

Maastricht University breaks into Top 100 of prestigious university rankings

One of our partner universities, Maastricht University (UM), has broken into the top 100 of the Times Higher Education's (THE) World University Rankings (2013/14), moving from 115th to 98th place. This is the second time UM has climbed the charts in two years, jumping a spectacular 82 places last year, from 197th to 115th place. We wish to congratulate UM for this achievement!

THE World University Rankings use a range of 13 rigorous performance indicators and are the only global rankings to judge institutions against all their core activities - i.e. teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook. The university's rise in ranks has been most impressive; it's climb due to a strong commitment to internationalization, cleverly focused research activity and an outstanding score for industrial engagement.

On top of this amazing achievement, UM's School of Business and Economics has ranked 1st in 3 spots based on students' opinions.

To be able to study abroad at UM, students must have 60 credits by the time of departure and a minimum GPA of 2.5. Students are allowed spend one or two semesters at this university, so don't miss the opportunity to apply. The application deadline for Fall 2014 is December 1, 2013.

A special thanks for book donations

The IXO wants to thank our colleague, Teresa Crompton from the Office of Research, for being kind enough to donate a number of fiction books to the IXO. We appreciate it greatly.

We would like to ask the AUS Community to donate books to the IXO - particularly any used travel guides to help enrich the IXO library and provide more information for those who come through.

Successful study abroad fairs!

We would like to thank all students who came by the Study Abroad Fairs! The fairs took place on September 29, October 1 and October 3 in SBM, CEN and CAS.

Peer advisors were on hand to provide the AUS community with information about study abroad opportunities around the globe. You are all invited to stop by IXO to pursue the next steps for study abroad.

Congratulations to our ISEP Ambassadors!

Congratulations to IXO's own Sally Alhamad and Shamshu Shahid for being named ISEP Ambassadors! They both studied at the University of Vermont and North Carolina State University respectively during the Fall 2012 semester. IXO is proud of you for this achievement!



Wishing the AUS Community Eid Mubarak!

Our exchange students had exciting plans over the Eid Break. Many opted to travel, choosing places such as India, Nepal, Azerbaijan, Turkey, Sweden and Germany - even travelling as far as Washington DC in the USA. Others decided to explore the region (such as Qatar and the UAE), including a fortunate group who visited Bani Yas Island with Sheikh Mansour.

We hope everyone had a wonderful Eid Break!

