

Undergraduates' Perceived Personal and Social Responsibilities of Global Citizenship

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What is Global Citizenship?

- Personal and Social Responsibility
- Addresses ethical, social, and environmental challenges
- Evaluates varying interventions



Question

What are students self-perceived personal and social responsibilities after an agricultural-oriented, short-term, study abroad experience?



Methods



- More than 60 students completed the statement, “Next time I travel to a new country, I will...”
- Answered (oral and written) in post-travel settings

Results

- Social Responsibilities

- Greater need for “pre-travel” learning of host country’s
 - Economics
 - Government
 - Culture and traditions

- Personal Responsibilities

- Greater need for “in country” acceptance of:
 - Embracing mannerisms
 - Behavioral differences
 - Social settings

Now what?

- Students had overall greater understanding of global responsibilities after study abroad
- Agricultural educators can include multicultural perspectives and global citizenship activities in lessons to prepare students for study abroad



Future Research



- Explore personal and social responsibilities component to increase understanding of global citizenship.