

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).

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Home university	NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY
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<p>General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences</p>	<p>Overall my stay was an interesting experience. I met new people and created new memories with those who are from Switzerland and those who were not. I explored places I never expected to explore and ate meals I didn't really know how to pronounce. I was accepted into the international student world where other from all over the world united, shared experience and learnt together all from foreign background. My stay taught me that home is where the memories you create are.</p>
<p>Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa</p>	<p>Didn't realize there were many costs in concerns with registering with migration office and the health insurance, but coming from Europe everything was very simple.</p>
<p>Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses</p>	<p>I would recommend the student mentor foundation because they are not too expensive, I had a bad time with leaving when moving out they left me with the worst last experience of Lucerne, no customer care whatsoever, I felt like had fulfilled my purpose to them and they had received money from me so now the next step was for them to find a way to obtain more money from me in incurring cleaning fees for my early departure based on the look of the apartment which still had people living in it. Was shocked at the bad customer service and the slow replies to emails containing concerns to do with receiving deposits back but overall easiest accommodation to live in for access and meeting other internationals</p>
<p>Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings</p>	<p>Such easy access around Lucerne because the University is more a less in the center, walking from the accommodation took a maximum of 15 minuets</p>
<p>Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records</p>	<p>Registering for courses was different to how it was done back home so that was a little bit confusing but became straight Godward after the first course was registered for.</p>
<p>Information on university Location, size, infrastructure</p>	<p>A very grey modern looking university, based in an area very easy to access.</p>
<p>German course at the university „German for Beginners“ visited? Content of course, usage</p>	<p>The introductory German course was a very good way to help people like me who had not much knowledge on the subject and made it easy for me to make friends every class was worth attending.</p>
<p>Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments</p>	<p>Enjoyed every structure of all my 5 courses even though some may have been longer the content of each different one was alarming and interesting never a boring lesson was delivered.</p>
<p>Assistance at the university Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students</p>	<p>The mobility office became the safe haven for me as in international they were so efficient and so helpful and important body in the international students study life.</p>

<p>Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer</p>	<p>Living costs were pretty pricey, best place to shop for food was Denner so much more affordable than coop, which helped cut down living costs by a lot. Study material thin may be better to carry from home i.e. Note pads and pens or if anything stick with the electronics, iPad, laptop, tablet, less heavier than carrying books, also I only purchased books I really needed so those for course that important material can only be accessed from the recommended book.</p>
<p>Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture</p>	<p>Meeting places always ended up being in the different accommodations of the students so not far from the university and in terms of sports free gym and free activities gave incentives for things to do too keep active if you were tired of the same study routine.</p>
<p>Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne compared to your home university?</p>	<p>The better thing at the university of Lucerne compared to my home university is the makeup of the classes, gives you more freedom to do things during the week. The not so good aspect is that food is expensive and there are no 24 hour libraries for those who are like me and work easier in the night.</p>