

The Haiti Agricultural University Partnership (HAUP) Center for Mitigation, Adaptation, and Resilience to Climate-Change in Haiti (CEMARCH)

Participating University:

Universite Chretienne du Nord (UCNH)

Snapshot Facts:

Christian University of the North (UCNH), located in Haut-Limbé (15 miles south of Cap Haitien), is a private, nonprofit educational institution in Haiti. The school, which began in 1947, recognizes a three-part objective of teaching, research and service. It is a relatively small school, with less than 1000 students. Dormitories are available for lodging, at an additional fee.

A total of 6 majors with various BS (for this initiative the BS degree is in Agronomy) and MS degrees are offered (there is not an agriculture-based MS degree). There are also prerequisites (a 'knowledge check'), and in agronomy those are French, English, math, physics and biochemistry. There are two semesters in an academic year, with a semester lasting for 16 weeks. To graduate a total of 128 course credits are required. The cost of education at UCNH is relatively inexpensive. A BS or MS degree is 1,000 (US Dollars) per year.

There is a small research park located near campus, and it is fenced. However, it will need electricity and water to become operational. There is great interest in developing an agricultural technology park, as there are existing programs with agriculture and engineering, and the technology park would be an excellent location to future develop partnerships. There is already an established program with cacao, and this will be expanded as a part of the research and extension activities.

Partnerships with non-governmental organizations will allow future research and extension growth. Specific focus includes development of local protein sources for poultry, and expansion into greenhouse and vegetable production. These activities will be performed with climate-change in mind, as prolonged drought has become a characteristic in this region of Haiti.

