The Universität Paderborn is an attractive new university established in 1972. After its founding the enrollment quickly grew to more than 13,000 students. Academic research and teaching emphasize engineering, science, economics, languages, and athletic programs. Unlike many European universities, this institution has a campus with most of the main buildings located in one area. It is located close to the historic center of the town.

The City
Paderborn, a fairly large town with 134,000 inhabitants, is conveniently located in the heart of the region of scenic Ost-Westfalen. The place is first mentioned in the year 777 A.D., when Charlemagne convened the Saxon chiefs of his kingdom there. During the Middle Ages, Paderborn played a significant role in the policies of the Holy Roman Empire. The many beautiful buildings in the historic town center are witnesses to the changing character of 1,200 years of history. After the Second World War, Paderborn emerged as one of the most important industrial areas of Westfalen, with the main emphasis on technology, mechanical engineering, and the food industry.

Academic Calendar
Fall (Wintersemester): mid October - mid February
Spring (Sommersemester): mid April - mid July

Am I eligible for this program?
All applicants for study abroad must have maintained a minimum GPA of 2.5. Participants should complete at least four semesters of college-level German prior to the beginning of the program.

What could I study?
All the course offerings of the University are open to exchange students, including subjects ranging from geography, engineering, and computer science to the social sciences. All course work will be conducted in German.

It is possible to take a pre-semester Intensive German Language course free of charge. Students also have the option to take a program that is exclusively German for non-native speakers as part of the reciprocal exchange option.

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. Courses at German universities typically meet for only two hours per week and do not equate to a 3-credit course at OU. For that reason, students need to take more than four Paderborn courses to equal 12 OU credits.

**Where would I live?**
The International Office at the Universität Paderborn will arrange accommodation in Paderborn for all exchange students nominated by our partner universities, if requested. Exchange students choose whether they want to live in a private flat (alone or with other students) or in one of the two student halls on campus. In the latter you can choose between a one-room apartment or a room with a shared kitchen and bathroom, which you usually have to share with between one and three other students.

**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 Abroad:** The international office at Paderborn estimates of per month costs are:

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

For more information please contact: ea@ou.edu