

# **Trials and Triumphs of Delivering an Interdisciplinary Program: Spanish for the Agricultural Sciences**

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# Spanish for the Agricultural Sciences

- Interdisciplinary program
- Collaboration from the Department of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese and the College of Agricultural Sciences



# Purpose

- Provide students the opportunity to develop Spanish language skills within their relevant disciplinary context

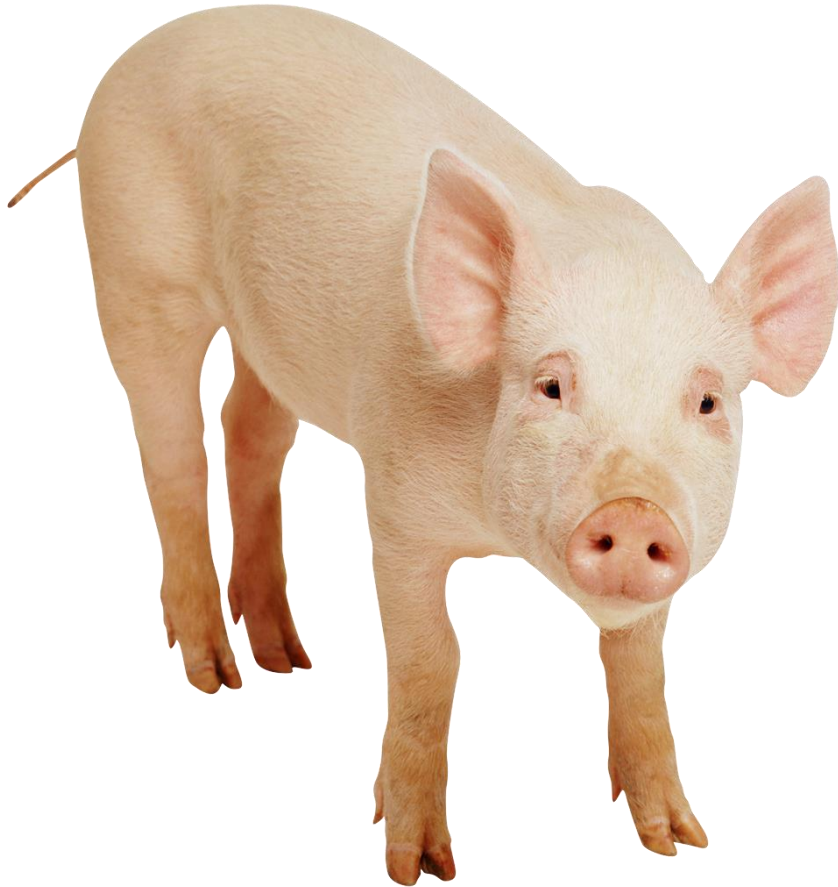


# Nuts and Bolts



- Four course series
- Capstone: one month immersion in Costa Rica
- Co-taught by Spanish instructor and College of Agricultural Sciences faculty

# Triumphs of Interdisciplinary Collaborations



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- Students benefit from simultaneous access to experts in both fields
- Connecting student interests to what students do in the language classroom

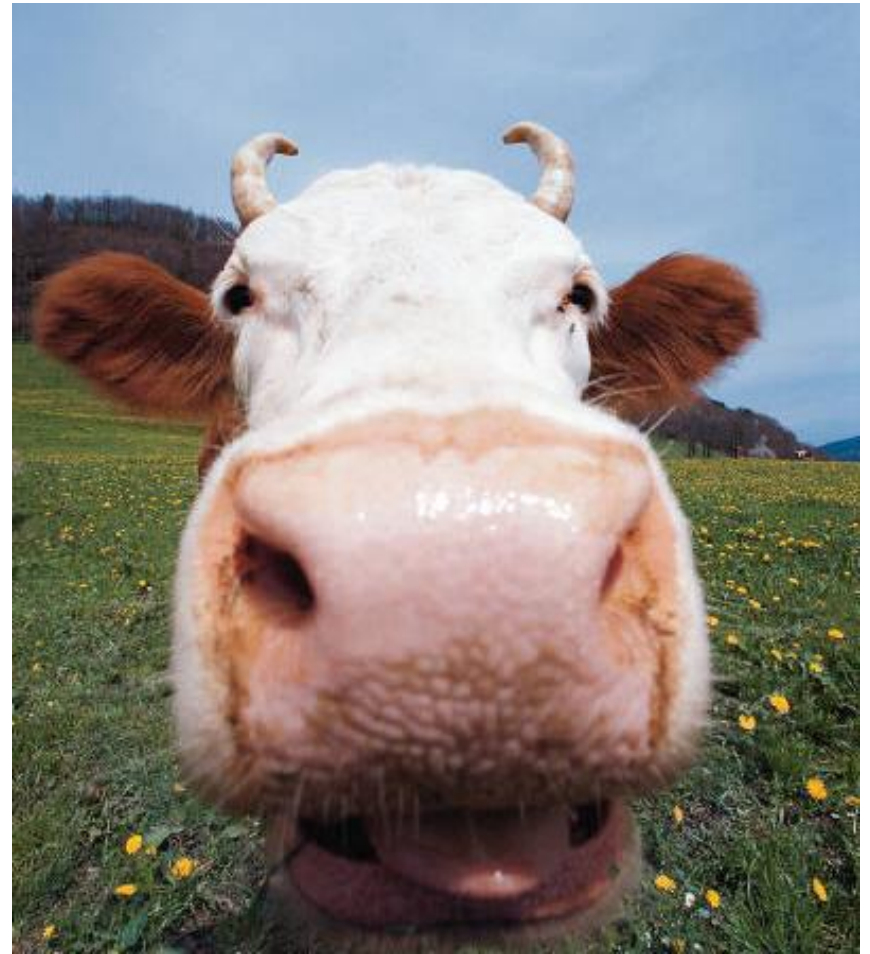
# Trials of Interdisciplinary Collaborations



- Extra time and energy
- Obligates both parties to accept the culture of another discipline

# Instructor Growth

- Instructors must cope with the fact that they are not an expert in both subjects taught in the course
- Develop relationship of trust



# Summary

## Trials

- Extra time, effort
- Not an expert
- Culture of another discipline
- Develop relationship of trust

## Triumphs

- Students benefit from:
  - Experts in both fields
  - Connect to student interests



# Unique Learning Opportunities



- Allows students to fully understand the interconnectedness of language and culture

**Win-Win!**

