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International Exchange Office

# **Student Opportunities**

# **Study Abroad Applications**

Applications are now open for AUS students who want to study abroad in the Fall 2016 semester.

The **deadline** for all applications is **December 5, 2015.** 

Visit the International Exchange Office (MG43) to talk to a Peer Advisor about your options. To apply or for more information, visit www.aus.edu/ixo or contact us at ixo@aus.edu.

# **Deadlines** in schedule are closer than they appear

#### **Announcements**

# Ramadan Mubarak

IXO wishes the entire AUS community a very special Ramadan Kareem!



# Summer Study Abroad at AUS

As we are bidding farewell to the Spring 2015 study abroad students, we are also welcoming the Summer 2015 incoming students to AUS and the UAE. About 45 students will be studying abroad at AUS, this summer, coming from the US, Italy, Qatar, Egypt and Oman. IXO wishes them a wonderful summer term at AUS!

### IXO Calendar

#### June 22

First day of classes, Summer 2015

## July 15

Farewell dinner for Summer 2015 study abroad students

August 29
IXO Orientation for Fall 2015 study abroad students

# December 5

Fall 2016 study abroad application deadline



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#### IXO Graduates and New Peer Advisors

Congratulations to IXO Peer Advisors Islam Al Qaisi, Ramy Hisham, Pritika Rajgopal and Solmaz Karimi on their graduation from AUS!



IXO team at Al Fanar Restaurant and Cafe, Jumeriah

Both Al Qaisi and Hisham have worked at IXO since Spring 2014. Al Qaisi graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering and studied abroad at Montana State University, USA, in Fall 2013. Hisham also studied abroad in Fall 2013 at Louisiana State University, USA (an AUS partner university). He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering.

Rajgopal and Karimi have worked at IXO since Fall 2014. Rajgopal graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a major in marketing. She studied abroad at American University, Washington DC, USA, in Fall 2013. Karimi studied abroad in Spring 2014 at the University of Vermont, USA, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biology.

IXO wishes the graduating advisors the best of luck for their future endeavors. As we bid them farewell, we also welcome

recently returned IXO students as new Peer Advisors for the IXO team!

#### **New IXO Peer Advisors Fall 2015**



Hams Al Walid Chemical Engineering Studied Abroad at University of Utah, USA in Fall 2014



**Huda Alsada**Accounting
Studied Abroad at University
of Vermont, USA in Spring
2015



Pallavi Bichu
Economics
Studied Abroad at University
of North Carolina at Asheville,
USA in Spring 2015



Joshua Raven
Chemical Engineering &
Chemistry
Studied Abroad at Mexico
State University, USA in
Spring 2015



**Ritika Rajan** Marketing Studied Abroad at University of Iowa, USA in Spring 2015



Ahmed Khalid Jabr Civil Engineering Studied Abroad at Utah State University, USA in Spring 2015



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#### **IXO Staff**

IXO bids farewell to team member Sally Alhamad, who has been a hardworking and dedicated employee and a vital part of the IXO team and community. She will now be working at Middle East Broadcasting Center (MBC). We wish her all the best for her future. We also welcome Peer Advisor Islam Al Qaisi as a part-time IXO employee and are very happy to continue to have him as part of the IXO team!



Linda Angell, Sally Alhamad, Islam Al Qaisi and Grace Morales (left to right)

# **Visting Delegations**

During the Spring 2015 semester, IXO hosted many visiting delegations from universities including:

- Merrick School of Business, University of Baltimore, USA
- Bayan University, Iraq
- Darla Moore School of Business, University of South Carolina, USA
- Drake University, USA
- · University of Edinburgh, Scotland
- North Dakota State University, USA
- Boston College, USA
- Multinational Business Academy, India
- University of Colorado Denver, USA
- University of Texas at Austin, USA
- Balamand University, Lebanon
- American University, Washington DC, USA

#### **Events**

#### **Farewell Dinner**

IXO recently hosted a farewell dinner for the Spring 2015 study abroad students at Al Fanar Restaurant and Cafe at the Town Center Mall in Jumeirah, Dubai.



Spring 2015 IXO students and team at Al Fanar, Jumeirah

Students dressed in traditional Emirati clothes, with men in kandouras and women in abayas. The food served was a plentiful and traditional Emirati meal. IXO is proud to host its 16th batch of incoming study abroad students and provide them with the means to experience the UAE to the best of their ability. This traditional dinner helped to memorably send off the students, and added to their Middle Eastern experience in the Emirates.



IXO students dressed in traditional Emirati clothing



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# **Student Profiles**

# Study Abroad at AUS

AUS received 44 students from five countries this past spring semester, including Hensey Fenton and Ryeland Allenson, both visiting from the US.



Spring 2015 exchange students Hensey Fenton and Ryeland Allenson (left to right)

Hensey Fenton, visiting from George Washington University, USA (an AUS partner university), studies international affairs. "Starting to learn Arabic at my home university was the first step in gaining my own perspective into this fascinating region. Coming to AUS was a big step towards helping me realize my full potential that I can attain in the region, specifically because the UAE is becoming a keystone in world trade and international commerce," said Fenton.

Ryeland Allenson from Montana State University, USA, studies accounting and chose to visit AUS and the UAE to decide if he would try pursuing a career in the Emirates, as he says it's becoming a world business center. Since arriving at AUS, Allenson has travelled on adventures to countries such as Oman, India, Thailand, Malaysia, as well as throughout the Emirates.

# **Visiting Scholar**

# John Mempin

Since being invited to AUS in November 2011, John Mempin from the Philippines has tested and conducted research into fixed, rotary and multi-wing unmanned aircraft vehicles (UAV) in a variety of projects.



Visiting scholar John Mempin at AUS

Mempin first worked with Dr. Mohammad Al Jarrah, Department of Mechanical Engineering, to enable the aircraft (UAV) to fly autonomously, independent of human intervention, by installing on-board computers and avionics. The aircraft were designed to fly preprogrammed missions. Following this project, Mempin started work with Dr. Mohammad Gadalla, Department of Mechanical Engineering, engineer Sayem Zafar and a senior design team. His current research with Dr. Gadalla focuses on utilizing renewable fuels such as hydrogen and sulfur to provide the UAV with greater endurance during flights.

"I came to AUS because of the up-to-date facilities and technology offered and the opportunity to learn new skills, as well as hone my existing skills with regard to both avionic aeronautic software and hardware," said Mempin.