

## **Université Michel de Montaigne: Bordeaux III**

## **Université Montesquieu: Bordeaux IV**

### **France**

#### **The University**

While higher education in Bordeaux stretches back for centuries, the current four universities that were established in 1968. These are: Bordeaux I, for the Sciences, Bordeaux II for Medicine and Pharmacy, Bordeaux III, for Letters, Bordeaux IV, for Social and Political Sciences, Business, Economics, and Law. OU has reciprocal agreements with Bordeaux III and IV. Combined, these last two institutions have approximately 50,000 students.

[www.u-bordeaux3.fr](http://www.u-bordeaux3.fr)

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#### **The City**

Bordeaux is the capital of the Aquitaine region of France with a population of 1 million. It was founded in the 3rd century and has always remained an important city of trade and cultural in France. Most important, it has been able to conserve its classical architecture style of the 18th century. It is arguably the world capital of fine wine production and has over 5,000 vineyards. Bordeaux lies on the banks of the Garonne River, which opens up to the Atlantic Ocean and offers the world access to Spain and the Piedmont of Europe. Bordeaux has a long and colorful history combining both Latin and Saxon traditions. The city has been conquered and won back many times so the influence from other civilizations has enriched this city. Its highly developed business community has brought lots of prosperity to the city and the film industry benefits from its unique setting, while also catering to all of the students at its four major universities.

[www.bordeaux.fr](http://www.bordeaux.fr)

#### **About the Program**

Students who take courses directly in the university must have a strong grasp of French language since these courses are taught exclusively in French. Also available is the Département de Français Langue Etrangère (DEFLE) where students can take a full course load of French-as-a-second-language courses at all levels. We strongly suggest that students have at least two years of college-level French minimum before departure.

[www.defle.u-bordeaux3.fr](http://www.defle.u-bordeaux3.fr)

#### **Academic Calendar**

Fall semester: September –January

Spring semester: January –June

Semester dates vary depending on the College (Faculty)

#### **Am I eligible for this program?**

You must have a 2.5 Combined Retained GPA. The seats on the Bordeaux exchange are limited and as a result placement can be competitive. GPA may be one factor used in ranking students

for placement. You must have a minimum of four semesters of college-level French in order to participate.

### **What about 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?**

Housing is provided by both universities in dorms and each student will have a single room. All rooms are equipped with a single bed, sink, closet space and a desk. Linens are provided and are changed weekly. There are community bathrooms located on each floor as well as kitchenettes. Most people choose to eat their meals in the University Restaurant (RU), which is open for lunch and dinner, which is very reasonably priced.

[www.crous-bordeaux.fr](http://www.crous-bordeaux.fr)

### **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.

Costs on site: All students participating on semester or academic year reciprocal exchange programs will be responsible for international airfare and cost of living in country. This can vary dramatically from country to country and should be discussed with your respective study abroad advisor. A French national insurance policy is required by the host university for this program and can only be purchased on site.

### **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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