

Ramadan Kareem

IXO would like to wish the AUS community joy and blessings in the holy month of Ramadan.

Student Opportunities

Study Abroad in Fall 2017

Applications are now open for AUS students who want to study abroad in the Fall 2017 semester.

The **deadline** for all applications is **December 3, 2016**.

Visit IXO (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.

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Congratulations Suzy

Suzy Sikorski, an Incoming Fall 2014 study abroad student, has received a Fulbright Scholarship to return to the UAE next year to pursue her studies in art history under Dr. Martin Giesen in CAAD. Her work will focus on "weaving the tales of Emirati artists' pasts within the ever transforming UAE city landscape." Congratulations to Suzy Sikorski, and we can't wait to have her back!



Blast From the Past

IXO was visited recently by Tariq Thaleb, an incoming Fall 2015 Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) student. Thaleb returned to visit and family in the region.



Osama Mafraji, IXO Advisor; Abu Bakr, CIEE Resident Director; Tariq Thaleb; and Grace Morales, IXO Administrative Assistant (Left to Right)

In Their Own Words

One of our favorite jobs in IXO is welcoming back AUS students who recently studied abroad. Some of the students who studied abroad in Spring 2016 visited the IXO office recently and discussed their experiences with advisors. To view these video interviews, visit our IXO Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/IXOatAUS>.



Mohammad Saleh, Spring 2016 study abroad student, and Osama Mafraji, IXO Advisor (Left to Right)



Osama Mafraji, IXO Advisor, and Dinete Kollanur, Spring 2016 study abroad student (Left to Right)

Anusha Grewal, an international relations major with a photography minor, studied through a program called Study at Sea.

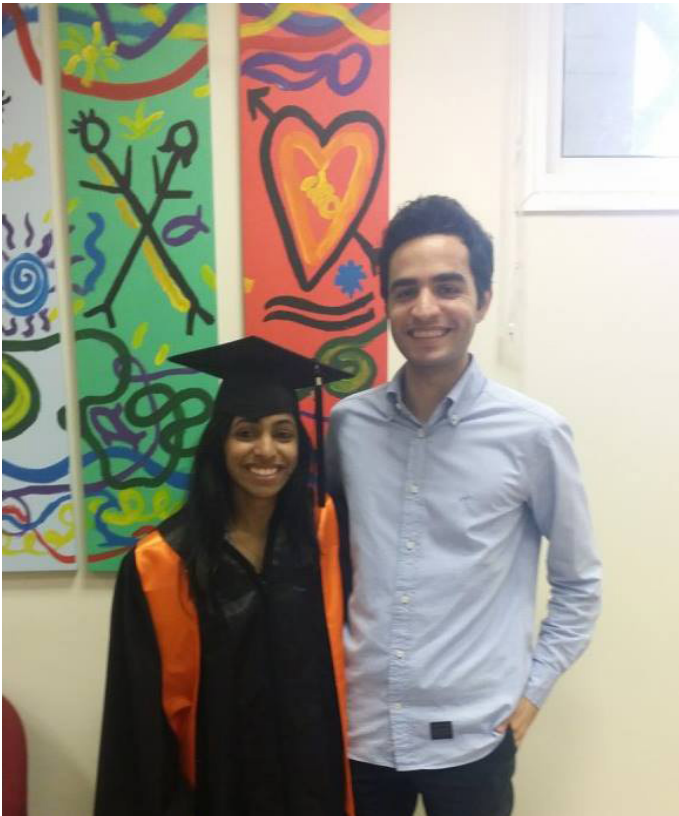
Grewal said, "I spent the semester on a ship, travelling around the world, and earning credit at the University of Virginia. We visited 11 different countries across Asia and Africa." When asked about her expectations and experiences, she replied, "This was such a unique program. I had no idea what to expect in terms of the academic work and lifestyle. I don't think you can prepare yourself to study at sea by reading about it or hearing other people's experiences. It is definitely something you need to experience on your own in order to understand how it works." Grewal advised, "I think it is important to study abroad, because it really expands a person's horizons. My experience taught me how to be independent and confident. It helped me to understand the countries and the different cultures a whole lot better, and through this I began to understand myself a whole lot better."



Anusha Grewal and peers aboard the ship (Left to Right)

AUS Campus Tour

IXO will introduce new orientation campus tour videos for incoming Fall 2016 students. Every week IXO will post one video on the incoming Facebook group in the weeks leading up to their arrival, so that they are more familiar with the AUS campus.



Ilda Soares and Osama Mafraji, IXO Advisor (Left to Right)

IXO Graduates

Congratulations to IXO Peer Advisors Ilda Soares and Ahmed Jabr on their graduation from AUS! Soares graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering and has managed the publication of our newsletter since Spring 2014. Jabr graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and worked at IXO since Fall 2015, after his study abroad experience at Utah State University. IXO wishes the graduating advisors the best of luck for their future endeavors.



IXO Events

IXO Farewell Dinner

IXO hosted a farewell dinner for Spring 2016 students at the Sharjah Golf and Shooting Club. We hate to see them leave, but wish them all the best settling back at their home universities.



Spring 2016 at Sharjah Golf and Shooting Club

Burj Al Arab Tour

Academic Programs International (API) recently hosted study abroad students to visit the Burj Al Arab. Students toured the the five-star hotel, and viewed the luxurious floors and suites.



Spring 2016 at Burj Al Arab Hotel

Visiting Delegations

Recent Visitors

AUS was visited by representatives from Boston College and the University of Vermont (UVM), both located in the Northeast region of the USA. Boston College recently signed a bilateral exchange agreement with AUS, and UVM is a very popular destination for AUS students studying abroad through International Student Exchange Programs (ISEP).



Dr. Linda Angell, IXO Director; Sabine Bruggemen, an intern at IXO; and Gayle R. Nunley, a delegate from the University of Vermont (Left to Right)



Delegate from Grinnell College Dr. Mervat Youssef and Osama Mafraji, IXO Advisor (Left to Right)

Grinnell College

IXO hosted a mixer between exchange students and Mervat Youssef, an Arabic professor from Grinnell College in Iowa, USA. Youssef and the students discussed why students from Grinnell College should study abroad at AUS, including our wonderful diversity, facilities on campus, and safety at AUS and in the UAE as a whole.



Mixer with delegate from Grinnell College