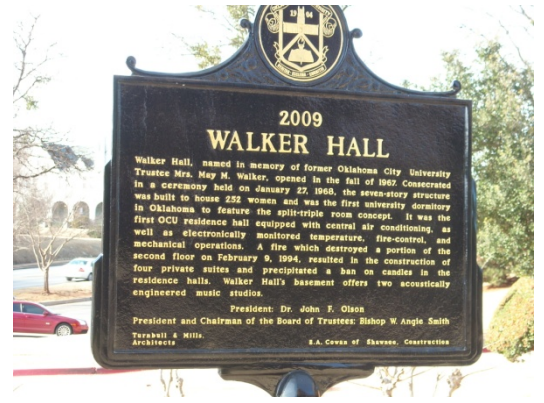




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When I started studying English at the University of Klagenfurt, I knew that one day, I wanted to study a semester abroad. After six semesters, it was time to make my wish come true and to apply for a university.

The first decision I had to make was to choose a university. I always knew that I want to go to the United States. But to which university? After talking to some students and professors, and after looking on some homepages of the single universities, I chose Oklahoma City University. It's motto is "Where you are a name, not a number!" This impressed me a lot as I wanted to study at a small university like Klagenfurt where students and professors know each other.

After deciding where to go, a lot of paperwork has to be done. The best thing is to start applying for everything as early as possible! After applying at the BIB and getting a positive answer from the university abroad, you have to fill out a lot of forms from the university, apply for a VISA, provide a bank statement, etc. Do not book a flight before you get a VISA though. What is very important too is to apply for financial funding. If you google it, you get a lot of results. I applied for Mr. Martinz' and Mr. Scheuch's "Stipendium" and got money from both. Do not hesitate to apply at several companies or politicians, the worst they can do is to say no!

I studied at Oklahoma City University in the spring semester (January – April) and the semester normally starts around January 10. I flew to Oklahoma City a week earlier to adjust myself to the new area. I lived in Walker Hall which is an all female dorm. You normally share a room with one or two other girl(s) and share a bathroom with 3 to 4 girls. It is the cheapest possibility to live on campus. If you want to cook for yourself and also want more privacy, Cokesbury might be the right choice for you. There, you have an apartment with your own room, only sharing the kitchen and the bathroom. I had to purchase a meal plan for the caf. It seems quite expensive at first but with such a meal plan, you can have 14 or 19 meals per

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week. The cafs in America have nothing in common with our “Mensa”. In a caf, you can eat how much you want and there is a great variety of food. The caf is also the place on campus where people meet each other, learn, talk, and do homework.

The campus itself is a very small area. Most of the students live on campus and so you are never alone. Although many people say that American university areas are very unsafe, do not worry! Oklahoma City University is a very safe place. Oklahoma City does not provide a good public transport system but every student there has a car and there is always someone who can take you to the mall or anywhere you want. People are really nice and helpful. Also the professors are very willing to help you with any problems you might have. Everybody was really interested when I told them that I am from Austria. People there want to learn about our culture and traditions and in return tell you a lot about their customs. A personal advice from me: do not hang out too much with other international students, your English improves much more if you stick to the “real” Americans. All in all, I enjoyed studying at OCU a lot and miss my friends there. Although the classes are quite tough and I had a lot to do, I also learned a lot and improved my English.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to ask me!

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This could be you!

Birthday party in Oklahoma City



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