International Agriculture and Development

A New Dual-Title Graduate Degree Program at Penn State University

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What is INTAD?

 A new dual-title graduate degree that allows students to combine their primary degree with an internationally focused program of study.



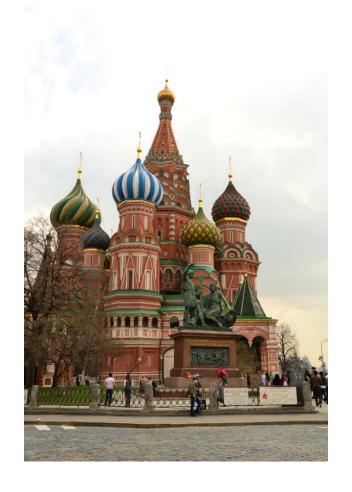
Program Development



- Idea came from the students themselves
- Started off with four graduate programs
- Three years to become a dualtitle offering

Program Goals

 Creates the opportunity for students in different fields of study to learn about agriculture in a broader context and acquire expertise and knowledge in both their primary field of study and in a global context



Achieving Goals

 "My professional goal is to become a teacher educator at the university level. The INTAD dual-title degree is expanding my capacity to address the educational challenge of producing globally minded agriculture teachers. I want to inspire students to broaden their horizons through global learning."

Nuts and Bolts

- M.S. or Ph.D. degree
- Application process
- Core courses, plus electives
- INTAD graduate faculty member on committee
- International dimension in thesis/dissertation

Initial Response

- 8 students enrolled
- Five new graduate programs joining
- Future employers enthusiastic: USAID, World Bank, NGOs



Recruitment tool

 "Due to my diverse set of interests, I was unable to identify a graduate program in which I could incorporate all of my interest areas such as agriculture, the environment, and economic development. The dual-title program in Entomology and INTAD was exactly what I was hoping to find: a program that gives me the option to root my education in a strong technical field while still evaluating the human components of agricultural development."

Globalizing Graduate Curriculum

- INTAD 820
- Embedded graduate courses
- Mini-grant program
- Tag-along with faculty



Funding

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