UNIVERSITAET STUTTGART
Stuttgart, Germany

The University
The University of Stuttgart, which was founded in 1829, has integrated the social sciences and the humanities with engineering to become an internationally renowned place of research. Nearly 19,000 students are studying to complete their degrees in one of the 44 degree courses offered by 10 colleges. More than 4,500 international students have chosen to pursue their studies here.

Most of the Universität Stuttgart is located either in the center of the city or in a suburb called Vaihingen. The two parts of the campus are connected by a fast underground train system. The journey takes about ten minutes each way. The following faculties are located in the center of the city. Those with an “*” have some facilities on both campuses.

*Architecture and Urban Planning
*Philosophical-Historical Faculty (partly)
*Social Sciences, Economics and Management (partly)

The following are in Vaihingen:
Civil Engineering and Environmental Engineering
Chemistry
*Geo and Bio Sciences
Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Information Technology
Aerospace Engineering and Geodesy
Mechanical Engineering
Mathematics and Physics
*Social Sciences, Economics and Management

The City
While Stuttgart is a large city with a population of nearly 600,000, it has a noticeable lack of tourists when compared to other German cities. Stuttgart is Germany’s eighth-largest city and is known as an industrial center, especially for the manufacturing of cars (Daimler-Mercedes Benz). Interestingly, however, locals are known for their environmental awareness and many have described the city as one of the greenest in all of Europe. Excellent public transportation makes it easy to get around with the city, but connecting to other parts of Germany and neighboring countries is also easy.

Stuttgart is the cultural center of the State of Baden-Württemberg with many theaters and concert halls. It is the home to a world-famous ballet company, and there are museums and art-galleries as well as academies of music and art. Every year thousands
come to enjoy the *Cannstatter Volksfest*, a public festival that includes a huge amusement park.

**Academic Calendar**

In Germany, the fall semester is called Wintersemester and Sommersemester is the name for the U.S. spring semester.

**(Fall) Wintersemester 2008/09**

Classes start: Mon, October 13, 2008  
Classes end: Sat, February 14, 2009  
Christmas holidays: December 22, 2008 to January 5, 2009

**(Spring) Sommer semester 2009**

Classes start: Mon, April 20, 2009  
Classes end: Sat, July 25, 2009

The time frame above does not include weeks when classes are not in session, or “Vorlesungsfreie Zeit.” **Please note** that examinations and block courses very often take place during those weeks.

**Am I eligible for this program?**

All applicants for study abroad must have maintained a minimum GPA of 2.5. Students are required to have studied German at least four semesters in college by the time this program begins. However, students may take a free, pre-semester Intensive German course as part of the exchange program, if they choose.

**What could I study?**

Students may take any course if they have had any required pre-requisite classes. There are several courses in varying departments **taught in English** at this university. In addition, students participating on this exchange may arrive for an intensive pre-semester German course to help them prepare for their experience.

**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?
Most students participating on this program will live in the student residences provided through the Studentenwerk, an independent organization that exists within Germany to provide student housing.

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.

The International Office at the host university provides this estimate of monthly costs:

- Rent - approx. 220 to 300 Euros (without meals)
- Health insurance - 60 Euros
- Semester ticket for public transp. 150 Euros/ 6months
- Food - 150 Euros
- Other incidentals approx. 100 Euros

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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