UNIVERSITÄT BASEL
Basel, Switzerland

The University
The University of Basel was founded in 1459 and first opened its doors to students in 1460. It is the oldest university in Switzerland and has been influenced strongly by the rich humanist heritage of the city. Today there are more than 8,000 students in the 6 colleges of the university.

The City
Basel, the third largest city of Switzerland, is located in the Northwest of the country on the Rhine. Germany and France are just a tramride away. The city has a population of approximately 200,000 and the greater area, called the Regio, has around 500,000 inhabitants. Apart from its many historical sights of the Celtic, Roman and Enlightenment periods, the city offers a rich cultural life, with about 30 museums, art galleries, and a theatre of international reputation.

Academic Calendar
Fall (wintersemester) semester: mid-September - late December
Spring (sommersemester) semester: mid-February– late May
Exam periods vary according to the regulations of the departments but generally fall in the two weeks after the end of each term.

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 German or the equivalent.

What could I study?
Theology, Law, Medicine, Arts, Humanities, Natural Sciences, Economics, Business Studies, Social Sciences, and Psychology are available. Students are expected to do their coursework in German. Preparatory language classes are offered by the University Language Centre through the German Department.

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?
All student halls and a selection of private rooms and flats are available for exchange students. For further information and registration please contact the respective hall or organization directly. The estimated cost for housing per month is 300 Euros. For a list of all housing options, please refer to: www.unibas.ch à UNI-LEBEN > Wohnen

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.

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

For more information please contact:
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