



UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA FACT SHEET

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Institution – University of Oklahoma	
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<p>Profile</p> <p>The University of Oklahoma is a comprehensive research-institution in the heartland of the United States of America. Our exchange and degree-seeking international students originate from 120 different countries.</p>	
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Nomination Process	
<p>Please refer to the Incoming Student Website for information about nominating your students to come to the University of Oklahoma as exchange students.</p> <p>Partner institutions must nominate exchange students to the Office of Education Abroad on or before April 1 for the fall semester and academic year and on or before October 1 for the spring semester and calendar year.</p> <p>University coordinators will use the nomination link found on our website to nominate students. The students and coordinators will receive a confirmation email as well as instructions on how to complete the online application once it is created.</p> <p>The nomination link changes each academic year so please do not save in your bookmarks.</p>	

Academics

Courses & Enrollment

The [OU Course Catalog](#) contains links to coursework offered on the Norman Campus of the University of Oklahoma each semester. We **cannot** guarantee enrollment in coursework before arrival on campus, and exchange students **must** be flexible in their course preferences as course offerings are subject to change and enrollment in coursework at both the undergraduate and graduate level is subject to policy requirements at the level of each academic department.

Courses **not** available to exchange students include the following:

- College of Continuing Education coursework (including Aviation courses)
- **Graduate** Business coursework, including Accounting, Business Administration, Finance, Management, Marketing & Supply Chain Management and Management Information Systems
- **Graduate** level Economics classes
- Coursework at the OU Health Sciences Center

** **Undergraduate** coursework in Economics requires exchange students to take a math placement exam upon arrival in Oklahoma. Students must understand that they may be denied all Economic classes if their math score does not meet departmental requirements. Students must have other courses from which to choose from. This is a policy of the Department of Economics and not the Education Abroad office.

** Restrictions also exist for undergraduate enrollment in coursework in the English Department, the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education and the Price College of Business. Example: All courses in the Price College of Business must be requested and approved before enrollment can take place.

English Proficiency Requirements

All applicants for whom English is a second language must present evidence of proficiency in the English Language. Evidence of English proficiency must be demonstrated with a TOEFL or IELTS score*. Incoming exchange students must meet or exceed the following scores in order to enroll in undergraduate coursework:

TOEFL (paper based): 500
IBT TOEFL (Internet based): 61
IELTS: 6.0

Exchange students may **not** enroll in graduate level classes numbered 5000 or above unless they have met the Graduate College English language proficiency requirements and permission is given to the Exchange Student adviser. If enrolled in graduate level courses, exchange students will receive **undergraduate** credit. Students may not earn graduate credit for graduate level courses and may not later apply these credits to a graduate degree at the University of Oklahoma. Minimum scores for access to graduate-level coursework are as follows:

TOEFL (paper based): 550
IBT TOEFL (Internet based): 79
IELTS: 6.5

Any exchange student wishing to take coursework in the College of Law must obtain an IBT TOEFL score of 90 or higher and be a law degree student at his or her home institution. Law is a graduate level program at the University of Oklahoma.

- If a student comes from an English speaking university where courses are taught in English, this requirement will be waived.

Other Requirements

- Students must have already completed their first year at their home university in order to attend OU as an exchange student.
- Students are expected to be in good academic standing at home institution.
- Once a student has been nominated, Education Abroad will create an online application for the student. The student is then responsible for submitting the following information and documents:
 - 1) Passport
 - 2) Evidence of English Proficiency (TOEFL (paper or IBT) or IELTS score), if required.
 - 3) University transcripts (must be translated into English) & current course enrollment
 - 4) Financial support documentation
 - 5) Course preference request will be requested via a link that will be sent at a later time

