

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).

Mobility program	ERASMUS
Home university	Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic
Field of study	International Relations, Weltpolitik
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<p>General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences</p>	<p>My stay in Switzerland as the Erasmus student was a big experience, in my private life and also in my study life. I gained new friends over the whole world, new study experiences (exams, presentations, whole system) and also self-reliance. The university (mobility office, study advisors) helped me with all problems and needs. The whole stay was really beneficial. Lucerne is beautiful town with many interesting places to stay and a good position for other trips.</p>
<p>Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa</p>	<p>It is easier for students from the EU. With all fulfilled documents I had to visit the immigration office and pay charges (the university is very helpful with this procedure, give all instructions). I had my health insurance from Czech Republic.</p>
<p>Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses</p>	<p>I lived in private room, but in my opinion, it is better to live in university student residence, because there are many students together and peoples are more in contacts with others. The university helps with finding.</p>
<p>Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings</p>	<p>The building is in the centre of Lucerne; so many people do not need public transport. I have gone to the university by bus (50 CHF for months), the buses go very often.</p>
<p>Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records</p>	<p>Registration for courses was complicated for me, it differs in many aspects from my home university, but everybody can ask to student advisors or mentors. The web pages are mostly in German.</p>
<p>Information on university Location, size, infrastructure</p>	<p>It is a small university in the centre of Lucerne (near railway station and a park), well arranged. It offers lots of courses and programs.</p>
<p>Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments</p>	<p>The lectures differ partly from my content of study. But the content of courses was interesting for me, more presentations and collective discussions, small classes (around 20 students). The credits correspond with the difficulty of course and assessment depends on the activity of students.</p>
<p>Assistance at the university Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students</p>	<p>The Mobility Office and also the student advisors help everybody willingly with problems. I was in contact with my mentor and she was nice, planned some trips and gave advices to us. The contact with other students depends on peoples, but we met quite often together.</p>
<p>Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer</p>	<p>Living costs here are higher than in my home country, but everybody can handle with it (cheaper supermarkets are Migros or Denner). For the people who would like to travel the Halb-tax Card is favourable. Students have to buy books for some courses (especially law students), but it is not a high sum of money.</p>

<p>Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture</p>	<p>We often met at the student residence in Eichhof with other exchange students or during some university events. The university offers also lots of sports (free, good for trying new sport).</p>
<p>Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne compared to your home university?</p>	<p>The whole system of registration for courses and exams is more complicated here than in my home university (but the university really helps) and in German (for some only English speaking students problematic). The program for exchange students can be broader (more events and parties). The willingness of all peoples at university was super. Courses are smaller in Lucerne, students can more communicate with each others and with teacher.</p>