

Welcome to AUS

IXO would like to extend a warm welcome to all incoming summer students. This year, we have more than 30 students coming from 21 universities from 4 different countries. We hope they have a great time at AUS.

Alumni Updates

Return from South Africa

Chemical engineering student and former IXO Peer Advisor Islam Al-Qaisi graduated last year and embarked on an adventure to South Africa where he worked for Total (a French oil company) as part of their management training program for a year. He travelled around and visited all the major South African cities and provinces during his time there. Soon after he returned from his adventure, he stopped by IXO and visited Linda, Grace and Lillie to share his experience.



Left to Right: Grace, Linda, Islam and Lillie

Blast from the Past

One of our earlier Peer Advisors Solmaz Karimi stopped by IXO last month during her visit to the UAE to spend time with her family for Ramadan. Solmaz was a biology major in the AUS College of Arts and Sciences and studied abroad at University of Vermont (UVM) in Spring 2014 (via ISEP Exchange). She joined the IXO team back in Fall 2014, and was extremely happy when she walked into our corridor during her visit. She said, "I felt like I was coming home."

As a result of the connections she made during her study abroad experience at UVM, Solmaz was offered a full scholarship to pursue her master's degree in pharmacology at UVM from which she just graduated last week. Now, her next big adventure will be to pursue her pharmacology doctoral degree (i.e., Pharm D) at University of Florida in Gainesville starting Fall 2017 semester.

Solmaz has maintained close ties with IXO and we are proud of her achievements. We wish her the very best for her future endeavors.



Solmaz at IXO

Graduate Farewell Dinner

IXO said a fond farewell to three Peer Advisors – Seham Nasser, Tarek Alsayed and Dinete Kollanur – who graduated in Spring 2017.

We will dearly miss them and we wish them the best for the future! We thank them for all of their many contributions to IXO during the past year.

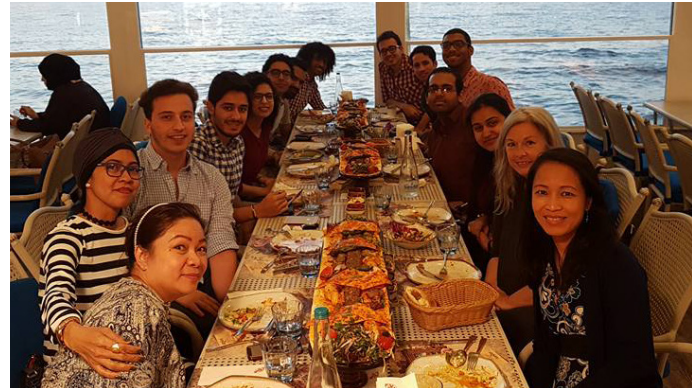
Congratulations, Dinete!

IXO congratulates Dinete Kollanur, IXO Peer Advisor, on his graduation and his new job at Tajawal. He majored in accounting in the School of Business Administration (SBA) and studied abroad at the University of South Carolina (USC) in Spring 2016. He shared that his study abroad experience impressed the recruiters during the interview when he mentioned how his semester abroad in a new country helped him take ownership of situations and easily adapt to different environments. In addition, the courses he took at USC turned out to be highly relevant for this job.

We are happy to receive this confirmation that the skills and experiences our students gain while abroad do indeed help them in the job market.



Dinete with his mother during AUS graduation

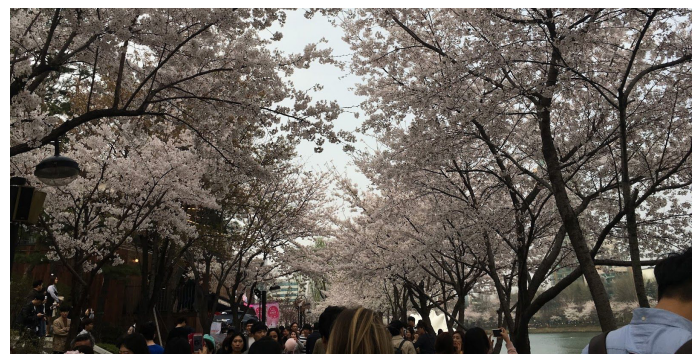


IXO Dinner at Saray Sultan

IXO News

Study Abroad in South Korea

We love to see students explore new places and we encourage upcoming applicants to consider alternative destinations outside the US. Several AUS students studied abroad in South Korea as one popular alternative option. For example, Sara Aleghfeli, a mass communication major, studied abroad at Konkuk University in Spring 2017. She was able to take several courses entirely in English, as well as a Korean language course to help her communicate during her stay. She enjoyed her time exploring many Korean cities, and was impressed by the inexpensive and easy transportation, the feeling of safety, shopping centers, historical landmarks and other attractions in Seoul and around.



Cherry blossom festival in South Korea

IXO Team for Summer 2017

IXO will be operating as per usual this summer from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from Sunday to Wednesday and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday. The summer team will include:



Linda
(remotely)

Grace

Lillie

Rawya

Brashant

Mohammad

Abuobaker

Mutaman

Tasnim

Divya

Study Abroad in Fall 2018

Applications are now open for AUS students who want to study abroad in the Fall 2018 semester. The deadline for all applications is December 2, 2017.

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.

Marketing Your Study Abroad

Senior Lecturer and Director of Placement at the School of Business Administration Linda McLoughlin delivered a lecture for IXO students on "How to market their study abroad experience to potential employers" in April. This workshop is very useful for senior students as they learned helpful techniques on how to represent the skills acquired from studying abroad on their CV and during an interview.

We conduct this workshop every semester and encourage outgoing Spring 2017 students who are returning to join us for the next one.



Workshop attendees in SBA

Farewell to Our Spring 2017 Exchange Students

Sadly we had to bid farewell to our exchange students going back to their home universities. The IXO team and our exchange students celebrated our last event at Bait Al Baghdadi with authentic Iraqi food. Students dressed in abayas and kandoras to embrace the UAE culture.

IXO wishes the best to all students and hopes they had a wonderful time at AUS.



Farewell Dinner at Bait Al Baghdadi

Best Wishes to Karna

IXO's office assistant Karna Garan is taking a leave to get married this summer in India. Peer Advisors and the rest of the IXO team gathered for lunch to celebrate, wish him the best and thank him for his contributions to IXO.



Lunch celebrating Karna's wedding

Visit from Syracuse University

Students from Syracuse University in New York, led by Professor Mehrzad Boroujerdi (Chair of the Political Science Department), visited AUS last month.

We hope they enjoyed their tour, and their time in the UAE.



Syracuse students visit AUS

Visiting Delegations

Sapienza University Visits AUS

Several professors and master's students from Sapienza University of Rome, Italy, visited AUS in April. The delegates were given a short campus and library tour after meeting with IXO team members Lillie de Guzman and Linda Angell.



Delegates from Sapienza University at IXO lounge

Delegates from Italy Visit AUS

Delegates from Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Italy – Gianluca Samsa, Head Manager of Outbound Programs, and Martino Diez, Coordinator of the Arabic Language Department – visited IXO to discuss the Arabic language program at AUS. After a tour of the campus, the delegates met with Dr. Ahmed Ali and Dr. Mai Zaki from the Department of Arabic and Translation Studies, and Dr. Linda Angell, Director of IXO.



Delegates from Italy at IXO