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North American Mobility Program (NAMP)





The collage features several images: a stone wall with the text 'Universidad Autónoma de Baja California' and a crest; a large green lawn with a circular logo and 'ITVO' text; a stone building entrance with people; a large classical building with a dome; a tall, illuminated tower at night; and an aerial view of a university campus with green fields and buildings.

The North America Mobility Program (NAMP) is a student exchange program in Sustainable Agriculture between Virginia Tech, Iowa State, Universidad Autónoma de Baja California, Instituto del Valle Oaxaca, and Nova Scotia Agricultural College and Marine Institute.

Study from home or abroad.

Through the NAMP program, students can study at participating institutions in semester exchanges or via distance learning.



Global Seminar

Students also can discuss case studies on sustainability issues through the NAMP Global Seminar series distance-learning program. These seminars encourage both direct and indirect exchanges among students in Mexico, Canada, and the US.

Successes

- Exchange at the faculty level
- Green Roof Practicum
- Canadian student exchange
- Establishing Master Gardener Program in Canada
- VT students agricultural tour of Mexico
- Global Seminar series

Challenges

- All participating universities need to have clear objectives and desired outcomes.
- Technical challenges need to be addressed before the program begins.
- Marketing of program needs to be strong.
- Lack of student involvement
 - Students afraid of delaying graduation
 - Students more likely to sign up for short term program vs long term program.



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