Université des Sciences et Technologies: Lille I
France

The University
The University of Lille I is a Sciences and Technology oriented higher education establishment, which also includes the Faculty of Geography and the Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences and the famous IAE (International Business Faculty). The University of Lille was founded in 1562 by the Spanish and became French in 1667. Today the university has a student population of roughly 23,000.
www.univ-lille1.fr
www.iae.univ-lille1.fr

The City
Located in the heart of Northern Europe, Villeneuve d’Ascq has all the assets to become a technological center for Europe. The geographical location of the town favors the exchange of students and ideas. Villeneuve d’Ascq is directly linked by the VAL ‘metro’ to the high speed train of Lille. Lille is renowned for being a ‘Ville étudiante,’ a student city. During the year students are really everywhere: in the shops, on the streets, on the terraces of Cafés and at night you will always find a lot of them gathering in ‘Rue Masséna.’
www.mairie-lille.fr

About the program
The language of teaching in French universities is French, therefore a very good knowledge of the language is a necessity to be able to follow courses. We suggest that students have at least 6 semesters of college level French before applying. The university offers courses for the following majors: sciences, technology, geography, and economic and social sciences. There is some English Business coursework associated with the IAE, but strong French will still be required for successful participation. You will not be able to attend intensive French language courses without paying additional fees to the University.

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 six semesters of college-level French in order to participate.

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-lille.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:
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