Yamaguchi University
Japan

The University
Yamaguchi University started as Yamaguchi Kōdō, a private school, founded in the 12th year of Bunka (1815). Since then, this academic institution has undergone many changes. In 1949, it was, with hope for peace and prosperity, reorganized into a new-system of higher education to become a national university. In 2004, it became a national university, institutionalized by the National University Corporation and called Yamaguchi University. http://www.yamaguchi-u.ac.jp/english/index_e.html

The City
Yamaguchi City, with a population of 136,000, is noted for its natural beauty, its many historical sites and cultural facilities. It can be reached by train in six hours from Tokyo, three hours from Osaka and one hour from Fukuoka.

About the Program
Exchange students can study for a single semester or a full academic year. http://web.cc.yamaguchi-u.ac.jp/~center/inc_top.htm

Academic Calendar
Spring: April – August
Fall: end of September - February

Am I eligible for this program?
You must have a 2.5 Combined Retained GPA. Students should have minimum four semesters of Japanese to be eligible to apply.

What could I study?
The University of Oklahoma has separate agreements with four of the University of Yamaguchi Colleges (Faculties): Economics, Humanities and Education. The Faculty of Economics is recommended to students majoring in Economics and Business. Students usually take one Japanese language course and regular courses, taught in Japanese. For more information of YU Faculty of Humanities, please visit its web site at http://ds.cc.yamaguchi-u.ac.jp/~hmt/english/index.htm

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?
Students live in the Yamaguchi University International House. Rent is 5900 yen per month, approx. US$55 and does not include utilities.
http://ds0.cc.yamaguchi-u.ac.jp/~ryugaku/oue/dis/layer2/dis_en_big01_mid05.html

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. Accommodation is about $200 per month, including utilities.

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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