Analyzing the Process of Curriculum Internationalization: What is Being Offered to Students of Agriculture?

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Internationalization of the curriculum may be defined in different ways, and accomplished to varying degrees of satisfaction and through different methods. For some, it simply means increasing student mobility or adding international elements to some classes. For others, internationalization of the curriculum is not just a set of activities, but an integrated, multifaceted and complex process of educational reform.

Purpose of the Poster
To present and analyze graphically and with specific examples of how colleges of agricultural sciences around the world are addressing the internationalization of their curriculum, what opportunities and experiences are being offered to students, and how the different strategies relate to each other.

Major Points
We analyze advantages and disadvantages of different strategies and combinations of strategies used for the internationalization of the agricultural curriculum, which include, among others, infusion of international concepts and perspectives into existing ‘regular’ courses, international subject matter courses, specific credit requirements, international certificates, minors, and majors, technology and virtual mobility, short term study abroad courses, semester exchange programs, foreign internships, and internationalization of the campus environment. For each strategy, we give specific examples.

Conclusions
There is not a best practice, strategy, or tool for internationalization, and the process may be different at each institution, but learning about the experiences of others will help enhance future efforts.

Educational Importance
An internationalized curriculum is no longer an option. It is a necessity, in order to prepare students for performing both professionally and socially in today’s global environment. This study provides information and tools that may aid students, faculty, and administration in their efforts toward internationalization.