

## *Season's Greetings from IXO!*

*As we approach the end of  
2017, the IXO Team wishes  
the AUS Community Season's  
Greetings and Happy Holidays!  
Also, good luck with finals!*



## IXO News

### IXO Calendar

#### December 21

Fall 2017 IXO Students  
Depart AUS for Home Universities

#### January 11

Incoming Spring 2018 Students  
Arrive to Dorms

#### January 12 to 20

Incoming Spring 2018 Orientation

## Winter Program in South Korea

Konkuk University in Seoul, South Korea offers an International Winter Program, a two-week program for students wishing to learn about Korea and experience its culture. Korean language classes are offered as well as academic seminars about Korea. Cultural programs and field trips make the two weeks rich with activities.

The program starts on December 18. Credits from this program may not be transferred to AUS; however, this is a great opportunity to explore South Korea!

More information can be found on the program's website: [winter.konkuk.ac.kr](http://winter.konkuk.ac.kr).

## Outgoing Students Placed

We are happy to announce that 19 students from AUS have been placed in 12 universities across the US and Canada. We hope they make the most out of this wonderful opportunity and that they return safely with many adventures to share.

If you are interested in studying abroad, visit our office (MG50) or contact us at [ixo@aus.edu](mailto:ixo@aus.edu).



Konkuk University's Kondae neighborhood

## Visiting Delegations

### East Carolina University, USA

Five delegates from East Carolina University visited AUS on November 9.

Delegates included Dr. Christopher Buddo, Dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication; Dr. Linda Kean, Director of the School of Communication; Dr. Kate Bukoski, Director of the School of Art and Design; Dr. Jon Rezek, Executive Director of Global Affairs; and Matthew Egan, a faculty member from the School of Art and Design.

The delegates had a campus tour and then met with Kevin Mitchell, AUS Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs and Instruction; Dr. Linda Angell, Director of International Exchange Programs; and various faculty members from the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Architecture, Art and Design.



Delegates from East Carolina University

### University of Rhode Island, USA

Dr. Alexander Magidow, Assistant Professor of Arabic, visited AUS from the University of Rhode Island on November 21 to discuss partnership opportunities.

He had a brief tour of the campus before meeting with Dr. Linda Angell, Director of International Exchange Programs; Dr. Mohsen Saad, Associate Dean of the School of Business Administration; and Dr. Susan Karamanian, Provost and Chief Academic Officer. Dr. Magidow researches the history of Arabic language, and how the language changed as it came into contact with other languages around the Mediterranean.



Dr. Alexander Magidow, University of Rhode Island



## IXO Events

### Desert Safari

IXO organized a trip to the desert where students enjoyed local nature and the warmth of a bonfire under the stars.



IXO Students Enjoy the Desert



Evening Bonfire



Sunset Over the Desert

### Thanksgiving and Farewell Dinner

IXO hosted an American-style Thanksgiving dinner with roasted turkey at the Centro Hotel, Sharjah. The dinner also served as IXO's official farewell to the students who studied at AUS this semester. The IXO Team wishes all students a safe return journey. We will miss them dearly.



IXO Team, Alumni and Students



Students and Peer Advisors Enjoying Dinner



The Provost Joins IXO Thanksgiving Dinner

## Team Updates

### IXO Peer Advisors Graduate

Congratulations to the graduating IXO Peer Advisors: Mohammad Bassam, Laith Abdel Jaber, Ahmed Rashad, Ahmed ("Orangica") Ibrahim and Abubaker Abdelmajid!

All of these IXO Peer Advisors studied abroad in the USA, and then returned to work in IXO to help other AUS students have similar extraordinary experiences.

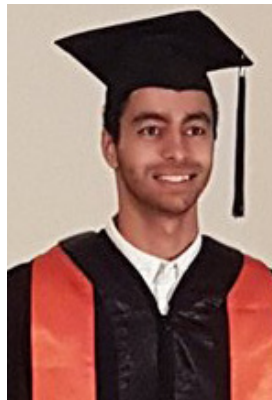
IXO looks forward to their continued involvement in future orientations and outings, and wishes them only the very best in their future endeavors.



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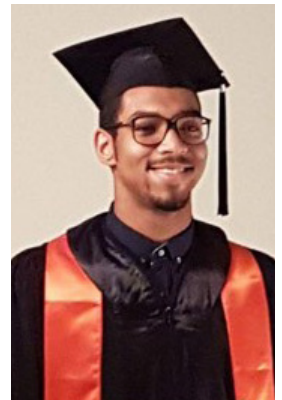
Laith



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Orangica



Abubaker

### New IXO Volunteer

A huge welcome to our newest IXO Team Member, Rose Heather Armour. She is volunteering in IXO after recently moving to AUS with significant experience in international exchange via administration of the Peace Corps.

Rose is focusing on developing IXO workshops, gaming exercises and policies. She will be available in Main Building MG45 from Sundays through Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. We appreciate her many contributions and look forward to working with her.



Rose Heather Armour