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Office of International Exchange Programs

Announcements

Outbound Exchange Students



Currently there are 25 students from American University of Sharjah studying in the United States, the Netherlands and Japan. Students in the USA are studying in 13 different states:



Study Abroad Fair

The Office of International Exchange Programs will be hosting a Study Abroad Fair October 18-19 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. in the Chemistry Building rotunda.



This is a good opportunity for potential outgoing exchange students to start exploring their options.

Applications

Study Abroad Fall 2016

Applications are now open for AUS students who want to study abroad in Fall 2016, and for AUS faculty and staff members to apply for their dependants who wish to study overseas through the tuition exchange program starting in Fall 2016.

The **deadline** for study abroad applications is **December 5, 2015**.

The **deadline** for faculty/staff dependants to submit tuition exchange applications is **November 21, 2015**.

Visit the Office of International Exchange Programs (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.

IXO Calendar

October 21

Karaoke night for Fall 2015 Study Abroad Students

October 24

Musandam dhow trip for Fall 2015 Study Abroad Students

November 21

Tuition Exchange Application Deadline

December 5

Application Deadline for Outgoing Fall 2016 Study Abroad Students



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Student Opportunities

University of Cambridge, UK

Study abroad this next summer at the University of Cambridge, UK, through the Pembroke-King's Programme (PKP), which offers an exceptional opportunity for outstanding graduates and undergraduates at AUS to experience Cambridge student life over eight weeks, June 26-August 20, 2016.



Students may choose three courses in the arts, social sciences, business and management, humanities and sciences. Four scholarships covering £1000 (just over AED 5,500) of the tuition fee are also available.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Minimum GPA of 3.2
- High level of fluency in English
- Completed one year of a degree course

Competition for places is intense, so early application is advised. To find out what previous PKP students have said about their experience of the program, see: www.pem.cam.ac.uk/the-pkp-experience For more information visit: www.pem.cam.ac.uk/pkp

Visiting Guests

Abu Dhabi Education Council

AUS was recently visited by Abdallah Al Zakhem from the Abu Dhabi Education Council.



Dr. Linda Angell and Abdallah Al Zakhem

Abdallah Al Zakhem met with IXO Director Dr. Linda Angell to discuss the possibility of establishing a scholarship program for study abroad students.



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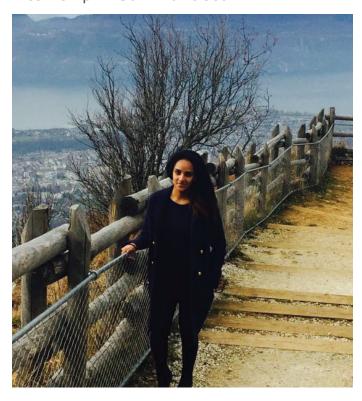
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Student Profile

Study Abroad in Sweden and the USA

Hayat Ahmed is an international studies student at American University of Sharjah who, while studying abroad in the 2014-2015 academic year, was able to study in both Sweden and the United States and completed her year abroad with an internship in San Francisco.



Starting her journey in Sweden during Fall 2014, Ahmed studied at Linnaeus University. She said she enjoyed the immersive experience of staying with a host family and experienced completely new seasons, especially when sunset would be around 3 p.m. in December. Studying in Sweden was very different from what she was accustomed to, as the academic system involved one course per month. Ahmed explained that studying in Sweden was highly beneficial due to its distinct socioeconomic policy and political position in the world.

While in Europe Hayat Ahmed travelled to destinations such as Paris, Spain and Geneva.



The United States was up next on her study abroad adventure, where she studied at St. Lawrence University in upstate New York for Spring 2015. The system there was more familiar. Ahmed said she enjoyed her courses, explaining that they helped broaden her horizons in the field of international studies.



While in the United States, Ahmed travelled to Boston, Minnesota, Chicago and Washington, DC, and, upon completing her semester in New York, spent Summer 2015 doing her internship in San Francisco for Human Rights Watch.



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Events

IXO Meet and Greet

IXO hosted a "meet and greet" session for incoming and outgoing students and Emirati friends of IXO. This was a good opportunity for the students to become aquainted with one anothers' cultures and share initial impressions and experiences.



Study abroad students at IXO meet and greet

Eid Information Session

IXO held an information session for the Incoming Fall 2015 study abroad students to inform them of the origins and the cultural and religious significance of Eid al Adha. The session was presented by Abu Bakr Al Ani, resident director for incoming CIEE study abroad students.



Eid information session presented by Abu Bakr Al Ani

IXO Cooking Lessons

IXO organized cooking lessons for the Incoming Fall 2015 study abroad students so that while living abroad they could rely on home cooking as opposed to home delivery! The cooking lessons were hosted by various members of the AUS community. A big thanks to everyone involved and a special thanks to Sydney Wait (AUS community member) and Cindy Baker (Department of Management) for volunteering their time to coordinate and provide cooking lessons in the week leading up to the Eid break.



Cooking lessons with Dr. Linda Angell