This Department of Agricultural Education & Communication course is designed to educate students about major issues in agricultural and life sciences and to expose students to a variety of methods used to effectively communicate, inform, and influence decisions about these issues in “real world” ways. While in Belize, you will engage in the local culture while learning about food production, food security, capacity building, water quantity & quality, natural resource conservation, biodiversity, climate change, labor, urban/rural interactions and more.

This program takes place in various locations across Belize, including Hopkins (Coastal Belize) and San Ignacio (Western Belize). Belize is a nation on the eastern coast of Central America, with Caribbean Sea shorelines to the east and dense jungle to the west. Offshore, the massive Belize Barrier Reef, dotted with hundreds of low-lying islands called cayes, hosts rich marine life. Belize’s jungle areas are home to Mayan ruins like Caracol; lagoon-side Lamanai; and Altun Ha.

Program excursions include a visit to the Belize Zoo, exploring a local Spice Farm and Botanical Gardens, snorkeling, visiting the local 4H club in Belmopan, visiting the Vaca Forest Reserve, and an excursion to Xunantunich Archeological Site.

Students will stay in shared rooms in local hotels/hostels.
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