<p>Grading Scale</p> <p>Percentage grades will not be posted on transcripts.</p> <p>No transcripts will be shipped without a formal request from the exchange student in writing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passing grades used are A, B, C, D, and under certain conditions, P and S. • Non-passing grades are F, U and NP. • Each hour of A, B, C, D and F carry a grade point value as follows: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1 and F=0. • Grades of P and S, as well as grades of I, X, U, N, NP, AW, and W, carry no grade point value and will not be letter graded with an A-F.
<h2>Student Life</h2>	
<p>Arrival and Departure Dates/Airport Transportation</p> <p>Arrival: Monday before classes begin Departure: Sunday after last day of finals</p> <p>Individual Airport pickup is not available for students upon arrival. Students are expected to take a shuttle or taxi to Norman upon arrival. Shuttles are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.</p> <p>Students will check in at the Housing office on the designated arrival day and students will be required to bring their passport and Ds-2019.</p>	
<p>Housing</p> <p>Incoming exchange students are encouraged to consider living on campus. Exchange students will be charged per semester for on-campus housing. OU Housing and Food Services offers three choices to exchange students who want to live on the Norman campus: OU Traditions Square, Kraettli Apartments and the Residence Halls.</p> <p>The cost per semester to live in OU on-campus Apartments averages are below. They are subject to change as costs are not set until June 2014.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall 2014 semester rate for OU Traditions Square: \$2300.00. This includes a \$30 Application Fee, a \$200 non-refundable deposit, and August 11, 2014 through December 14, 2014 rent. • Spring 2015 semester rate for OU Traditions Square: \$2,200.00. This includes a \$30 Application Fee, a \$200 non-refundable deposit, and is based on a January 5, 2015 arrival date and a May 10, 2015 departure date. • Fall 2014 semester rate for Kraettli Apartments: \$1,200.00. This includes a \$30 application fee, a \$100 non-refundable deposit, and is based on an August 11, 2014 through December 14, 2014 rent. • Spring 2015 semester rate for Kraettli Apartments: \$1,200.00. This includes a \$30 application fee, a \$100 non-refundable deposit, and January 5, 2015 through May 10, 2015 rent. • Fall 2014 semester rate for OU Residence Halls will be presented in June 2014 but typically average \$4500 a semester for room and board. <p>The above rates may vary slightly if the arrival and departure date of the exchange student are different than the dates listed above. The per-semester rate will be higher student if the student leaves later than the designated departure date. Students cannot move into Housing before the dates above. Questions about arrival and departure dates for exchange student should be directed in writing to Tina Henderson. Also, if an exchange student damages the apartment in which she or he is living, OU Housing and Food Services will assess additional charges.</p> <p>*Students staying for the academic year will be billed for the Spring semester rent the first part of January and those dates will be from December 15, 2014-May 10, 2015.</p> <p>While OU cannot absolutely guarantee on campus housing for all exchange students, every effort will be made to arrange on-campus housing for exchange students who meet the deadlines communicated to them by Tina Henderson. It is the Office of Education Abroad that manages on-campus housing requests for exchange students. Exchange students should NOT apply for housing through the regular OU Housing and Food Services website. All questions about on-campus housing for exchange students should be directed to Tina Henderson.</p> <p>Please note that there are fewer spaces available each semester in the Kraettli Apartments than there are in OU Traditions Square. Therefore, the majority of spaces available to exchange students are in OU Traditions Square.</p> <p>Off-campus housing is available but is not arranged through the Education Abroad office and is typically feasible only for exchange students planning to study at the University of Oklahoma for a full academic year.</p>	

Immigration

[International Student Services](#) assists all incoming exchange students with issues related to their student visa.

- After a student is accepted to the OU program and has provided financial support documents that meet minimum amounts, International Student Services will issue an initial Form DS2019 for the student.
- The student must use this document to apply for a J-1 visa at a U.S. consulate abroad.
- Information on applying for a visa can be found [here](#).
- Information on the SEVIS fee is [here](#). Students must pay the [SEVIS](#) fee before their consular interview.
- Guidelines for visa appointment are [here](#).

Health Insurance

The University of Oklahoma has a fully-equipped on-campus [health facility](#). A student [insurance](#) policy is required for all international students. Students from certain countries already providing student insurance may be able to [waive](#) this requirement by filling out an online waiver application after arrival. The OU Health Plan does not cover dental or eye care.

To waive the OU Health Insurance at OU, the insurance policy must meet one of the following three criteria:

- Covered on a plan that is backed by the full faith of their national government (nationalized health care that covers the student while they are in the U.S.).
- Group Employer plan (student is covered under a parental employer insurance policy).
- Student is covered under a university group policy (coordinator must supply a letter stating that all students from the university are on the same insurance policy).

Once one of the above requirements has been met, the policy must meet Department of State guidelines for [J-1](#) Exchange students. More information on those guidelines can be found [here](#).

Please note: Individual travel insurance policies that are not backed by the full faith of the student's federal government are NOT accepted.

Employment

J-1 exchange students coming to the University of Oklahoma must prove that they have the financial resources to support themselves for the duration of their studies and, therefore, do not work during their time at OU. (Exceptions may be made ONLY in the case of unexpected financial issues that arise after the student has arrived at OU. Review of these circumstances is done on a case by case basis by the Exchange student adviser.)

Extracurricular

[Student Life](#) at the University of Oklahoma is full of opportunities for exchange students, including:

- [Fitness and Recreation](#)
- [International Advisory Committee](#)
- [UOSA](#)
- [Campus Activities Council](#)
- [Student Union](#)
- [OU Cousins](#)
- [Friends to International Students](#)

Expected Expenses at OU**Food:**

- Meal plans can be purchase for \$250-\$2000 a semester depending on personal choice. Please ***do not*** purchase an on campus OU meal plan without first consulting with Tina Henderson.
- Regular grocery expenses may average \$400-600 a month depending on student needs.

Books:

- Depending on major, books can cost anywhere from \$250-800 a semester.

Health Insurance:

- Approximately \$430 a semester – (prices not set until July 2014).

Personal Expenses:

- Depending on personal choice, costs typically range from \$400-800 a month.

Additional Fees:

- \$15 student ID card
- \$50 International Student Fee (each semester)
- \$50 Exchange Student Fee (each semester)

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