UNIVERSIDAD DE ZARAGOZA
Zaragoza, Spain

The University
Founded in 1542, the University of Zaragoza has 35,000 students spread among the different campuses of Zaragoza, Huesca and Teruel. It is an old university that is also very modern, and that strives to be a meeting point for an increasingly multicultural population. The Universidad de Zaragoza wants to remain open to a constantly widening and evolving world.

The City
Zaragoza is the capital city of Aragon, one of Spain’s seven autonomous regions and a former kingdom. The city lies in the Ebro River Valley. It is a multicultural city, both modern and ancient, with approximately 700,000 inhabitants and over 2000 years of history. It is an example of Roman, Muslim Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque styles mingling with a dynamic high-tech 21st-century city. Zaragoza has museums and theatres, restaurants and shops, pubs and discos and parks. The Pyrenees Mountains are close and offer many outdoor activities. There are several international fairs there each year, demonstrating a high level of economic activity.

Academic Calendar
Fall semester: Third week of September – late January.
Spring semester: Early February to end of June (includes exam period)

Students may attend for one semester or one academic year, but the end of the fall semester conflicts with the beginning of the January semester at OU. One-semester stays should be for spring only.

Am I eligible for this program?
All applicants for study abroad must have a minimum GPA of 2.5.
Students participating on this program must have a minimum of four semesters of college-level Spanish or the equivalent. However, students with more than four semesters of Spanish will be given preference.

What could I study?
All classes are taught in Spanish. Although students may take Intensive Spanish for Foreigners classes before the beginning of each semester, classes during the regular semesters are all taken with Spanish students. There is a wide range of degrees offered in everything from fine arts to journalism to the science and technology fields.

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 usually stay in private residences or apartments and find their own places to live upon arrival. Sharing apartments with other exchange students is a common solution. Students may utilize Zaragoza’s university apartment search as one way to locate a place to stay. Some students have connected to other exchange students through the Erasmus facebook page for the Universidad de Zaragoa. In addition, students may choose to live in one of two residence halls (called “colegios mayores”), although student attending for the spring semester only may have difficulty getting a room in those facilities mid-year.

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.

Depending on the kind of apartment (with or without heating, elevator, nice location, age of the building, etc.) the average monthly price for a room in an apartment shared with other students is between € 150 and € 300. A complete apartment can cost between € 500 and € 700 a month. Costs for personal expenses vary widely depending on where the student lives, what type of transportation is used to get to classes, whether the students cooks in the apartment or eats out in restaurants and what entertainment expenses the student incurs.

How do I apply?
Instructions for applying to any semester or academic year exchange program may be found in the “Apply → Outgoing Study Abroad Students” section of our website.

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