Università degli Studi di Siena di Arezzo
Italy

The University
The University of Siena is one of the oldest and first publicly funded universities in Italy. The University of Siena, as a whole, was founded in 1240 and has around 20,000 students. The faculty of humanities and philosophy was later moved to the neighboring town of Arezzo, where it remains to this day. It is this specific faculty with whom we work in order to process the exchange programs.
www.unisi.it/letterearezzo

The City
Arezzo is an old city in central Italy, capital of the province of the same name, located in Tuscany. Arezzo is about 80 km (50 miles) south-east of Florence, at an elevation of 296 meters above sea level. In 2001 the population was about 91,600 people. Until 1384, Arezzo maintained itself as an independent city-state and in 1252 the city founded its university, the Studium. Arezzo’s Piazza Grande is the most noteworthy medieval square in the city, opening behind the thirteenth-century Romanesque apse of S. Maria della Pieve.
www.arezzocitta.com

About the Program
The University of Siena in Arezzo is a comprehensive institution which offers courses in most major fields of study. The language of instruction is most commonly conducted in Italian. It is important to note that there are some courses always offered in English each semester as well as additional courses in Italian-as-a-second language. The students who wish to participate in this program should have a minimum of 3 semesters of college-level Italian. The English-language coursework will alternate from semester to semester and you should discuss this specifically with the advisor of this program.

Academic Calendar
Fall semester: September –January
Spring semester: February –June
Semester dates vary depending on the College (Faculty)

Am I eligible for this program?
You must have a 2.5 Combined Retained GPA. GPA may be one factor used in ranking students for placement. You must have a minimum of three semesters of college-level Italian in order to participate.

What about 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?
There are no dormitories associated with the University of Siena in Arezzo. Students are currently housed in a newly renovated former monastery near the city center. Food is provided by the monastery and students are housed in private rooms with bathroom facilities down the hall.

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.

Costs on site: All students participating on semester or academic year reciprocal exchange programs will be responsible for international airfare and cost of living in country. This can vary dramatically from country to country and should be discussed with your respective study abroad advisor. An Italian national insurance policy is required by the host university for this program and can only be purchased on site.

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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