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The Student Experience

ISU College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

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Much to cheer about!
Fall 2011 enrollment in agriculture and life sciences hit a 30-year high with 3,584. And we have the best college retention rate on campus with 81% of first year students sticking with CALS and a total of 88% sticking with ISU.

Welcome to the club
95% of CALS students gain hands-on experience and develop leadership in departmental clubs and activities including agronomic and livestock judging teams, competitive national contests and service projects.

THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE
You’re hired!
98% Placement Rate
73% of new grads stay in Iowa
70% of undergrads complete internships before graduation

Adam Bierbaum made the most of every part of his student experience. An active CALS ambassador and 2012 graduate in agronomy, Bierbaum returned to his hometown of Griswold, Iowa, to join his family’s farming operation.

Science with practice
CALS students get a solid grounding in science from biology to chemistry to advanced agrisciences. Our “Science with Practice” undergrad research program paid students $250,000 since 2005 to learn and earn in research laboratories, farms and greenhouses in nearly every CALS department.