



International Agriculture Seminar (AGR 533)



Objectives of the International Travel Course:

- ❖ To provide graduate and undergraduate students with an opportunity to travel abroad for 7-10 days visiting agricultural facilities and operations.
- ❖ To provide students with a certain degree of knowledge and comfort in traveling abroad to enhance their skill set for future jobs.
- ❖ Many companies in the agricultural field have sister operations in remote portions of other countries and our graduates are often times asked to spend 1-2 weeks working/training abroad. This course allows them the skills, knowledge and abilities to have a comfort level in doing so.

Course/Travel Structure

- ❖ The course entails 3-4 classroom meetings discussing foreign trade, currency exchange, culture, legalities, trip operations and international agriculture as a whole.
- ❖ Students typically spend 7-10 days in an intensive travel sequence to an agricultural area(s). Options for travel include some 15 countries.
- ❖ As students travel they tour farms, facilities, shipping ports, processing facilities, and hear guest lectures on trade and international agriculture.
- ❖ Each student pays 100% of the cost of the trip. Course trips typically range from \$1650-2500 all inclusive.

Conclusions/Results of the International Program

- ❖ Upon conclusion of each travel opportunity students are given the opportunity to evaluate all aspects of the experience. These evaluations are then used to re-tool future programs.
- ❖ Upon graduation, student feedback has been enormous on the need for programs such as this and the value of the program to student preparation for a career in agriculture/agribusiness.



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