UNIVERSITAT JAUME I
Castellón de la Plana, Spain

The University
The Universitat Jaume I is a young university. It is well known for its innovative study programs, which emphasize the integration of humanistic and scientific disciplines, as well as for its technological facilities. With a student population of approximately 12,000, the university offers one-on-one attention to its students, fostering an atmosphere that encourages higher degree of student participation. All in all, the Universitat Jaume I offers a model of education that fosters professionalism and humanitarian interests, integrated through excellence in teaching and research. It is a very popular destination for University of Oklahoma students.

The City
Located on the fertile plain known as “La Plana,” between the mountains and the sea, the city of Castellón de la Plana has approximately 180,000 inhabitants. It is a forward-looking city in which broad, modern avenues, narrow streets and plazas from the past combine to form a special atmosphere. The mountains, the Mediterranean Sea, the cuisine and the rich blend of Arabic and ancient Spanish cultural history make Castellón a perfect home for the modern university campus of Jaume I.

Academic Calendar
Fall semester: early October – late January.
Spring semester: early February to end of June (includes exam period)
Students may attend for one semester or one academic year but participating for the fall semester only conflicts with the January semester at OU.

Am I eligible for this program?
All applicants for study abroad must have a minimum GPA of 2.5. Although some students on this program participate with less than four semesters of college-level Spanish, it is not recommended. Students with a minimum of four semesters will be given preference when selections are made. This program is very competitive because it is a popular destination for OU students. For that reason, students should seriously explore other options for second and third choice destinations.
**What could I study?**

Students may take Intensive Spanish language classes as well as regular courses with the Spaniards, combining those two curricular options within the same semester. Spanish placement tests for can now be taken online prior to arrival for students interested in the Intensive Spanish classes. Courses are offered in the following areas: Music, Psychology, Computer Engineering, Labor Relations, Industrial Design, Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, Humanities, Industrial Engineering, Business, and Translation/Interpretation. All classes are taught in Spanish. Some are taught in the regional language but OU students avoid taking these 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 usually stay in private residences or apartments and find their own places to live upon arrival. Sharing flats with other exchange students is a common solution. Recently, however, Jaume has begun a program of family home stays that provides two options: staying with a family for the first month upon arrival while settling in, or staying with a family for the duration of the program. More OU students are choosing this option, which began in 2006. Most of the families have one adult member who teaches or works at Jaume I.

**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.
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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