Faculty-Led Study Tours

Every year, AUS faculty lead 10 to 20 study tours to countries around the world, with hundreds of AUS students participating. These faculty-led study tours enhance the academic program for AUS students considerably.

The International Exchange Office (IXO) has developed an advising booklet to assist AUS faculty in planning for study tours. The booklet lists many program providers around the world who can assist with local arrangements, and is available online here: https://www.aus.edu/sites/default/files/IXO_advisingsheet_facultyled_studytour.pdf

Comings and Goings

Visiting Delegates in March
Wentworth Institute of Technology, USA
Wheaton College, USA
East Carolina University, USA

Visiting Scholars in March
CAS, Sara Alcharbji Almzayak, Heriot-Watt University

Faculty-Led Study Tours
Model UN (AUSMUN-LIMUN), London, UK
Jessup Moot Court, Kuwait City, Kuwait
Design Trip to Copenhagen, Denmark
Design Trip to Milan, Italy
Architecture Trip to Naples, Italy
Financial Expedition to Hong Kong, China
Jessup Moot Court, Washington DC, USA
Forthcoming after March:
Seeing and Drawing, Italy
Architecture and Urbanism, Japan

“*The best things in life are often waiting for you at the exit ramp of your comfort zone.*”
- Karen Salmansohn

IXO Calendar

**March 17**
IXO outing to Mussandam, Oman

**March 23**
Spring Break

**April 21**
*Date correction:* Deadline for submitting applications to study abroad in Spring 2019

**May 7**
Deadline for outbound students to submit course approval forms for their study abroad in Fall 2018
IXO Team Updates

Rose Departs for Sustainability

We were very fortunate to have the opportunity to work closely with Rose Armour, who volunteered with IXO since she moved to AUS in early Fall 2017. During her time with us, Rose planned, developed and launched gaming apps for incoming and outgoing study abroad students, and ran our regularly offered workshop "Marketing Your Study Abroad Experience to Potential Employers." We wish her all the best with her new position in the AUS Sustainability office.

Hong is Moving to Canada

Hong Ho, Regional Director for Academic Programs Inc. (API) since Summer 2012, has announced she will be moving to Canada in Summer 2018. We have loved working in close partnership with her all these years, and will be devastated to see her go. During her time associated with IXO, she has led many fun and cultural outings for our students, and especially introduced us all to the Fujairah bull-fighting events. We certainly wish her and her family all the very best as they embark on this new adventure!

Welcome Back, Lilia!

Lilia Abbud, a prior IXO Volunteer, has now returned to work with us, and we are delighted to have her back! This semester, we will work with her to go paperless, in line with the sustainability focus at AUS. In addition, Lilia will work on codifying our policies and procedures into formal written documents.

Farewell Harish, Hello Krishna

A huge welcome and congratulations to our new CleanCo Office Assistant, Krishna Itha, who was promoted from his cleaning position in the Chemistry Building. He took over from Harish, who left CleanCo to take a factory position in Ajman.

Hong Ho

Harish

Krishna
**IXO Events**

**IXO Mixer**

As the final event of our spring orientation period, the IXO team hosted a mixer and pizza dinner for incoming students to introduce them to some of our students, faculty and administrators.

**A Day Out in Abu Dhabi**

Study abroad students at AUS love to explore Abu Dhabi, but it can be difficult for them to get there! Our recent Day Out in Abu Dhabi started with a guided tour of the Louvre, followed by another guided tour of Masdar City. Later in the day, students visited the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque and the adjoining new Hajj Museum.

**Recent IXO Outings**

Since the mixer, the IXO team and study abroad students have continued exploring the United Arab Emirates, including trips to the Al Marmoon Camel Races, Dubai Miracle Gardens, Abu Dhabi, Sharjah Light Festival and Global Village.

**Camel Racing, Miracle Gardens**

Camel racing is an important cultural event within the UAE, and most incoming students have never had the chance to experience it before. After cheering on the camels, there's no better way to unwind than by strolling through the colorful Dubai Miracle Gardens.
Sharjah Light Festival

This year's Sharjah Light Festival, inspired by science, creativity and knowledge, was truly breathtaking. Students enjoyed a great night out and about in Sharjah.

The Sharjah Light Festival

Global Village

Dubai's Global Village always offers our students a fun evening of dining, shopping, entertainment and culture. This outing, along with Global Day and the many cultural clubs at AUS, help to familiarize them with the full diversity of cultures and peoples living in the UAE.

IXO Students Arrive at Global Village

IXO Alumni Updates

Sankar Narayanan

Sankar Narayanan, who visited IXO in March, graduated from AUS's computer science program in Fall 2016. He is now pursuing a Master's Degree in Engineering Software at the University of Melbourne in Australia.

While he didn't study abroad from AUS, he was a frequent visitor to IXO, and told us that our programs inspired him to go abroad for his master's degree.

Sankar told us he never thought he'd be able to live on his own, but after overcoming many challenges, now feels capable of facing anything that life may throw at him.

Sankar Narayanan

Suzy Sikorski at Christie's

Suzy Sikorski, a study abroad alumni from Fall 2014 and subsequent AUS Fulbright Scholar in 2016, now works as a Junior Specialist for the famed auction house Christie's in Dubai. She recently told us: "I am honored to have had my first official consignment (and client) with my Fulbright Advisor...Professor Martin Giesen in CAAD. He is consigning a stunning sculpture from the Lebanese artist Michel Basbous." We are so pleased with this long-term and continued association, congratulate Suzy on her achievements, and wish her all the best.

Suzy Sikorski, Junior Specialist, Christie's Dubai