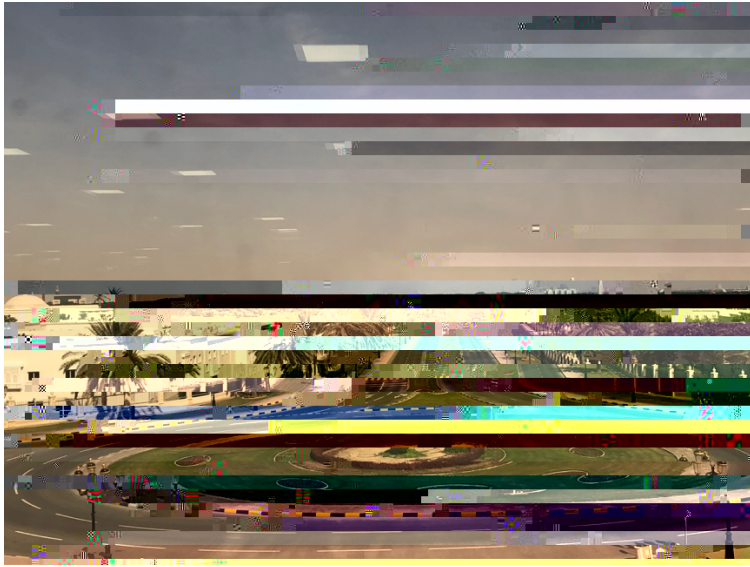


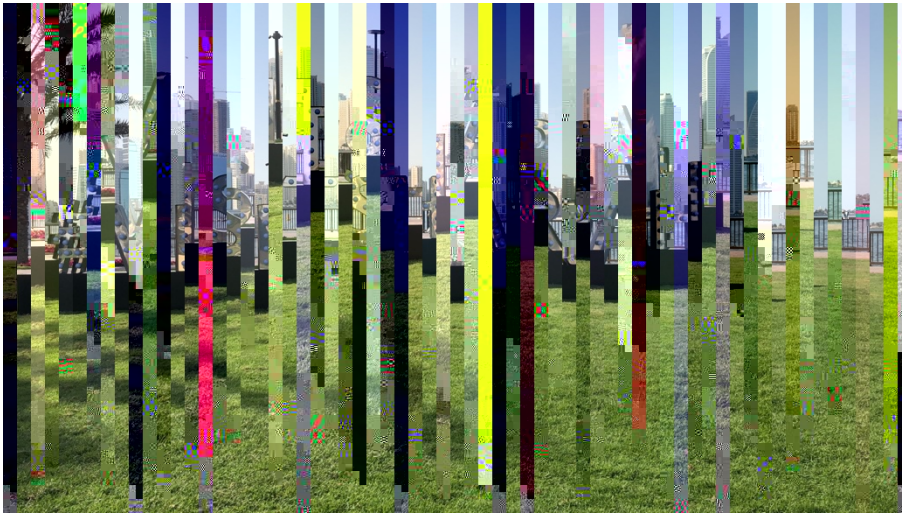
I am a third year Communications and Political Science Major. When thinking about where I wanted to go on exchange, I knew that I wanted an experience that would challenge

IXO puts on an amazing week-long orientation before classes start. During this time, they helped me get my visa and medical documents sorted, walked through rules and regulations that come with living in the UAE and attending AUS, and took us on many day trips to explore both Sharjah and Dubai. The dorms are no more than a five-minute walk from the main buildings (depends if you're in men's or women's dorms). While living on campus is very convenient, AUS strongly enforces a couple of a rules. There are no men allowed in women's dorms, and vice versa. The curfew for weeknights is midnight, and weekends is 1 am. This being said, the dorm supervisors are extremely helpful and are also a great resource on campus.

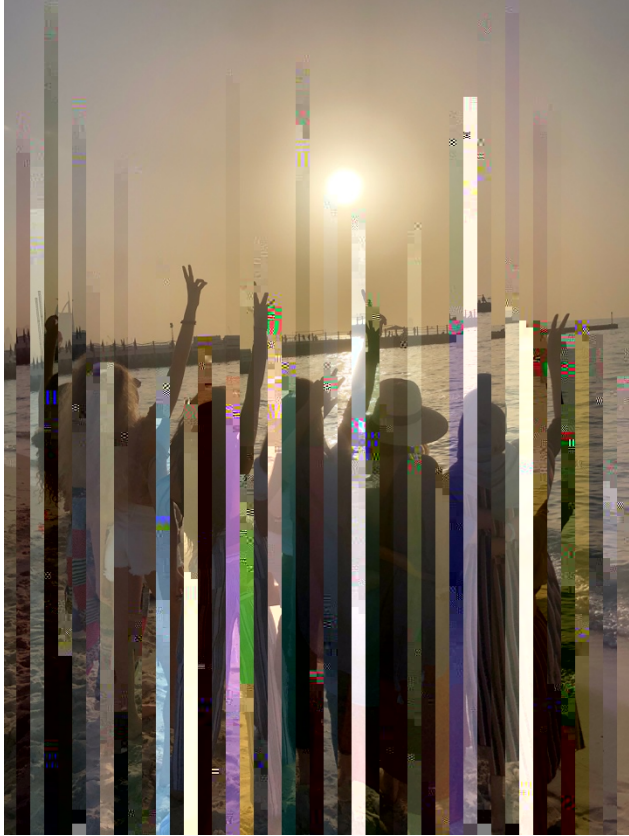
I found that courses at AUS are different to those at SFU. Lectures are scheduled so that they are multiple times a week: either Monday & Wednesday (1 hour and 15-minute lectures) or Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday (50-minute lectures). Fridays and Saturdays are the weekend. The workload is less intensive, but the required grade for passing (70%) is m hczlu



American University of Sharjah (AUS) campus



Downtown Sharjah, taken on an IXO day out



Beach day, an IXO outing



The Grand Mosque in Abu Dhabi, an IXO day out



The Dead Sea in Jordan, during spring break