Students curious to discover how our living world works and how they can improve it—from the smallest microbe to ecosystem-wide weather patterns—will find a home in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. Students explore global questions in these five CALS areas of study:

- Health and nutrition
- Food and agriculture
- Biological sciences
- Sustainability, natural resources, and the environment
- Business, communication, and society

CALS brings together students, faculty, and staff from diverse backgrounds to create an enriching and welcoming culture that produces socially aware graduates who will make an impact locally and globally.

CALS students are passionate about using science to improve the world, and CALS programs encourage students to pursue their passions in the classroom and beyond.

CALS students gain critical thinking, research, and communication skills that lead them to careers in a wide variety of industries and public service—including biotechnology, healthcare, food, and agriculture—and prepare them well for graduate and professional studies at top-ranked institutions.

Students in all majors graduate on average in four years.

CALS faculty are involved in all aspects of student education, including teaching in classrooms, hosting research opportunities in labs, leading study abroad experiences, and providing professional mentorship to students.

CALS promotes working across disciplines; half of CALS students double-major or complete at least one certificate (similar to a minor).

As evidence of a strong community, CALS awards over $1.2 million in scholarships supported by alumni and friends eager to give new students the same positive experiences they enjoyed. These awards are in addition to university scholarships, grants, and loans.

CALS Signature Experiences reflect the core values of a CALS education and offer a variety of options for students in all majors:

Learn through hands-on, real world experience

All CALS majors include a senior-level capstone course that integrates interdisciplinary knowledge to address a problem of societal relevance and also helps prepare students for their future careers. Additionally, most students complete independent research under the guidance of internationally recognized faculty researchers.

Build community and networks

With more than 20 CALS-sponsored student organizations, students can build their professional networks early and enhance their leadership skills. Students also engage with faculty mentors, often for exploration of majors and career pathways.