Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU)  
South Korea

The University
With over 600 years of history, Sungkyunkwan is the oldest university in Korea and part of the country’s national heritage. Samsung is the institution’s main sponsor and has helped to develop strengths in Semiconductors, Nanotechnology and Mobile Systems Engineering. The school is also renowned in the fields of Business, Medicine and East Asian Studies.  
http://www.skku.edu/eng/

The City
Seoul is the capital of Korea with a history of 600 years. It was founded in 1394 and over the years it has become the center of administration, economic, business, culture, technology and education. The total area of Seoul is 605.52 square kilometers or 0.6 percent of the entire country and has a population of approx. 10,300,000 which is about a quarter of the total population. The number of foreign residents in Seoul is more than 130,000, from almost 100 different nationalities. They form a small global village in each part of Seoul. Seoul is truly a metropolitan city where tradition meets modernization.  
In Seoul, the Humanities and Social Sciences campus is located on Sungkyunkwan’s historical site next to Seoul’s most famous bustling student area. Seoul is usually regarded by international students as a very safe and exciting city to live in.  
Suwon is a satellite city of Seoul about one hour from the capital; it is home to Sungkyunkwan’s spacious Natural Sciences campus.  
http://www.visitseoul.net/english_new/index.htm

About the program
Exchange students can study for a single semester or a full academic year.

Academic Calendar
Spring semester: March – June  
Fall semester: September – December

Am I eligible for this program?
You must have a 2.5 Combined Retained GPA.

What could I study?
Exchange students can choose to study any of the English taught courses (over 150 available per year). If students are interested in focusing on learning Korean language, they may choose to do a full time course in Korean at the SKKU Language institute. 
For courses in English, go to http://www.skku.edu/eng/, select “Academics” and then “Academic Courses” to access the course database.
What about academic credit?
Grades received on reciprocal exchange study abroad programs through the University of Oklahoma are posted by the Office of Admissions as Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U) on the OU permanent record. These grades are not factored into the participant’s Grade Point Average. Because each student is enrolled in 12 credits per semester while abroad, participants are expected to enroll in an equivalent number of credits at the host university. Academic systems around the world vary in what equals 12 OU credits. The decision about awarding credits is made in the Office of Admissions at OU.

Where would I live?
Most exchange students take the opportunity to live in our International House dormitory on the Seoul Campus. Students studying at the Natural Science campus will also be offered dormitory accommodation there.

How much does it cost?
Costs at OU: All students participating on semester or academic year reciprocal exchange programs are enrolled at OU for 12 credits each semester abroad. Tuition and fees are billed through and paid directly to OU at the appropriate resident or non-resident rate. Fees are charged at the Arts and Sciences College rate, even if the student’s major is in a different college. All participants pay a $10/credit hour study abroad fee. There is a $35 non-refundable application fee for study abroad.
Housing: 300,000 Won per month, approx. $300
Meals: Cooking facilities provided but budget eating options on and off campus. Estimated expenses are approx. $250 per month.
Books: approx. $35 per month.
Other: Short subway or bus ride costs about $1

How do I apply?
Instructions for applying to any semester or academic year exchange program may be found in the “how to apply” section of our website.

For more information, please contact:
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