

"One way to make the most out of your life is to look upon it as an adventure."

– William Feather

IXO Calendar

November 7

Workshop: How to Market Your
Study Abroad Experience
to Potential Employers

November 23

Farewell
Thanksgiving Dinner

December 2

Application Deadline
for Outgoing Students

UAE Best for Study Abroad

The *US News and World Report* indicated that the UAE is the best country in which to study abroad. According to the report, "Students studying abroad in the United Arab Emirates will find themselves in a melting pot of nationalities... [The UAE] is perceived to be the safest in the Arab region, ranking above even the United States."

The UAE was also ranked as: the best Arab country to live in; the second best country in the world to start a career; and 10th best country for quality of life.

For more information, visit
<http://gulfnews.com/guides/life/ranked-uae-in-top-25-best-countries-in-the-world-1.1990112>

IXO News

Hosting Delegates from China

The IXO team welcomed visiting delegates from the Zhejiang University in China to AUS this September. The delegates received a tour around campus and then met Dr. Mahmoud Anabtawi, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. The visitors were impressed by the beauty of the campus and by our many university facilities.



Visiting Delegates from China

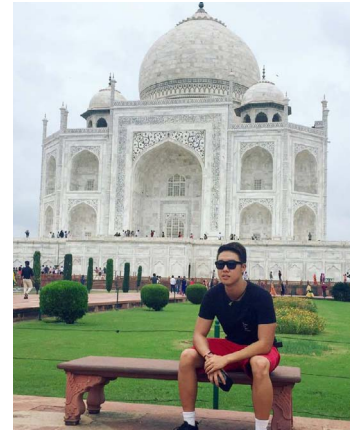
IXO Travel Adventures

Jack in India

Jack Agrasuta, a study abroad student from Denison University in Granville, Ohio, travelled to India during Eid Al Adha Break. He described his overall experience as "amazing," and found the architecture at the Taj Mahal in Agra and Humayun's Tomb in New Delhi to be particularly fascinating. He learned a lot about the history of India through his exploration and conversation. For example, he befriended a taxi driver who showed him around Agra.



Jack at the Taj Mahal



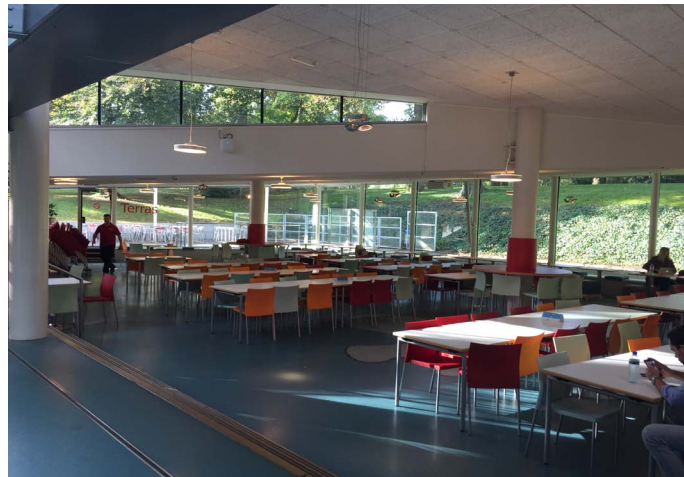
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Site Visit: Maastricht University

Maastricht University School of Business and Economics (SBE), our study abroad partner, is located in the beautiful ancient city of Maastricht within the Netherlands, in the very heart of Europe.

The city of Maastricht is by some accounts the oldest city in the Netherlands, and was not bombed at all during the World Wars. As a result, it has the original medieval city walls, and many gorgeous cathedrals and other buildings, plus cobblestoned streets. Maastricht University SBE is a beautiful place, with great student facilities including coffee shops and cafeterias, plenty of computer and group work spaces, lounges and cafeterias, and a beautiful library located nearby.

To learn more about study abroad at Maastricht University, please visit IXO.



The Cafeteria at Maastricht University



View, Historical Old City of Maastricht

IXO Events

IXO Mixer

The IXO Mixer aimed to facilitate direct interactions between new incoming exchange students and the faculty, staff and students at AUS. The mixer, held in the Main Building, incorporated ice breaker games and a shared meal. Various members of the AUS community attended the event, including students from the Emirati Club, faculty members, and other friends of IXO.



Exchange Students and Guests



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Peace One Day: Friendly Football Matches

IXO exchange students and Peer Advisors participated in a Peace One Day event organized by the AUS Bridge Program. The newly formed IXO team played two matches of football against the Bridge Program teams while other members of IXO cheered them on.



IXO Football Team



From right to left: Raja Bahloul, Jessica March, David Wilmsen, May Zaki, Grace Morales, Flor Khattab, and Lillie De Guzman



IXO Football Team vs. The Bridge Team

IXO Team Updates

Farewell and Congratulations

We would like to bid farewell to two of our former volunteers, Rawya Abu-Hajleh and Lilia Abbud, and congratulate them on their new roles on campus. Rawya is CIEE's new Resident Director and Lilia now works in the Office of Sustainability. We are honored to have worked with them and wish them all the best with their new responsibilities.

Also, congratulations to Karna Garan, our former office assistant, on his new role as a Cleanco supervisor stationed in NAB, and thanks for his many valued contributions to IXO.



Farewell Celebration with Rawya and Lilia



Change in Cleanco Staffing

New Team Members

IXO welcomes a few additional new team members for Fall 2017.

Mariam El-Ashwal, from Egypt, is a new Publicity Specialist of IXO. She is currently a fourth year architecture major. Some of her many interests include pottery making and floral arrangement.

Harish Hari, from India, is the new Office Assistant of IXO. He has been living in the UAE for two years during which he worked for other departments in AUS. Harish speaks three languages and has an interest in computers and technology.



Mariam



Harish

Alumni Updates

Congratulations and Good Luck, Suzy!

Suzy Sikorski studied abroad at AUS from Fordham University via CIEE in Fall 2014, and then returned as a Fulbright Scholar through our Visiting Guest-in-Residence Program during CY2016. She was recently hired in Dubai as a Junior Specialist at Christie's Auction House. Suzy said, "I am beyond excited and it has been my dream job since going to AUS in 2014." We are extremely happy for her and we wish her all the best in her new position.



Suzy Sikorski