

International Scholar Title in Agronomy

The Agronomy Department recognizes undergraduate majors who have distinguished themselves in their discipline and have broadened their global understanding through course work and international experiences. Upon completion of the program, students are conferred the title of "Agronomy International Scholar."

An International View for the Science of Food Production

The Agronomy International Scholar Recognition Program recognizes students who integrate the classical sciences of biology, chemistry, physics, and math with the science of sustainable global food production and natural resource conservation. This program is for agronomy students who want to:

- **WALK THE TALK**, to use science in solving problems, to understand and recognize future problems, to be an active part of the solutions.
- **BE LEADERS**, by analyzing and seeking solutions that require an integration of plant, soil, climate, and pest management sciences.
- **DEVELOP A BODY OF SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE** that serves as a tool kit for agronomists that travel the world, allowing them to deeply understand the factors limiting food production and apply that scientific knowledge to create innovative solutions for unique factors that impact different regions and cultures.
- **BECOME GLOBAL CITIZENS**, creating economic opportunities for food producers throughout the world, helping people and countries help themselves.

Criteria for awarding the "Agronomy International Scholar" title

1. Completion of a major in Agronomy with an overall ISU GPA of 3.0 or better.
2. Completion of an international study abroad experience equivalent to one semester through: 1) semester study abroad or 2) semester study abroad internships.
3. Completion of a 2-credit creative project that provides service, leadership, educational or research information related to global agriculture. This will normally be tied to the international study abroad experience.
4. Presentation of the creative project and/or study abroad experience, including comparisons of cultural similarities and differences between the U.S. and the visited country.
5. Completion of 9 or more credits from an approved list of courses that clearly expand global agriculture perspectives and knowledge with a grade of B or better.
6. Completion of a minimum of 6 college-level credits in a foreign language.



"The Agronomy International Scholar Title is designed to recognize agronomy students developing a global vision."
 -Dr. Russell Mullen, Professor of Agronomy & instructor for the Sustainable Development Maymester in Panama



Support for an International Perspective

- Agronomy is one of the leading departments of international travel course development.
- The generous support of Agronomy alumni help fund student opportunities for international experiences:
 - In addition to the already low cost of Agronomy travel courses, agronomy students generally have nearly 30% of the cost funded by Agronomy international travel scholarships.
 - Agronomy students participating in semester abroad programs can have their travel cost covered by the Agronomy department.