The University
The Polytechnic Institute of Valencia is a mix of schools which have existed for more than a century. The university specializes mainly in technology and is made up of 4 campuses: Campus de Vera, Campus de Gandia, Campus de Alcoy, and Campus de Orihuela. OU students participate in courses only at the Campus de Vera location.

The International Programs Area (API) will assist the foreign exchange students studying at the university. This office helps the students integrate into the university community by offering advice and help in looking for housing, as well as information on different organized cultural and sporting activities. The API works in collaboration with the coordinators of international relations throughout the university's departments in placing students at the appropriate academic level and in the courses best suited for their areas of study.

The City
Valencia is the capital of the community and province of Valencia and is situated in the Spanish “Levante” on the shore of the Mediterranean Sea and the right bank of the Tuna River. It is the third most populous city of the Spain. A large belt of villages, named “La Gran Valencia,” surrounds the city. In the inland area there are mountainous regions and on the coast there are large plains and beautiful lagoons. A wide variety of activities and sights makes Valencia a center of tourism. It has a pleasant climate all year round, with more than 300 sunny days a year and an average temperature of 16.7 degrees Celsius. Valencian industry is quite varied and is important to the Spanish economy. The major industries are automobiles, food, metals, ship construction, textiles, furniture, pottery and tourism. Agricultural production is very important, centering around citrus fruits and vegetables. The maritime industry is also of great importance to Valencia. Its port is one of the most important ones on the Spanish Mediterranean coast

Academic Calendar
In general, classes start at the beginning of October, although some schools and colleges start the last week of September. At the end of every term there is an exam period of three weeks. Students can participate on a full year exchange or one semester, but those staying one semester must go in the spring.
Am I eligible for this program?
Not all majors at OU are represented in the curriculum of this university. Only engineering, business and fine arts students should consider this destination. Fine arts students will be required to submit a portfolio of their work after acceptance by OU and before final acceptance from UPV.

All applicants for study abroad must have maintained a minimum GPA of 2.5. Students should have completed four semesters of university-level Spanish or the equivalent prior to arrival.

What could I study?
Students may take one course of Spanish for Foreigners while enrolled in regular courses. An increasing number of courses are being offered in English, particularly in the fields of engineering and business.

Students actually apply and register for courses online prior to arrival, although changes can be made once the student is in Valencia.

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?
University of Oklahoma students usually live in shared flat with other students that they find after arrival in Valencia. Although there are “residences” for university students, they are always more expensive. Students stay in hostels while searching for an apartment. UPV provides a list of local hostels on its web site and in a packet all participants receive.

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 and Living: Typical rent for an apartment shared with other students is 120 – 200 Euros per month. Meals in one of the 8 cafeterias on campus cost 3.40 – 5.00 Euros, while a sandwich is only 3 Euros. The bilingual exchange student guide is an excellent source of information. There is a link at the bottom of the program information.

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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