Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna
Italy

The University
In 1988 the University of Bologna celebrated its 900th birthday and as such is the oldest university in the Western world. The university has an excellent reputation, covering almost all areas in the arts and sciences, and is situated in the heart of the Medieval town center. Bologna University is a state institution, like the most Italian universities, and with 100,000 students it is one of the largest. The university is also proud to have on its teaching staff the Prime Minister of Italy, who is a full professor in Industrial Policy and Economics at the Faculty of Political Science.
www.eng.unibo.it

The City
Bologna is a very pleasant city in which to study as it combines a rich cultural and historical past with an efficient modern-day infrastructure. The structure of the city reflects the Roman and Renaissance design; its streets fanning out from the hub of the city center, where Piazza Maggiore and the two towers (Garisenda and Asinelli) stand. These two towers which are now a symbol of Bologna, were built in the twelfth century, when Bologna had 100 towers named after the families who had built them. The city is also well-known for the arcades or porticoes in the streets of the city center for a total length of about 20 miles. Bologna, with its present population of 400,000 inhabitants, has all of the advantages of a dynamic city and a large student population. Florence and the Adriatic Coast are one hour away by car, while other cities like Milan, Verona, Venice and Rome are 2-3 hours by train.
www.comune.bologna.it

About the Program
The University of Bologna is a comprehensive institution which offers courses in most major fields of study. The language of instruction is almost exclusively in Italian. As a result students will need a minimum of 4 to 5 semesters of university level Italian language. A course or two of intensive Italian-as-a-second-language would be available to supplement the other mainstream coursework you would take through the language school, CILTA.
www.cilta.unibo.it

Academic Calendar
Fall semester: September – January
Spring semester: January – 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 four to five 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 Bologna. Students must be prepared to secure their own housing once they arrive in Bologna at The International Exchange Programs Office in Bologna can provide some help in finding housing for exchange students. Students will need to be highly independent and have very strong language skills in order to negotiate this dynamic. Equally, the element of private apartments makes the general cost of living quite expensive for Bologna. In addition, few cafeterias are offered for students in Bologna and students would most likely prepare their own meals in their homes.

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.

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