

Welcome Fall 2013 Incoming Students, And Good Luck Outgoing Students!

Please join the IXO in welcoming 45 incoming students from around the world to AUS this semester. They have travelled to our campus all the way from the US, Canada, Egypt, Germany, Argentina, France, the U.K., Qatar and other surrounding countries. We wish them the best and hope they have a great stay with us!

At the same time, we wish the best of luck to our 21 outgoing students, and hope they have a wonderful Fall abroad. They have been placed at various universities around the US, Canada and Europe. We are very excited to announce that the IXO has sent a record number of outgoing students; more than double the numbers that we have ever sent before!

Congratulations ISEP Ambassadors!

Congratulations to IXO's very own AlMoataz Hassan and Sonia Soares for being selected as the 2012-2013 International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) Ambassadors, we are proud of you!

The ISEP Ambassador Program helps students who have studied abroad through ISEP to promote international education on their campus and recruit study abroad participants. They were selected for their commitment, having spent a year sharing their knowledge, welcoming incoming students to our university and participating in various events and accomplishments. They each received \$150, a certificate and a letter of recommendation.



A Little About The IXO

The IXO focuses on incoming and outgoing study abroad programs, study tours, international internships and scholarships, tuition exchange programs, and visiting scholars, guests and delegates. We aim to enrich your classrooms with global perspectives and broader diversity.

During 2013, the IXO has hosted 147 incoming students from the US, Canada, Egypt, Germany, Argentina, France, the UK, Qatar, etc. We've sent abroad 31+ students across the US, Canada and Europe, welcomed 131 Visiting International Guests (24 Delegations) and 40 Visiting Scholars, and helped 240 AUS students attend study tours.

This year the IXO is pleased to have a large, diverse team who have all studied abroad themselves. The team comes from all ends of the world including: New Zealand, the Philippines, America, Iraq, India, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Egypt. We speak many languages and have various perspectives – but we're all willing to help you with your study abroad.

We encourage students to apply to the program, you will not be disappointed! It's an affordable way to see the world and immerse yourself in different cultures. We also would like to stress that credit does transfer back to AUS, therefore students will graduate on time, and we can assist with course approvals or any other bumps along the way.

The IXO would like to remind students to plan a year in advance for their study abroad! Deadlines for applications are months before the actual date of leaving to enable time for processing.

Welcome Back Returning Students!

Welcome back to our 7 returning students from their study abroad semester in Spring 2013. Three of these students studied at the American University of DC and George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Others studied at the University of Iowa, U.S.A, University of Victoria in Canada, Harvard University, U.S.A. and City University London in the U.K.

Two of the returning students, Ambreen Mehdi and Arun Vijayan, joined the IXO team and will be staying on to help during the next year. We welcome them to the team!

Internship Opportunities for Incoming Students

Daimler Middle East & Levant (DMEL), located in Dubai, is offering opportunities for a 6-month paid internship to incoming study abroad students. Daimler is the world's most successful automotive company, selling its vehicles and services in nearly all countries in the world, with production facilities in five continents.

DMEL's objective is to steer the General Distributors in the region in regards to sales and marketing and further develop business in the Middle East and Levant countries.

These internship opportunities are open to those majoring in business management with the occasional opportunity for engineers. The internship can be completed after the study abroad period and within their 1-year student visa.

Your Chance To Be Published: A Call For Student Reflections!

The Journal of International Students is looking for papers! It is a professional journal that publishes narrative, theoretical and empirically-based research articles, student reflections and book reviews relevant to international students and their cross-cultural experiences and understanding. This journal is published bi-annually, encompassing a wide range of academic fields, from international education, linguistics to philosophy or psychology.

The Student Reflections are focused on study abroad, cross-cultural experiences of students, and must be between 1000 to 1500 words. We encourage students to take advantage of this call and submit a paper!

Food For Thought: Why Study Abroad?

"Nobody can discover the world for somebody else. Only when we discover it for ourselves does it become common ground and a common bond and we cease to be alone."

- Wendell Berry

"Why do you go away? So that you can come back. So that you can see the place you came from with new eyes and extra colors. And the people there see you differently, too. Coming back to where you started is not the same as never leaving."

- Terry Pratchett

The IXO Works Closely With AUS Faculty

The IXO collaborates with faculty, aiming to enrich classrooms with global perspectives and diversity, and enhance debate and discussions. Beyond that, the IXO assists with faculty exchanges, study tours, international conferences and any other opportunities. We offer international events and administer Tuition Exchange Programs for faculty and their dependents.

In turn, AUS Faculty helps to welcome incoming exchange students and encourage AUS students to study abroad, referring them to IXO. They share their own experiences with the students, assist with course approvals, recommend certain programs and set expectations for students.

We look forward to working with AUS Faculty!

Another University Interested in AUS!

We are pleased to announce that the University of Denver in the U.S.A. has decided to send students to our university through the ISEP Direct program. We look forward to welcoming future students from the University of Denver!

Studying Abroad: How Does It Impact Your Personality?

According to a study published by the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, studying abroad has a positive impact on your personality.

Researchers at Germany's Friedrich Schiller University Jena surveyed 1100 students, 527 of which studied abroad and 607 who did not, measuring their "Big Five" personality traits - i.e. agreeableness, conscientiousness, emotional stability, extraversion and openness. They found significant differences between the two groups, the group who studied abroad having higher levels of the "Big Five" traits. These findings were after controlling the levels of the traits before the students left home in order to measure the impact of studying abroad accurately.

Turns out, studying abroad helps personality development, in terms of openness and emotional stability.

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