Technische Universität – Chemnitz
Chemnitz, Germany

The University
Chemnitz University of Technology has benefited from an influx of Euros in recent making it now one of the most modern research-based universities in Germany. The computing resources are one of the best in Germany, and the research equipment is continually being updated and expanded. In addition to this, the university has been recognized as having one of the best designed campuses. Its quality of teaching places it in the top five universities in Germany. The university has a well-earned reputation for innovation, particularly in the areas of international programs and degree courses. Currently, about 9,000 fulltime students are studying in the seven colleges. There are over 700 international students.

The City
Chemnitz is located in the heart of Saxony, has about 240,000 inhabitants. It is the fourth largest city in the eastern part of Germany. The center of the city was entirely destroyed in 1945, but structures created by famous architects such as Helmut Jahn, Christoph Ingenhoven and Hans Kollhoff after German reunification have added to a vibrant reconstruction of that area. Chemnitz, with an 850-year history, offers a wide range of cultural activities and has an active night life.

Academic Calendar
October 1 – first week of February
April 1 through mid-to-late July
There is an orientation program run by the International Office during the Exchange students may take a German language and culture course that begins 3 weeks before classes start. This course costs 45 Euros, meets about 65 hours /week and usually has planned excursions as part of the class.
Language program start dates: second week of September and the second week of March.

Am I eligible for this program?
At this time, only psychology students may apply for this program. All applicants for study abroad must have maintained a minimum GPA of 2.5. Four semesters of college-level German or the equivalent are required for participation.

What could I study?
Although the exchange agreement is only for psychology students at this time, participants are not restricted to taking psychology courses at the university. In addition, some courses at TU-Chemnitz are taught in English every semester.
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 commonly meet only two hours per week. For that reason, participants would need to take more than four courses to equal 12 OU credits.

Where would I live?
There are 9 student residences available through the student housing network, or Studentwerk Chemnitz-Zwickau. The Studentenwerk is an independent organization within Germany that provides accommodations for university students.

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 in Chemnitz:
Rent: Approx. 200 Euros/month (depending on accommodation choice)

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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