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American University of Sharjah, Office of International Exchange Programs 1

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## So far in UAE



Only two weeks into the semester and our new exchange students have already explored Sharjah and visited the Islamic Civilization Museum, Creek Waterfront, Al Hisn Fort, Al Qasbah area, Al Khan Historical site, Aquarium and Maritime Museum, and Blue Souk. They also explored Dubai and visited Bastakiya, Ras Al Khor Wildlife, Dubai Mall, Night Souk and Spice Souk. There is much more in store for the rest of the semester, including Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, Emirates Palace in Abu Dhabi, a desert safari, and many activities and trips across UAE.

## Goethe-Institute Inter-Cultural Award 2012

The Goethe-Institute is initiating an award for young researchers in sociology. The Goethe-Institute seeks to contribute to strengthening sociology as a sphere of action of cultural relations and education policy of the German Foreign Ministry. The call for contributions is directed at young academic researchers, however, doctoral and habilitation candidates and junior professors can also participate. There is no age limit. A contribution in German or English that formulates new sociological approaches in the thematic field presented above. The contribution should be no longer than 20 pages (47,000 characters). The award is earmarked as a support grant to your project, with total purse of 2500 Euro. Submission deadline is 29 February 2012. For more information, please visit: <http://www.goethe.de/uun/wmm/wuz/srv/en8678346.htm>

## Welcome Spring 2012 international students

The office is happy to welcome many visiting and exchange students for this semester. Please join us in welcoming: Megan Elkin and Haithem Hammad from American University who decided to stay for another semester; Maxwell Sands from University of Utah and majoring in Middle Eastern Studies; Redwan from Hamilton; Kusum from Fordham University; Ernest Fleming from Saint Augustine's College and majoring in Engineering Mathematics; Muhammad Iftikhar from Wabash College and majoring in Economics; Gabriel from University of Massachusetts Amherst and majoring in Civil Engineering; Kayla from Gustavus Adolphus College; Layal Khouri from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and majoring in Global Studies; Kendall from University of Oregon; Reem Attia from American University of Cairo majoring in business; Jiayu Lu and majoring in Chemical Engineering; and Hsieyun Yang. We hope they achieve what they came for and we wish them a great semester enjoying the UAE culture.

## Good luck to our Spring 2012 students abroad

Four AUS students are studying abroad in the U.S. for Spring 2012. We wish all the best to Salman Dossani at the American University in Washington and majoring in Economics; Al Moataz Hassan at University of Vermont and majoring in Computer Engineering; Sonia Soares at Virginia Tech and majoring in Electrical Engineering; and Abdulaziz AlNeaimi at Clarion University of Pennsylvania and majoring in Finance. We wish you all a great semester.

## Kaia's and Adrian's wedding

Kaia Dickinson came to AUS as a Study Abroad student from George Washington University in Washington, DC, where her major was International Affairs. Arriving in Spring 2010 she studied at AUS for two semesters, and during that time met Adrian Samson, a graduate in Marketing of Wollongong University, Dubai. After spending a final semester back at GWU, after graduation Kaia returned to the UAE. She and Adrian were married on December 21, 2011 at Dubai Evangelical Church Center, and the reception was held at the Radisson Blu Hotel on Dubai Creek. Kaia's sister, parents and grandparents flew from the US to be at the wedding. Kaia and Adrian are now living and working in Dubai.



**Congratulation!**

## Study abroad for summer 2012



### 2012 International Summer School in Political Philosophy at Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey

Kansas State and Bogazici University are hosting a summer event on political philosophy this summer. Graduate students and advanced undergraduates are invited to apply. This program will cover themes such as contemporary liberal political philosophy. July 9 to July 20, 2012

### Boston University's Undergraduate Summer Term Course in Brussels

Boston University's 2012 Summer Term is to run a European Politics course in Brussels from 9 – 27th July. This 3-week intensive course will be led by an ex-Ambassador to Belgium. Included in the course are visits to NATO, the European Commission, the European Council, the European Parliament, and the US Embassy. Visiting students expecting to transfer summer credit to their home institutions should secure approval prior to registration, which will open from 1 March and will close for international students on 9 April. For more information, please visit: <http://www.bu.edu/brussels>

### The Hessen International Summer University at the Philipps-Universitaet Marburg

The ISU of the Philipps-Universitaet Marburg is a four-week summer study program offering specialized seminars in German and English, Arabic and Hebrew, as well as Peace and conflict, and Near and Middle East: political, cultural, economic aspects of the Arab Spring-A European perspective. July 21th to August 18th, 2012. For further information and registration, please visit: [www.uni-marburg.de/isu](http://www.uni-marburg.de/isu)

### Brandeis University need-based tuition awards

Wein International Scholarship Program at Brandeis University which is located in Waltham, Massachusetts, provides students an opportunity to study abroad in the U.S., and enhancing the lives of all students at Brandies. The program provides either full or partial need-based tuition awards to applicants who have demonstrated outstanding academic and personal achievement. For more information. <http://bit.ly/zPe4Sh>

### Expression of Diversity: An Introduction to Muslim Cultures – Simon Fraser University

Aga Khan University summer program that broadens understanding of Muslim cultures will be offered in Vancouver this summer, July 9-20. It's a non-credit course jointly offered by SFU Center and AKU's Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilization, London, UK.

### University of Cologne and AUS co-organize a German-Arab Summer School

Summer School Program, held at the University of Cologne, Germany, July 17- 24, 2011. The Summer School was part of the interdisciplinary research project "Culture and Social Cognition" This project is building on a more than seven-year-long, well-established research collaboration between the American University of Sharjah (Professor Ahmad Al-Issa) and University of Cologne (Professor Gary Bente). It aims at exploring the biological, psychological and cultural determinants of human communication, putting a strong emphasis on Arab (Middle-East) and German (Western-European) culture. The Summer School brought together 12 Arab students from AUS and 12 German students, representing diverse disciplines, all sharing a deep interest in cross-cultural communication and research. As a follow up Dr. Bente is bringing 10 students to AUS to conduct research this month from February 17th to February 29th.



