UNIVERSIDAD DE SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA
Santiago de Compostela, Spain

The University
This university has an excellent reputation. It offers degrees in more than 75 academic fields and hosts a number of research institutes. There are two branches of the campus, with the second one located in Lugo, but Oklahoma students take courses on the main campus in Santiago.

The City
Santiago de Compostela is a special city in Spain. The final stop on the famous pilgrimage route called the Camino de Santiago, it was once a holy city on par with Jerusalem and Rome. The Camino de Santiago, together with the city of Santiago of Compostela, has been designated as a United Nations World Heritage Site because of the historic and artistic importance of the route. For hundreds of years the city benefited from the cultural influx of the Pilgrims from all over Europe, making it a fascinating place to this day.

This is definitely a city for students. Its medium size, history, combination of old and new, make it an appealing place to spend a semester or academic year.

Academic Calendar
October 1, 2008 – January 25, 2009
February 25 – June 10, 2009

Am I eligible for this program?
All applicants for study abroad must have maintained a minimum GPA of 2.5. Six semesters of university-level Spanish are preferred for this program because it is a challenging location.

This is a lovely but problematic destination for reciprocal exchange. Interested applicants are required to have a one-on-one discussion with the advisor in charge before listing it on an application. It can be difficult to find appropriate courses upon arrival and it can be difficult to determine in advance which courses will be taught in Gallego, the regional language of Galicia, or in standard Spanish. Students with some flexibility in course selection might manage to find the equivalent of 12 OU credits that
will count toward their course requirements. A strong second choice destination is required.

Students in any major offered at the Universidad de Santiago de Compostela are eligible to apply.

**What could I study?**
This university is a comprehensive one with a broad range of majors and fields of study. A list of degree tracks is available on the USC web site.

**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 at this destination have stayed in university residence halls or found private apartments in the city. The list of university residences is available online.

**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.

**Rent:** In the university residences, rent averages 260 Euros/month. Meals in the university cafeterias are very inexpensive, with sandwiches costing about $3.00 USD. In general, many pubs and other establishments in Santiago are geared toward student budgets.

**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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