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.