## Summer Internships

### The National Council Fellowships: Washington, DC Summer Internship Program

National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations Washington, DC Summer Internship Program offers undergraduate and graduate students a ten-week internship in the nation's capital. The program involves professional workplace experience between 35-40 hours/week, academic seminars and site visits. Application should be submitted by March 12, 2012. Please visit the website below for the Internship Program Application: <http://ncuar.org/programs/12-NCUSAR-Summer-Intern-Program-Application.pdf>

### IFSA-Butler offers new summer internship programs

Two new summer internship programs: the Summer Internship in Dublin, an eight-week internship sponsored by AACSB-accredited Quinn School of Business; and Business in the Arts summer program, please visit: [www.ifsabutler.org](http://www.ifsabutler.org)



## Upcoming events and activities

### Travelogue Series

- North Korea, by Dr. Michael Malcolm in SBM, held on February 14, 2012.
- Mount Kilimanjaro, by Dr. Jeff Baker and Cindy Baker in SBM, which will be held on Monday, March 5th at 4 pm in MG50 (Office of International Exchange Programs Office Lounge Area)
- Armenia, by Ms. Hsieyun Butler-Yang, which will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 4 pm in MG50
- Eastern Europe, by Mr. Weitian Zhao, which will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 4 pm in MG50
- Cappadocia, Turkey, by Jeremy Palmer, which will be held on May 22, 2012 at 4 pm in MG50.



### Study Tours

- Study tour trip took 5 students from January 26 to February 1, 2012 to Ferrell Moot Court, Miami, Florida U.S., accompanied by two chaperones, Dr. Kevin Gray and Ms. Alina Balonuskova. The trip was part of the course INS 394.
- Study tour trip took 22 students from January 21 to 31, 2012 to Germany, accompanied by two chaperones, Dr. Erik Eischen and Ms. Kristine Castelltort.
- Study tour trip will take 5 students from March 24 to April 1, 2012 to Jessup Moot court in Washington DC, accompanied by two chaperones, Dr. David Lea and Dr. Pia Anderson. The trip was part of the course INS 394.

### Upcoming Guests

- On Tuesday, February 21, 2012 from 9 am to 1 pm Mr. Chris Colin Brown, Regional Officer – Middle East, and Mr. Jerry Johny, Head of International Students Recruitment, will visit AUS from University of Reading and Knowledge Horizon in Dubai.
- Dr. Leif Stenberg from Lund University, Sweden, will be visiting AUS sometime between Tuesday, February 21 to March 2, 2012.
- Dr Robert Rolfe, Professor of International business, will be visiting on Monday, March 5th, 2012 from the University of South Carolina.
- CIEE is hosting US University Advisors from Monday, March 5 to March 9, 2012.
- Ms. Liz Beaty, Student Director of Institute for Women's Leadership, will be visiting UAE from March 9 to March 16, and will visit AUS on March 11, 2012.

## Study abroad opportunities

An exchange program allows you to take courses at any of our partner institutions in the US, Canada and Europe while paying AUS tuition and receiving AUS credit. Students can study for 1-2 semesters and have the option of working and completing an internship while abroad.

Students are welcome to stop by MG43 or call 06 515 4027 to speak with a member of our staff. Information about and applications for all of our program can be found on our website: <http://aus.studioabroad.com>

Now is a good time to start thinking studying abroad in Spring 2013. Deadlines will be coming up soon in August 2012.

### Seminar for international students who have recently returned from Study Abroad

A seminar "How to package and market your study abroad experience to grad schools and potential employers" will be held on **Tuesday, March 6th from 9:30 to 11 am** in Provost's Meeting Room, Main Building, Room M209. Delivered by Ms. Linda McLoughlin, Placement Director and Senior Lecturer in Marketing with School of Business and Management.

### Study Abroad/postgrad opportunities throughout the U.K.

The University of Reading is one of the leading U.K. universities offering study abroad and postgraduate courses in various subjects of study including Finance and Banking, Marketing, Law, Agriculture, Economics, Food Science, Biological Science, Chemistry, Pharmacy, Electronic Engineering, Robotics, Systems Engineering, Construction Management, Engineering, and Environment Sciences. There are many other high-quality U.K. universities that would also be happy to host you. An information session will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 in Main Building, LHA, by Mr. Chris Colin Brown, Regional Officer - Middle East, Knowledge Horizon

**AmidEast Presentation, Fulbright Scholarship Opportunities, for Emarati Nationals at Junior and Senior levels only. Scheduled for Tuesday, March 6th, From 2:30 to 3:30 pm in the International Exchange Programs Office's Lounge (MG50).**

### The Pembroke-King's Program University of Cambridge

The summer program, based at Pembroke and King's Colleges, offers an exceptional opportunity to experience life as an undergraduate in one of the oldest and most distinguished university cities in the world. During this eight-week program, students select three courses from a wide variety of options in the arts, social sciences, humanities and sciences. The courses reflect Cambridge and British styles of teaching and learning. Program dates: 1 July – 25 August 2012. Apply now for PKP summer 2012! <http://www.pem.cam.ac.uk/ip/pkp/>  
For questions, contact Salma [salma.mjk@gmail.com](mailto:salma.mjk@gmail.com)

**Don't miss our Information Session regarding Summer Study Abroad on February 29th at 11am and 3pm in the International Exchange Programs Office's Lounge.**