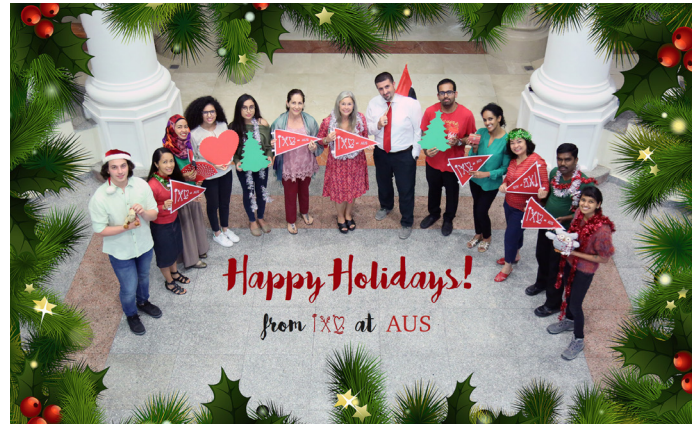


Happy Holidays from IXO!

As the end of the semester approaches, IXO would like to wish the AUS community good luck with final exams and a happy holiday season! We also bid farewell to our Fall 2016 students returning to their host universities, and our outgoing Spring 2017 students. Finally, we also welcome back our AUS students who studied abroad in Fall 2016!



Student Opportunities

IXO Calendar

December 22

Incoming Fall 2016 and outgoing
Spring 2017 students departing

January 12

Incoming Spring 2017 students arriving

Study Abroad

Students are currently able to study abroad in 22 countries around the world. Depending on the major, these countries may include:

Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Japan, Lithuania, Malaysia, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Scotland, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, UK, and US

For more information on the best option for you, visit IXO (MG43) or contact us at ixo@aus.edu.

McGill International Summer Program

The International Summer Program at McGill University in Montreal, Canada, provides international undergraduate students the opportunity to gain valuable North American perspectives on critical issues of global importance. The program runs from July 15 to August 13, 2017.

This program is open to any undergraduate student currently enrolled full-time in university, having completed at least one full year of studies in good academic standing. Students from all disciplines—such as business, science, arts, engineering, law and more—are encouraged to apply.

To start the application, visit <http://www.mcgill.ca/desautels/programs/international-summer>. The deadline to apply is April 14, 2017.

Heidelberger Padagogium

The Heidelberger Padagogium, a German non-profit institute located in Heidelberg, Germany, teaches the German language to students from around the world. Students interested in learning German can take intensive courses recognized worldwide. For more information on this opportunity, visit www.heidelberger-paedagogium.de.

IXO News and Events

New IXO Peer Advisor

IXO has a new Peer Advisor, Mutaman Tariq, a civil engineering student who studied abroad at Virginia Tech via ISEP in Spring 2016. He will be working with IXO through the end of 2017. Welcome to the IXO Family, Mutaman!



IXO students in Musandam, Oman



Mutaman Tariq at the Grand Canyon in the US

Oman Trip

IXO recently hosted a trip to Musandam from Dibba, Oman; it was one of the most exciting IXO trips of the semester. The cruise included lunch aboard the boat, banana boating, snorkeling and a tour throughout the various caves lining the coast of the Northern Arabian Peninsula. Students also enjoyed the beautiful breezes and gorgeous views from the deck of the boat!

Thanksgiving Dinner

IXO hosted a Thanksgiving dinner at the Centro Rotana Hotel next to the Sharjah International Airport. Students enjoyed an American-style Thanksgiving dinner with roasted turkey and cranberry sauce.



Mutaman Tariq, Hayat Ahmed, Lucas Ballings, Seham Nasser and Yaya Jaiteh (Left to Right)



Face the Music

Christian Clausner, Incoming Fall 2016 student, and Dinete Kollanur, IXO Peer Advisor, participated in the event Face the Music, presented by the Performing Arts Program at AUS. This event included a wide variety of music styles ranging from vocal to instrumental in Western and Arab classics. The show ran for three consecutive days and was a success throughout!



Dinete Kollanur (First Row, Left) and Christian Clausner (First Row, Right) in Face the Music



Fulbright Lecture on Emirati Art

Suzy Sikorski, IXO's Fulbright Scholar who studied abroad at AUS in Fall 2014, conducted a presentation about the Emirati art scene. The topics included: Emirati art history from the 1970s to the 1990s, the five pioneer artists who formed the Emirates Fine Art Society, the oldest art studio in the UAE located in Sharjah, how the Emirati art scene evolved following the changes in UAE society and how the local UAE community responded to this art. Sikorski also discussed how studying abroad at AUS helped her pursue the Fulbright Scholarship.



Suzy Sikorski with Incoming Fall 2016 students

Farewell, Fall 2016 Students

Fall 2016 was a fun semester for us all. We hate to see our Incoming Fall 2016 students go, but we wish them all the best as they transfer back to their home universities.

IXO hosted a farewell dinner for Fall 2016 students at Bayt Al Wakeel Restaurant, one of the oldest restaurants in Dubai. Students dressed in UAE national clothes and got to enjoy one final local meal.



IXO Graduate

Congratulations to IXO Peer Advisor Hayat Ahmed on her graduation from AUS! Ahmed graduates with a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies. She has managed our IXO events since Spring 2015, after her study abroad experience at Linnaeus University in Fall 2014 and St. Lawrence University in Spring 2015, both via the ISEP Exchange Program. IXO wishes her the best of luck for all her future endeavors.



Visiting Delegations

Paris Institute of Political Studies

Dr. Dalila Rahmouni, a delegate from Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po) recently visited AUS. She is an advisor to the Ambassador for Cyberdiplomacy and Digital Economy, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Dr. Rahmouni toured the AUS campus and met with Dr. Mahmoud Anabtawi, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. Mohammad Ayish, Head of the Department and Professor of Mass Communication.



Dr. Linda Angell, Director of the Office of International Exchange Programs; Dr. Dalila Rahmouni; and Lillie De Guzman, IXO (Left to Right)

Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics

IXO was visited by four delegates from the Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics (JUFE). The delegates included: Dr. Liao Jinqiu, Chairman of the Board of JUFE, Professor; Dr. Yang Shangyong, Chairman of the Board of School of Humanities; Dr. Jiang Yaoming, Director of the *Contemporary Finance and Economics* Journal Press; and Dr. Xiao Long, Director of the Office of International Cooperation and Exchange, Professor. These delegates toured the AUS campus and met with Dr. Linda Angell, Director of the Office of International Exchange Programs.



JUFE Delegates with Dr. Angell (Center)

Stanford University Khalifa University

AUS recently hosted a delegation from Stanford and Khalifa universities. Delegates included: Dr. Tom Byers, Entrepreneurship Professor in the School of Engineering, Stanford University; Dr. Pamela Hinds, Professor of Management Science and Engineering, Stanford University; Paul Marca, Executive Director, Stanford Center for Professional Development, Stanford University; and Dr. Nawaf I. Almoosa, Deputy Director of Etisalat BT Innovation Center (EBTIC), Khalifa University. In addition to touring campus, the delegates met with Dr. Leland Blank, Provost; Dr. Patrick McLelland, Head of the Department of Management, and MBA Director, SBA; Dr. Andy Klein, Assistant Professor of Management, SBA; Najla Al Ansari, Outreach Manager, Sheraa Entrepreneurial Center; and Dr. Linda Angell, Director of the Office of International Exchange Programs.



Delegates from Stanford and Khalifa universities



Dr. Tom Byers, delegate from Stanford University