

## IXO Calendar

### January 19

Deadline for Faculty/Staff to Apply for CIC-Tuition Exchange Program Scholarship Nominations for Dependents Wanting to Begin Studies at Participating Universities in Fall 2018

### March 3

Deadline for Incoming Study Abroad Students to Apply to Study Abroad at AUS in Summer and/or Fall 2018

### March 17

Deadline for Outgoing Visiting Students (i.e., Paying all Fees at Host University) to Submit Applications to Study Abroad in Fall 2018

## New IXO Students Arriving

Thirty-three new incoming study abroad students from 26 home universities in the Netherlands, the UK and the USA are arriving and settling into their new lives here at AUS. These new students represent nine nationalities, and will take courses across all four AUS colleges and schools.

During the nine days leading up to the start of classes, IXO provides these students with an intensive orientation program, including outings to: Mirdif City Centre, Arabian Wildlife Centre, the Heart of Sharjah area, Dubai and the Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding, the Immigration Office (to finalize visa applications), Dubai Mall and the La Mer Beach area in Jumeirah.

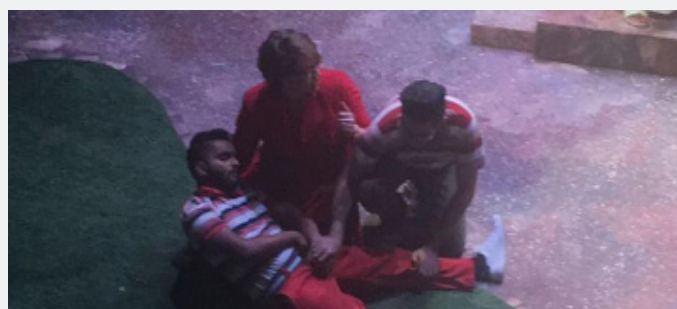
The goal is to prepare and successfully launch these students culturally, socially, and academically into life here at AUS.

## IXO News

### Exchange Students Participate in *Romeo and Juliet*

Teagan Bowie from Indiana-Purdue University, Fort Wayne, USA, and Madeline Du Bois from University of Kansas, USA, both incoming study abroad students in Fall 2017, participated in the Performing Arts production of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Teagan played the role of Lady Capulet, Juliet's mother, while Madeline played the Nurse.

IXO students participate widely in the AUS Community, and often become involved in AUS extracurricular activities.



Teagan as Lady Capulet



Madeline as Nurse

## Comings and Goings

### Visiting Scholar From Australia

Dr. Riyadh Al-Ameri, an academic from the School of Engineering at Deakin University in Australia, is currently a Visiting Scholar at AUS. He is conducting a collaborative research project with AUS Professor of Civil Engineering Dr. Adil Al-Tamimi. They are investigating the use of plastic waste to produce sustainable concrete.



Dr. Riyadh Al-Ameri of Deakin University with his medical waste-derived "concrete."

### Returning AUS Students

During Fall 2017, 21 AUS students studied abroad at 14 universities in Canada, the Netherlands, the UK, and all across the USA.

Some of these students will remain at their host universities for a second semester, but many of them are returning to AUS for Spring 2018. Returning students often share their experiences via video posts to the IXO Facebook Page (IXO at AUS). Please join and have a look.

We welcome back returning students and look forward to hearing more about their studies, travels and adventures.

## Visiting Delegates in Fall

### September

Emory University, USA  
Zhenjiang University, China

### October

University of Edinburgh, UK  
Shippensburg University, USA  
George Washington University, USA  
Wentworth Institute of Technology, USA

### November

University of Edinburgh, UK  
Rhode Island University, USA  
East Carolina University, USA  
University College London, UK  
American University of Paris, France  
Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne, Australia

### December

OP Jindal Global University, India

## Visiting Researchers in Fall

Visiting researchers listed include scholars and guests-in-residence arriving to do research at AUS during the following months:

### September

Asma Al-Ghassani, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman  
Dr. Irma Martinez, University of Oviedo, Spain  
Dr. Nasir Quadir, CMRIT, India

### October

Dr. Riyadh Al-Ameri, Deakin University, Australia



## Study Abroad Opportunities

### Southern Utah University

Southern Utah University (SUU), one of our bilateral student exchange partners, is located in Cedar City, Utah -- also known as "the world's best backyard" due to its close proximity to some of the USA's most beautiful national parks.

SUU's safe, residential campus allows students to create lifelong friendships along with once-in-a-lifetime outdoor adventure. Students also benefit from the university's close affiliation with a wide range of Native American Tribes.

Laith Abdel Jaber, who studied there in Fall 2016, told us, "It is a great university for outdoors enthusiasts and adventurers." Have an adventure abroad!



Southern Utah has many beautiful national parks



Southern Utah University Campus



Dinete at Universal Studios in Los Angeles, CA



University of South Carolina Campus

### University of South Carolina

The Darla Moore School of Business at University of South Carolina is one of the best options for business majors wanting to study abroad.

Dinete Thomas, an AUS accounting major who studied there in Spring 2016 via our bilateral partnership, reports: "University of South Carolina is such a great school! The faculty, professors and students are all amazing. The university has great facilities, and the city of Columbia is very friendly, with a lot of international festivals and great sports teams. It was easy to travel to other east coast cities from Columbia, as well."

Dinete traveled across South Carolina and Georgia and visited 10 East Coast cities during his time there.

## IXO Alumni Updates

### Carter Habeeb, Spring 2016

Carter Habeeb studied abroad at AUS in Spring 2016 via ISEP Exchange from Maryville College in Tennessee, USA. He recently gave a presentation about his experience here to the ISEP Conference in the USA. Carter reported, "The presentation went well! I talked about going sailing off the coast of Oman, [and] going to the camel races."



Carter Habeeb, Spring 2016

### Ryland Ploeger, 2015-16

Ryland Ploeger studied at AUS via ISEP from Gonzaga University, Washington, USA, during the Academic Year 2015-2016. She is currently teaching in Bahrain with a Fulbright Scholarship.

"My AUS experience inspired my Fulbright community engagement and research project on women's empowerment initiatives and community engagement in Bahrain."

We are glad to hear how her experience at AUS helped land this new opportunity.



Ryland Ploeger with Dr. Linda Angell at IXO

### Cyprian Christian, 2015-16

A video uploaded by the US Department of Education during the International Education Week 2017 features our incoming study abroad alum Anthony Cyprian Christian, who studied at AUS during the Academic Year 2015-2016 from George Washington University.

The video quotes Cyprian, recipient of a 2015 Critical Language (Arabic) Scholarship, as saying, "I think it is actually important to get more students...from diverse backgrounds and concentrations [to study abroad]."



Video Title: *The Importance of Language Skills and Global Competencies*