

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL AND LIFE SCIENCES

WISCONSIN EXPERIENCE

Opportunities to apply classroom learning to real-world settings is at the core of a CALS education. We offer a variety of CALS Signature Experiences for students in all majors to live the Wisconsin idea and fulfill the Wisconsin Experience (<https://wisconsinexperience.wisc.edu/>).

These opportunities fall into five major categories:

We want our students to **make a strong start** and every CALS first-year student can achieve that through a CALS First-Year seminar to explore different areas of study, learn about how to take advantage of campus resources, and make friends. There are several seminars to choose from, including QuickStart (<https://cals.wisc.edu/academics/undergraduate/quick-start/>), which allows students to begin their college career the summer before they arrive on campus.

CALS students **learn through hands-on, real world experiences**. A majority of CALS students earn credit for research experiences in labs and internships.

Through student organizations, peer advising and mentoring, and residential learning communities, **students build their community and networks**.

Students **gain a global perspective** by taking courses with an international focus and many students choose to study abroad. CALS offers more than 34 faculty-led study abroad programs, and students may also choose from general UW-Madison study abroad opportunities.

Finally, many CALS students take advantage of the ability to **customize their path of study** by participating in an honors program (p.), pursuing certificates or second majors, and choosing elective courses that match their interests and meet their goals.