

## Final Report on Study Exchange at the University of Lucerne

Please write the report (max 2 pages) in German or English in complete sentences (no keywords).

<b>Mobility program</b>	ERASMUS
<b>Home university</b>	University of Sheffield
<b>Field of study</b>	Law
<b>Semester</b>	Spring term 2013
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<b>General impression</b> Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	I have had an amazing time in Switzerland and I just wish I could stay longer. The teaching has been brilliant, the subject choices varied and interesting and everybody around the university has been incredibly helpful and kind.
<b>Entry/ arrival in Switzerland</b> Immigration formalities, visa	It wasn't as difficult as I thought it might have been but having to find the migrations office and pay extra money did fulfill Switzerland's reputation of being expensive.
<b>Searching for rooms/ accommodation</b> Experiences and useful addresses	I did this through the university so it was incredibly easy.
<b>Public transportation</b> Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	Always on time, always clean, always space. Expensive compared to the UK but so much better. 200 m walk to train station from accommodation, 100m from the station to the university was ideal.
<b>Prearrangements</b> Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	Would've been nice for Erasmus forms to have been able to pre-register but being able to sample the classes meant I ended up choosing classes I might not have done normally
<b>Information on university</b> Location, size, infrastructure	Location incredibly convenient, size was smaller than I am used to. Could've done with better gym facilities and more online things, such as information and course mailing list subscription, being in English.
<b>Studying at the university</b> Content of lectures, credits, assessments	No problems here at all. A great mix of everything to suit every person.
<b>Assistance at the university</b> Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students	Never got a reply from my student mentor which was frustrating but every member of staff I came across was incredibly helpful and so nice that any problem I had was fixed immediately
<b>Budgeting</b> Living costs, study material, money transfer	Slightly more expensive than home but I was prepared for that, if you shop around it isn't too much worse. The reader system of just buying a booklet of what you need is a great idea. Money transfer resulted in a lot of expenditure.
<b>Living/ leisure</b> Meeting places, sports, culture	Living in Emmenbrucke there is a lack of places nearby to go and sit out in the sun but there are lots of green parks and places to go in Luzern. A gym facility that was open 7 days a week would be a great improvement, people would be willing to pay towards this, I'm sure.
<b>Comparison</b> What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne compared to your home university?	There is a far better support structure here with members of staff always around and willing to help. As mentioned more extensive sports facilities would be a bonus and a full translation of information also. Otherwise Luzern has been virtually perfect.