

INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURE, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Program Description

This minor is an interdisciplinary program of study designed to enable students to:

1. gain an awareness and appreciation for the interrelationship and interdependency of the nations of the world for their food and fiber systems worldwide;
2. gain awareness of problems in international agriculture and sustainability of alternative solutions;
3. understand global impacts of technology;
4. understand systems of learning across cultures.

What is International Agriculture?

How does climate change affect coffee grown in El Salvador—and migration into the United States? What resources do women farmers have compared to men? How can governmental policies promote all people having food at all times? These are just a few of the questions explored within the field of international agriculture.

Agriculture affects all of us. Every time we eat, go to the grocery store, or even buy clothing, we are participating in complex agricultural systems that are increasingly globally integrated. The interdisciplinary study of international agriculture explores food and fiber production around the world—and the lives of everyone connected to these processes. Utilizing systems thinking we examine the environmental, social, economic, political, and technological challenges and opportunities to promoting food security and sustainable agricultural development around the globe.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You want to examine real world challenges influencing whether people around the world have adequate food to eat.
- You want to explore the interconnected environmental, social, and economic factors which contribute to food and fiber production globally.
- You want to enhance your global and cultural perspectives to apply to careers in business, non-profits, government, and more.
- You want to explore the local implications of agriculture and sustainable development around the globe.