

## Fall 2015 at AUS

### Welcome to AUS

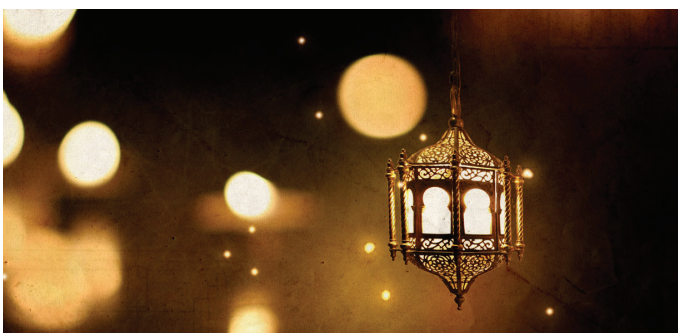
The Office of International Exchange Programs (IXO) wishes the entire AUS community a warm welcome back.

We also welcome all new students to their first semester here at AUS and wish them a successful Fall 2015 semester! As Dr. Linda Angell, the Director of IXO, mentioned to you during orientation last week, we encourage you all to come and talk to our Peer Advisors in the first semester of your sophomore year so that we can begin to plan your study abroad experience.



### Eid Mubarak!

IXO wishes the AUS community a very special Eid Mubarak and safe travels for the upcoming holidays.



## Student Opportunities

### Study Abroad Fall 2016

Applications are now open for AUS students who want to study abroad in the Fall 2016 semester.

The **deadline** for all applications is **December 5, 2015**.

Visit the Office of International Exchange Programs (MG43) to talk to a Peer Advisor about your options. To apply, and or for more information, visit [www.aus.edu/ixo](http://www.aus.edu/ixo) or contact us at [ixo@aus.edu](mailto:ixo@aus.edu).

### Graduate Scholarship at Oxford

The Mica and Ahmet Ertegun Graduate Scholarships in the Humanities offer a great opportunity for AUS seniors contemplating graduate study at Oxford University, UK.

Benefits of this program:

- payment of all tuition and college fees
- generous living stipend
- exclusive use of Ertegun House for the Study of the Humanities

At least 10 scholarships will be available in 2016, for either one- or two-year full-time master's degrees, or three-year full-time doctoral study.

For additional information, visit:

<http://www.ertegun.ox.ac.uk>

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## Fall 2015 IXO Updates

### Fall 2015 Study Abroad Students

As we start this semester, we hope you will join IXO in welcoming the Fall 2015 incoming study abroad students to AUS. IXO has received a total of 45 students this semester, from many countries including the US, UK, Mexico, Sweden, Finland, France, Germany, Bolivia, Brazil and Japan.



Fall 2015 incoming study abroad students and IXO team

### Tuition Exchange Program

The American University of Sharjah is sending two new students from the AUS community to study abroad in the USA through the Tuition Exchange Program, a program administered by the Office of International Exchange Programs.

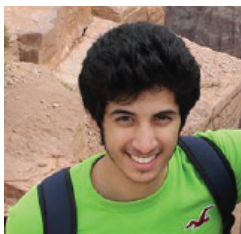
Jasmina Jamaleldin Abdalla, daughter of Dr. Jamaleldin Abdalla, Department of Civil Engineering, is a freshman at the George Washington University, USA.

Yousr Dhaouadi, daughter of Dr. Rached Dhaouadi, Department of Electrical Engineering, will be studying at Syracuse University, USA, as a transfer student from AUS.

IXO wishes these students all the very best with their studies. For more information about AUS's Tuition Exchange Program, please contact Dr. Linda Angell, ext. 4008, [langell@aus.edu](mailto:langell@aus.edu).

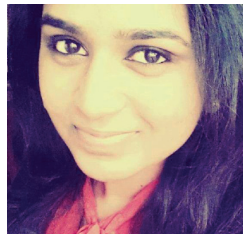
## New Additions to the IXO Team

Peer Advisor



Ahmed Khalid Jabr studied abroad at Utah State University, USA, during the Spring 2015 semester.

Peer Advisor



Ritika Rjan studied abroad at University of Iowa, USA, during the Spring 2015 semester.

Peer Advisor



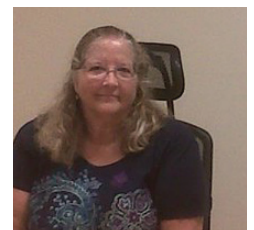
Zhra'a Al Kasake studied abroad at Ryerson University in Canada during the 2014-2015 academic year.

Peer Advisor



Hayat Abdullahi studied abroad at Linnaeus University, Sweden, during the Spring 2015 semester.

IXO Volunteer



Kate Pedersen is managing special projects and will assist with advising.

## Visiting Delegations

On the September 4, AUS received three delegates through the Office of International Exchange Programs to the School of Business Administration.

The delegation included Dr. Mike Shealy, (Director of the Center for International Business Education and Research) and Dr. Rob Rolfe (Professor of International Business) from the Darla Moore School of Business, University of South Carolina (USC), USA.

From Brigham Young University (BYU), USA, was Dr. Jonathan Wood, Managing Director of the Global Management Center at BYU.



AUS School of Business Administration Dean Dr. Robert Grosse (second from left) welcomes (left to right) Dr. Robert Rolfe, Dr. Jonathan Wood and Dr. Mike Shealy.

Another upcoming visit this January is planned, whereby 20 to 24 faculty members, 17 of which represent universities in the Center for International Business Education and Research, will visit AUS. This upcoming visit will include a lecture on Islamic finance, a meet and greet with SBA faculty, and a tour of Sharjah, including a visit to the Sharjah Museum of Islamic Civilization.

## Events

### Welcome Session

IXO participated in the welcome session for new AUS students and their parents held during the Fall 2015 orientation. New Peer Advisor Ritika Rajan joined Pallavi Bichu in staffing IXO's booth, ready and prepared to answer questions about study abroad opportunities at AUS.



Ritika Rajan and Pallavi Bichu (left to right) at the Fall 2015 welcome session.

### IXO Orientation

IXO held a full-day orientation session for the Fall 2015 incoming study abroad students on Saturday, August 29. Students were informed about AUS policies, facilities and the UAE culture.



Fall 2015 incoming study abroad students at IXO orientation

## Day Out in Sharjah and Dubai



Fall 2015 incoming study abroad students at the Al Majaz Waterfront, Sharjah

Fall 2015 study abroad students spent their first few days in the UAE touring Sharjah and Dubai.

In Sharjah, students visited many museums, including the Sharjah Heritage Museum, Sharjah Aquarium and the Sharjah Maritime Museum. Students also explored the Blue Souk, had lunch at the Al Majaz Waterfront Park and enjoyed dinner at Al Qasba.



(Left to right) AJ Newby, Ahmed Muratalla and Dusan Revollo at Al Qasba, Sharjah



Fall 2015 incoming study abroad students at Atlantis, the Palm, Dubai

In Dubai, students attended a cultural breakfast at the Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding and visited the Dubai Museum.

Students also went on a bus tour of the famous landmarks in Dubai, including Sheikh Zayed Road, Atlantis on Palm Island and Burj Khalifa. In the evening, students completed a scavenger hunt in the old souk at Dubai Creek, including an abra ride across the creek.



Looking out to Al Khan Lagoon from the Qasba in Sharjah