Abroad

Former IXO Peer Advisor and international relations major Anusha Grewal is currently studying abroad with a scholarship at Cyprus International University as a visiting student. She had previously been abroad in Spring 2016 as a part of the Semester at Sea program.

Anusha found schools outside of the US and UK that provide scholarships for international students. She advised that students consider going abroad as a visiting student, as these programs can sometimes be very affordable.

## IXO News

### Welcome Back

IXO welcomes all students after an exciting and adventurous spring break!

### A Musandam Adventure

Dr. Linda C. Angell shares a recent IXO adventure that occurred during a trip to Musandam, Oman, on the way back to AUS following a day-long dhow cruise around the fjords.

Find what happened at <http://ixoataus.blogspot.ae/2017/04/a-musandam-adventure.html>



Adventure at Musandam, Oman

## Zachary Londo Visits IXO

IXO enjoyed a surprise visit from Zachary Londo in March during his spring break in the UAE. Zachary is an aerospace engineering student at the University of Alabama and had studied abroad at AUS in Spring 2016 via API. We hope Zachary enjoyed his spring break here in the UAE!



Zachary Londo with Grace Morales in IXO

## Mohammed Joins IXO

Mohammed Abdelsalam joins the IXO Team as a new Peer Advisor. Mohammed studied abroad at Virginia Tech, USA, in Spring 2016 through ISEP Exchange and has been an active member in all IXO events. We are pleased to have him join our team!



New peer advisor Mohammed Abdelsalam

## IXO Participation in Global Day

A couple of our exchange students participated in cultural club performances at the AUS 2017 Global Day. Jade Williams from Howard University participated in the Nigerian Cultural Club performance and Rainie Grant from Butler University participated in the Palestinian Cultural Club performance.



Jade performing with the Nigerian Cultural Club



Rainie performing with the Palestinian Cultural Club

## UAE voted best country for study abroad!

According to a survey completed by 8,000 Millennials, UAE was ranked the best country to study abroad (followed by Singapore and India) as reported by the *US News*. The attributes assessed during the survey included cultural accessibility, enjoyment and cultural attractions. Please find the complete article at <https://tinyurl.com/n75ncsd>

## World Patch for Graduates

IXO will be handing out world patches to all graduating students who have studied abroad via IXO to honor their achievements and congratulate them on completing their higher education.

We encourage students who are graduating in Spring 2017 to stop by and collect these badges from our office in the main building (MG 43).



World patch for graduating students who studied abroad

## IXO Events

### Bullfighting and Archaeology

Exchange students, along with the IXO team, ventured to the corniche in Fujairah to witness traditional Emirati bullfighting. On the way over, students also made a stop over at the Mleiha Archaeological Center. At the center, students learned about the UAE's historical Bedouin culture and saw artifacts from the historical village of Mleiha.



IXO team and exchange students at the bullfight

### Pizza and Conversation

Just before Spring Break, IXO and the Academic Support Center (ASC) jointly hosted a Pizza and Conversation night for current exchange students to have a relaxed discussion on cultural issues related to AUS, Sharjah, the UAE and the Arab/Islamic world. Topics included views on Emirati hospitality, relationships, modest dressing, study abroad experiences so far, and other cultural differences. This event created a positive space, halfway through the semester, for the students to further understand the Arab culture and get a new perspective into their experience of the UAE.



IXO, ASC and students at the IXO Lounge

## Visiting Delegations and Study Tours

### NDSU Visits IXO

Tanya Kramer, Assistant Director of Study Abroad/International Student and Study Abroad Services, along with her colleague Matthew Dunham, brought 11 students from North Dakota State University (NDSU), USA, for a Friday visit to AUS last month. They were given a campus tour and engaged in conversation with our peer advisors at the IXO lounge.

We thank those in IXO who facilitated the tour and discussions, especially given that this visit took place during the weekend.



NDSU students with the IXO team

### AUS Wins Moot Court Contest

Three students from the AUS Department of International Studies won the first annual GCC Jessup Friendly Moot Court Competition hosted by Kuwait International Law School in March. The team will represent the UAE in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition in the US, where they will be the highest ranked GCC participant. We extend our congratulations to them on their achievements! Find the news article at <https://www.sharjah24.ae/en/studies-and-research/universities/205491-aus-team-wins-first-annual-gcc-jessup-friendly-moot-court-competition>



International relations students in Kuwait

### Jodi Hicks Visits IXO

Jodi Hicks, Assistant Director of Overseas Programs from Chapman University in California, visited IXO on March 15. She met with Administrative Assistant Lillie de Guzman and the IXO team during her visit. Chapman University is also a listed ISEP Exchange Partner university.



Left to Right: Jodi Hicks and Lillie de Guzman