Technische Universität – Braunschweig
Braunschweig, Germany

The University
There academic areas of the university are the Carl-Friedrich Gauß college, Life Sciences, Architecture, Construction und Environmental Sciences, Mechanical Engineering, Electrotechnical Engineering, Information Technology, Physics, Humanities and Education.
Every year about 300 students participate in exchange programs at the TU-Braunschweig, most of them from the European Countries and North and South America. International students form an important part of the university community and the university values the significant contribution they make to the rich cultural diversity of life on campus. The student population is about 12,500.

The City
Braunschweig is a medieval city in central Germany with a modern feel. It lies in an area which has become a junction between the north, south, east and west. Heinrich der Loewe (Henry the Lion) built his residence at this location in the mid-12th century. Cathedrals and castles in this area, as well as numerous medieval towns and villages with half-timbered houses, are a reminder of thriving trading centers in the Middle Ages. The city is surrounded by the beautiful recreational areas of the Luneburger Heide (heath) to the north and the lovely Harz Mountains to the southeast. The cosmopolitan cities of Hamburg and Berlin are both readily accessible by private or public transportation.

Academic Calendar
Fall semester: Mid-October to mid-February
Spring semester: Mid-April to Mid-July

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.

What could I study?
Exchange students may take any course for which they have the appropriate academic background. The majors offered at this university cover a wide range of academic areas;
much broader than you might expect at a “technical” university. A complete English list of undergraduate majors is located at http://www.tu-braunschweig.de/studium/studienangebot#1

In addition to regular courses, exchange students may take German language courses. These are scheduled regularly throughout the semester and are designed for exchange students who will be studying in Braunschweig for no more than two semesters and do not have to take the German university language entrance exam. More information is available at the Sprachenzentrum site. http://www.sz.tu-bs.de/en/deutsch/intensivkurse/

**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.

Courses at German universities typically meet for only two hours per week and do not equate to a 3-credit course at OU. For that reason, students need to take more than four Braunschweig courses to equal 12 OU credits.

**Where would I live?**
Participants have a choice of accommodation in either university dormitories, shared apartments or with host families. The dorms have kitchenettes for students to use and, in most cases; also serve as social areas for meeting German students. The price given for "room" includes all utilities except a telephone which, in Germany, can be costly even for local calls. Most students now use cell phones.

The eight available Studentenwohnheime are run the by the Studentenwerk, an independent organization that runs facilities used by German university students. Their useful web site http://www.sw-bs.de/braunschweig/wohnen.html allows students to view pictures, search floor plans and make good decisions about a place to live. Prices vary widely depending on the nature of the apartment, whether it is furnished and how many people are sharing the space. Costs are listed on the Studentenwerk site.
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.

The International Office at Braunschweig estimates the per month cost to be 650 Euros:

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A public transportation Semesterticket is provided with your student i.d. card and is good for all local trains in the state of Niedersachsen. This means that you can go all the way to Hamburg and Bremen on your local pass as long as you remain on the slower, local trains.

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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