UNIVERSIDAD DE TARAPACÁ
Arica, Chile

The University
The University of Tarapacá is spread out over three campuses in the city. It is a state university dedicated to the arts, humanities, and sciences. As a public and regional entity, it is an institutional leader in the region. One of its goals is accelerating the process of development in Tarapacá, both in economic and socio-cultural terms.

The University is comprised of five colleges: Agriculture; Sciences; Social, Administrative, and Economic Sciences; Education and Humanities, and Engineering. In addition there are five schools: Business, Engineering, Electronics and Electrical Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Information Systems, Mechanical Engineering and Virtual Education. There are more than 8,700 students enrolled in 31 undergraduate degree fields and 18 graduate options.

The City
The port city of Arica, home to more than 200,000 inhabitants, is located in the extreme north of Chile, in the Atacama Desert, one of the largest in the world. The city is also located on the Pacific Ocean, which together with the constant presence of freshwater from the San José and Lluta rivers, allowed Arica’s cultural history to begin more than 10,000 years ago.

Nicknamed “la ciudad de la eterna primavera” for its mild climate, Arica is Chile’s northernmost city and one of the former settlement areas of both the Tihuanaco culture of Bolivia and the Inca Empire from Peru in the north. The main tourist attractions include its variety of beaches, shopping centers and archaeological artifacts, not to mention the beautiful natural scenery.

Academic Calendar
First week of August through early December
Mid-March through late July

Am I eligible for this program?
All applicants for study abroad must have maintained a minimum GPA of 2.5. This program is best suited for students who have completed Spanish Composition (3423) at OU. It is not possible to take any classes in Spanish for non-native speakers at this destination. Students are expected to “hit the ground running” and be ready to communicate at a relatively high level upon arrival.
What could I study?
Student may take any course for which they are academically prepared in any of the academic fields taught here.

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. Courses at this university vary in the number of credits each is worth.

Where would I live?
Students will live with host families and might share a room with one other student. All meals are provided. The families are screened and selected by the host university international office.

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.

Room and board: This should cost approximately $2000 for the semester. That amount is subject to fluctuation depending on the exchange rate of the dollar at the time of the program.

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: ea@ou.edu