Université Sophia Antipolis, Nice
France

The University
The University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis is a comprehensive university located near downtown Nice, about two miles from the Mediterranean Sea. Today the university has a student population of roughly 23,000. It offers coursework in most major areas of study but is particularly known for its faculty of letters and humanities as well as that of marine biology. [http://portail.unice.fr](http://portail.unice.fr)

The City
Located on the French Riviera between Cannes and Monaco, Nice has a strong Franco-Italian cultural flavor and is a very popular destination for tourists from around the world. Countless sun-seekers flock to the Nice’s Mediterranean beaches every summer, however it remains a tourist destination throughout the year. There are nearly a million people who reside in the greater Nice metropolitan area, where the number one industry is tourism, followed by shipping and an emerging high-tech industry. As this destination is a tourist destination, it can make the cost of living within the city quite expensive. [www.nice.fr](http://www.nice.fr)

About the Program
Students who participate in an exchange with this university must have a very strong grasp of French language since these courses are taught almost exclusively in French. French-as-a-second-language courses are not available as part of the exchange accord. We very strongly suggest that students have at least 6 semesters of college-level French minimum before departure. You will not be able to attend intensive French language courses without paying additional fees to the University of Nice.

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?**
Unlike other institutions in France, housing is not provided by the University of Nice. Students will need to be prepared to secure their own housing once they arrive, most likely in student apartments. While the University of Nice will be able to help somewhat with this process, students will need to be highly independent and have very strong language skills in order to negotiate this dynamic. Equally, the element of private apartments makes the general cost of living quite expensive for Nice. In addition, few cafeterias are offered for students in Nice and students would most likely prepare their own meals in their homes.

**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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