

Welcome to our monthly newsletter. It is released around the 15th of each month, and will keep you up to date with the latest studying opportunities, events, announcements, and news about our incoming and outgoing exchange students.

Students can study abroad through an exchange program, which allows students to take courses at any of our partner institutions in the US, Canada and the UK while paying AUS tuition and receiving AUS credit. Study abroad does not impact your GPA. Students can study abroad for up to 2 semesters and at some sites even complete an internship after the end of the program. Students going to the US can find employment on campus during the semester. Students are welcome to stop by MG43 or call 06 515 4027 to speak with a member of our staff. Information about and applications for all of our programs can be found on our website: [www.aus.edu/ixo](http://www.aus.edu/ixo)

## Reasons to require study abroad

From the article "20 Big Reasons Study Abroad Should Be Required Today". To read and find more about why studying abroad is such an important experience, please visit <http://bit.ly/LFzz80>

### " 1. There's no better way to learn a language:

Students today need to be linguistically and culturally competent enough to meet the international demands of business, government, and other institutions. But colleges are struggling to graduate students that can keep up. With a study abroad experience, students are immersed in a new language, and forced to quickly adapt and learn how to communicate, a skill that is highly useful in a variety of situations back home.

### 2. Study abroad students are simply more employable:

Research from GO GLOBAL! indicates that nearly every time, students with study abroad experience will be hired over those who have not gone abroad. This is especially true for students pursuing careers in business. Employers can appreciate that students have taken the extra step to not just travel abroad, but to study in another country, learning a new language, culture, and way of life."

## Congratulations AUS

"American University of Sharjah is now ranked among the world's top 500 universities (Quacquarelli Symonds international university ranking system). This is wonderful recognition for all of our faculty and staff's hard work of over the past years and to their many notable achievements. Similarly, it is a tribute to the outstanding accomplishments of our students and alumni." *Peter Heath, Chancellor*

## Welcome to an exciting new semester and good luck to our outgoing Fall 2012 students

It is the start of a new exciting semester, and we would like to warmly welcome all new students and especially all new exchange students to AUS. We welcome you all to our beautiful campus and urge you to make the most of your time here at AUS. And don't forget to join our Facebook group page, see below, so you can keep informed of our upcoming events and activities.

Seven AUS students have gone to study abroad for Fall 2012, as follows; Sally AlHamad is going to University of Vermont; Noshin Khan and Zhraa AlKasake to University of North Carolina; Shamsu Shahid to North Carolina State; Arun Vijayan to University of Iowa; Abdalla AlZain to Tilburg University in Netherlands; and Sweleha Calafato to American University. We wish you all a great semester.

## International students during orientation week



## Transportation

There is a new shuttle bus schedule, which will make the transportation between Dubai and Sharjah much easier for our international students. AUS is pleased to announce the commencement of a shuttle bus that will run to the Etisalat and Rashidiya Metro stations in Dubai. Four buses in the morning ensure that students get to AUS for their first classes at 8:00 and then buses run every hour until 10:15 pm. For more information please contact Henri Pinto on 06 5152171