Université d’Auvergne, Clermont-Ferrand I
Université Blaise Pascal, Clermont-Ferrand II
France

The University
The Universities of Clermont-Ferrand are composed of two separate universities, which were subdivided in the late 1960’s. The Université d’Auvergne (Clermont I) focuses on medicine, law, political science, business, and the sciences. Université Blaise Pascal (Clermont II) is concerned mainly with arts and humanities, languages and communication, natural sciences and engineering. Between them, the two schools fill the city with nearly 40,000 students every year.
www.univ-bpclermont.fr
www.u-clermont1.fr

The City
Clermont-Ferrand, with a population of 300,000, is the capital of the region of Auvergne, located 250 miles (3.5 hours by train) south of Paris. It is ringed by dormant volcanoes which have provided the distinctive volvic stone used to construct its magnificent cathedral and impressive civic buildings. Clermont-Ferrand’s rich past is visible throughout its picturesque city center. Perhaps most widely known as the headquarters of the Michelin Tire Company, in recent years the city has become a center for technology and the arts.
www.ville-clermont-ferrand.fr

About the Program
Students who take courses directly in the university must have a strong grasp of French language since these courses are taught exclusively in French. Also available is the Service Universitaire des Étudiants Étrangers (SUEE) where students can take a full course load of French-as-a-second-language courses. We strongly suggest that students have at least two semesters of college-level French minimum before departure. Within this language program students are placed in one of six levels designed to cover all levels of language skills. Additionally, for students participating in full-year programs there is a paid-professional opportunity to teach English in the public school system. The seats for this element of the program are filled on a first-come-first-serve basis.
www.univ-bpclermont.fr/suee

Equally offered by University Blaise Pascal is a business program in the neighboring city of Vichy. This program offers students 9-12 hours of pre-equated business credit with English as the language of instruction. Also will be 3-6 hours of French-as-a-second-language coursework from the beginning to the advanced levels. No previous French is required for the Vichy program.
http://doc.vichy-universite.com/index.pl/ibf
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 two semesters of college-level French in order to participate for all programs, except the Vichy program.

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?
Housing is provided by both universities in dorms and each student will have a single room. All rooms are equipped with a single bed, sink, closet space and a desk. Linens are provided and are changed weekly. There are community bathrooms located on each floor as well as kitchenettes. Most people choose to eat their meals in the University Restaurant (RU), which is open for lunch and dinner, which is very reasonably priced.
www.crous-clermont.fr

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. A French 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.
For more information, please contact:
ea@ou.edu