

## **INTERNATIONAL STUDY**

The College of ACES is committed to encouraging international study and exploration, and curricula are designed to help prepare students for the complex technical and global society in which they will live and work. Participation by ACES students in international study programs has increased dramatically in the past five years, and now approximately 25% of ACES graduates complete at least one international study experience. ACES study abroad opportunities are available in many countries. The College also works closely with the UIUC Study Abroad Office in offering new opportunities and facilitating international study experiences. The International Minor in ACES is an important means of adding a global dimension to a student's plan of study and degree program.

## **INTERNATIONAL MINOR IN AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES**

The International Minor in ACES helps students prepare for life and work in a global society and provides the international skills that employers expect of college graduates. While it is the intent of the minor to encourage students to spend time abroad and to develop proficiency in a foreign language, neither is required. Students enrolled in this minor can draw on resources outside of the College as well as select courses offered by the seven ACES departments. At least 12 of the minimum 21 credit hours required must come from ACES courses. Of the 21 required hours, at least six hours must be at the 400 level. This minor is administratively based in ACES Academic Programs, and student advising takes place in that unit. The Assistant Dean for Study Abroad works with each student to plan a program of study with a coherent pattern of course work and other experiences, usually having a geographic or disciplinary focus, drawing on offerings from each of three broad areas (global studies in the social science disciplines, global studies in the natural science disciplines, and a regional specialization).