The University of Helsinki
Finland

The University
The University of Helsinki is located in the neo-classical center of Helsinki, where most of the university activities take place. There are nine faculties at the university in the areas of Theology, Law, Medicine, Arts, Science, Education, Social Sciences, Agriculture and Forestry, and Veterinary Medicine. By Scandinavian standards, the University of Helsinki is a large university. It has over 31,000 undergraduate and graduate students, which account for a quarter of all university students in Finland. The number of international students at the university is about 1,100.
www.helsinki.fi/university

The City
Helsinki, the capital of Finland, is situated on the south coast of the country, on the Bay of Finland. It was founded in 1550 by King Gustav Vasa of Sweden. The capital was officially changed from Turku to Helsinki in 1812, and after the university was moved to the new capital in 1827, Helsinki became the cultural and intellectual center of Finland. Its harbor and location bolstered trade and made Helsinki an important city in the Baltic region. Today, Helsinki and the neighboring cities of Espoo and Vantaa are home to a sixth of the Finish population, or nearly a million people. The capital offers the cultural, educational, and entertainment necessities of student life in beautiful natural surroundings, as the Helsinki metropolitan area are regarded as one of the greenest cityscapes in the world.

About the Program
The program with the University of Helsinki is part of the MAUI-Utrecht Exchange and open to students from member institutions only. The University of Oklahoma is a MAUI member. Students can attend for one semester or full academic year.
www.helsinki.fi/exchange

Academic Calendar
The academic year is divided into 2 semesters.
Academic year August, 2008 - July 2009
Autumn/fall semester: September 1 – December 19, 2008
Spring semester: January 7 – May 31, 2009
Orientation Course: August 26-29, 2008 and January 7-12, 2009.

Am I eligible for this program?
You must have a 2.5 Combined Retained GPA.
**What could I study?**
The University offers a variety of courses in English in Arts and Sciences, Law, Agriculture and Forestry. For more information, visit: www.helsinki.fi/english/courses/

**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?**
Students have the option to stay either at Student dormitories or Student Residence Halls. Dormitories: flats with 3-8 rooms (every student has a single room) with shared kitchen and bath. Residence Halls: One-room studio-type flats with kitchen and bath. More information on housing at www.helsinki.fi/exchange

**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. There is a $35 non-refundable application fee for study abroad. Total estimate of expenses per month is 650-900 euro. Accommodation is 250-500 euro/month. Deposit for housing is 300-500 euro (refundable).

**How do I apply?**
Instructions for applying to any semester or academic year exchange program may be found on our website. Since this program is part of the MAUI-Utrecht exchange, you may be asked to submit your study abroad application before the official study abroad application deadline.

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