The University
The Technische Universität-Berlin did not begin as a university. Originally founded in 1770 as the School of Mining, it was integrated into the “Königlich Technische Hochschule zu Berlin” (TH) in 1916. Over the years it became what it is today – a comprehensive teaching and research institution offering a wide range of majors and degrees at both the undergraduate and graduate level.

TUB has an enrollment of approximately 27,000 students, including an international student population of over 5500.

The City
Berlin is a fascinating city that requires an understanding of its past to truly appreciate the present. It was founded during medieval times and quickly became an important strategic and cultural site. It was partially destroyed several times during various wars, earning its residents a well-earned reputation for surviving in difficult circumstances. No longer divided by the Berlin Wall, it is still in a period of growth and restructuring that begun in 1989 when the Wall fell.

There are wonderful museums, numerous lakes and several universities within the city. Sites of historical and cultural interest are too numerous to list here. It’s enough to say that no one should ever be bored in this city, no matter how long the study abroad experience lasts.

Academic Calendar
Fall Semester classes begin during the first week of October and continue through February 16, with a break from December 24 through approximately January 4th. The second semester will begin around April 14, with classes over during the third week of July and exams following that date.

Am I eligible for this program?
All applicants for study abroad must have a minimum GPA of 2.5. Participants for this program should have completed four semesters of college-level German or the equivalent before the program start date. Five semesters, including Advanced German Composition, are recommended.
What could I study?
Participants in this program may not take “German for Foreigners” language courses as part of the reciprocal exchange program during the semester. They are expected to take courses with the German students. Courses may be taken at both the Humboldt and Free Universities while participating as an exchange student through TUB.

All of the course offerings of TUB are open to exchange students, including subjects ranging from chemistry, physics, engineering, and biology to the social sciences. The courses and all course work will be conducted in German. The seven colleges are:

- Humanities
- Math and Natural Sciences
- Process Sciences
- Electrical Engineering and Comptuer Science
- Mechanical Engineering and Transport Systems
- Planning-Building-Environment
- Economics & Managements

An English list with links to all of the colleges may be found at: http://www.tu-berlin.de/en/menue/fakultaeten/.

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.

Most courses in Germany meet for only two hours per week. For that reason, OU students usually take 6 courses there each semester.

Where would I live?
The most up-to-date housing information in English can be found at http://www.auslandsamt.tu-berlin.de/en/menue/betreuung_internationaler_austauschstudierender/wohnen/?F=
The average rent in the dormitories is 200 Euros per month. While students may choose to find private housing independently, this is much more difficult and students are not encouraged to pursue that option.

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.

**Host University Costs:**
There are several cafeterias where prices are low, averaging 2-3 Euros per meal. The cafeterias are not open when classes are not in session.

**Additional Costs:**
Airfares vary widely from season to season and year to year. Each student is responsible for purchasing a ticket.
No visa is required for U.S. students entering Germany. Citizens of other countries need to determine if a visa is required and, if so, what costs they would incur.

TUB has a brief estimate of costs per month:
Accommodation: 190-350 €
Food: 200 €
Books: 20 €
Miscellaneous: 40 €
Total: ~ 510-650 € per month. Please note that these figures can merely represent a rough estimate. A lot depends on your personal choices.

Public Transportation: A “Semesterticket” currently costs 187, 99 Euros (once per semester). This covers all public transport in the whole of Berlin.

**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.

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