

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.

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What is International Agriculture?

The field of international agriculture explores the work and lives of agriculture producers around the world. Agriculture is central to the lives of all people. This field of study provides insights into the social, economic, political, and natural resource systems impacting food producers and consumers globally.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You want to gain an interdisciplinary understanding of international development and agricultural systems around the globe.
- You are interested in gaining awareness of and appreciation for the interdependent nature of food and fiber systems worldwide.
- You want to understand the global implications of local agricultural production and consumption.
- You want to gain an understanding of the global impacts of technology.
- You want to understand systems of learning across cultures.

Entrance to Minor

Students may apply for admission to the minor by completing and submitting an application for admission to Office of International Programs, College of Agricultural Sciences, 106 Administration Building, University Park campus. A signature from the student's major program adviser is required.

Program Requirements

Requirement	Credits
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This minor requires 18 credits and may be combined with any undergraduate major in the University. Some courses require prerequisites not included in the minor. Foreign language competence is highly recommended.

Students are given the option of participating in a semester study abroad program that would be discussed and approved by the INTAG coordinator and the student's academic adviser. Twelve credits maximum can count toward the minor, and should normally only fulfill elective and internationally-oriented experience credits, and not replace prescribed credits for the minor. The semester study abroad program needs to focus on courses within the food, agriculture or natural resources areas.

Students must have six credits of 400-level course work for the minor.

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the minor, as specified by Senate Policy 59-10 (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/59-00-minors-and-certificates/#59-10>). In addition, at least six credits of the minor must be unique from the prescribed courses required by a student's major(s).

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
INTAG 100N	Everyone Eats: Hunger, Food Security & Global Agriculture	3
INTAG 490	Senior Seminar in International Agriculture	3
Additional Courses		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select three courses from the first two categories (9 credits) and one internationally-oriented experience from the third category (3 credits)		
<i>Category 1: Social Sciences</i>		
Select up to two courses from this category:		3-6
AEE 400	Global Agriculture Education	
AGBM 338	Agribusiness in the Global Economy	
ANTH 120	First Farmers	
ANTH 472	The Ecology of Traditional Farming	
BBH 305	Introduction to Global Health Issues	
BBH 402	African Health & Development	
BBH 407	Global Health Equity	
CED 230	Development Issues in the Global Context	
CED 420		
CED 425	International Community and Economic Development	
CED 450	International Development, Renewable Resources, and the Environment	
GEOG 3N	Food and the Future Environment	
GEOG 30N	Environment and Society in a Changing World	
GEOG 123	Geography of Developing World	
GEOG 126	Economic Geography	
GEOG 220	Perspectives on Human Geography	
GEOG 430	Human Use of Environment	
GEOG 444	African Resources and Development	
NUTR 421	Biocultural Perspectives on Public Health Nutrition	
NUTR 425	Global Nutrition Problems: Health, Science, and Ethics	
SPAN 105	Elementary Spanish I for Students in the Agricultural Sciences	
SPAN 106	Elementary Spanish II for Students in the Agricultural Sciences	
WMNST 420		

Any university language skill development course

Category 2: Natural Sciences

Select up to two courses from this category: 3-6

AFR 105	African Biodiversity and Conservation
AGECO 3	The Future of Food
AGECO 457	Principles of Integrated Pest Management
EARTH 2	The Earth System and Global Change
ENT 202	
ENT 222	
ENT 457	Principles of Integrated Pest Management
ERM 210	Environmental Factors and Their Effect on Your Food Supply
FDSC 105	Food Facts and Fads
FOR 201	Global Change and Ecosystems
FOR 418	Agroforestry: Science, Design, and Practice
FOR 488Y	Global Forest Conservation
GEOG 210	Geographic Perspectives on Environmental Systems Science
INTAG 300	Tropical Agriculture and Food Systems
PPEM 405	Microbe-Plant Interactions: Plant Disease and Biological Control
SOILS 71	Environmental Sustainability

Category 3: International Experience

Select 3 credits from the following: 3

AGBM 470A	Comparing Agricultural and Food Systems in the US and France: Lecture
AGBM 470B	Comparing Agricultural and Food Systems in the United States and France: Travel
AGECO 499	Foreign Studies
ANSC 499	Foreign Studies
CED 499	Foreign Studies
ERM 499	Foreign Studies
FDSC 460	International Food Production
FDSC 499	Foreign Studies
HORT 499	Foreign Studies
INTAG 199	Foreign Studies
INTAG 470A	Comparing Agricultural and Food Systems in the US and France: Lecture
INTAG 470B	Comparing Agricultural and Food Systems in the United States and France: Travel
INTAG 499	Foreign Studies
SOILS 499	Foreign Studies
VBSC 499	Foreign Studies

¹ With approval of INTAG minor coordinator.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee's unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information needed to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy/>)

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Schedule an advising appointment with Noel Habashy through Starfish (<http://sites.psu.edu/starfishinfo/>).

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Academic Advising

The objectives of the university's academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and out-of class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.