RUHR UNIVERSITAET BOCHUM
Bochum, Germany

The University
The Ruhr-Universität Bochum, which was founded in 1965, has grown to become one of the largest universities in Germany with a student population of around 35,000. The University is located at the edge of a little valley, not far from the Kemnader See reservoir.

The City
Bochum has a population of some 500,000 inhabitants and is situated in the Ruhr area, the economic nerve center of western Germany. The region formerly was a mining and industrial area. In recent years it has received a face lift and is Bochum is now a lively city with a lot of cultural and sports activities. Even though it is historically an industrial town, Bochum has a lot of parks and green areas.

Academic Calendar
Classes for fall term 2008 (German Wintersemester): 10/13/2008 – 02/06/2009
Classes for spring term 2009 (German Sommersemester): 04/14/2009 - 07/24/2009

Students should arrive no less than two weeks before the courses begin. A pre-semester 3-week orientation program of language and cultural program is available at a cost of approximately 330 Euros.

Am I eligible for this program?
All applicants for study abroad must have maintained 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?
With the exception of courses in the Master's degree programs in Human Rights, Humanitarian Assistance, Development Management and European Culture and Economy, all areas of study are open to exchange students.
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 rooms for exchange students are reserved by the International Office. The student housing is owned by the Akademisches Förderungswerk. Their web site contains a detailed description of the houses and rooms. All rooms are furnished single rooms, some of them apartments with your own bathroom and kitchen, others shared apartments or rooms with shared kitchen and bathroom facilities. Rooms are rented for half or full months only.

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.

Bochum offers the following estimate of per month costs:

| Housing: | 190-250 Euros/month |
| Meals:   | 2-4 Euros for lunch at university restaurant |
| Books:   | 35-50 Euros/month for books/study material depending on the program |
| Total estimate costs per month: 700 Euros |

A regional transportation pass costs approximately 200 Euros per semester.

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.
This program is part of a consortium agreement between the Mid-America Universities International and the Utrecht Network Consortium of European Universities. Students interested in this destination apply through the usual OU process, but are then recommended to the Mid-America Universities International (MAUI) coordinating office and are considered for final selection with other students from MAUI universities who have requested the same destination. For this reason an OU student should have a second choice for study abroad.

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