UNIVERSIDADE DE COIMBRA
Coimbra, Portugal

The University
This institution of higher education was founded in 1290 by King Dinis, making it one of the oldest universities in Europe. It has a worldwide reputation for excellence in education and research. A wide range of degree programs is offered through the eight different colleges: Humanities, Law, Medicine, Science and Technology, Pharmacy, Economics, Psychology and Education Sciences, and Sports Sciences and Physical Education. Undergraduate student enrollment is usually a little over 12,000, with graduate student enrollment being close to half of that. The university buildings include some beautiful historic structures, such as the Joao V library.

The City
This city, which at one time was the capital of Portugal, is located in a beautiful area between the Tagus and Douro rivers. The area offers many opportunities for leisure activities, from cultural events to outdoor sports. Coimbra is definitely the “City of Students” and there is always something to do. The city’s historical importance, including the fact that six of the country’s kings were born here, makes it an excellent location to begin learning about Portugal.

Academic Calendar
1st semester - from September to January (A few “facultades” begin in October.)
2nd semester - from February to July

Examination Periods
1st semester - January until mid-February
2nd semester - mid-June until end of July

Am I eligible for this program?
All applicants for study abroad must have a minimum GPA of 2.5. Students participating on this program must have a minimum of four semesters of college-level Portuguese or the equivalent.

What could I study?
Students may participate in all areas of study, except for Agricultural Sciences. For information, please see web site: http://www.uc.pt/ects/. These courses are taught in Portuguese.

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.
Where would I live?
An application for students’ residences must be sent to the International Office. However, this accommodation is temporary and available while students are looking for more permanent housing. Additional housing information is available through the University of Coimbra’s Students’ Association. Altogether, student residences –are for a temporary period, and private accommodations are the student's responsibility. Below is an breakdown of housing prices (as of March 2009):

- Student residence - (monthly) 100 Euros
  - Students will have to pay a reservation fee of €50
- Private accommodation per month
  - Single room: +/- 200 Euros
  - Double room: +/- 150 Euros
  - T1 (Kitchen, living room, and bedroom) – 500 Euros

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 Portugal
- Meals around 300€/month (In the Canteens you can have a low-cost meal for around 2€)
- Public transport between 25€ and 50€ (A Student Monthly Ticket costs 21.50€ once you have your student identification card.)

How do I apply?
Instructions for applying to any semester or academic year exchange program may be found in the “Apply” section of our website.

For more information please contact:
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