

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	Università degli studi di Pavia
Field of study	facoltà di Giurisprudenza (Law)
Semester	Spring term 2014
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<p>General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences</p>	<p>I'm very happy with my exchange. Lucerne is a small but very pretty city in the heart of Switzerland, so in the heart of Europe that gives lots of opportunities to the students. For me was the best opportunity to practice and improve my English attended all the courses in English. Here, differently from other country, we are not a big group Erasmus, but personally I think is better because we stayed always together and we were very fully united. We also organized different trips (very good thing for the students that come from outside Europe), we visited together Switzerland. We enjoyed the city with pick-nick, BBQ, staying on the beach on the lake and with good parties.</p>
<p>Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa</p>	<p>When you arrive in Switzerland you need to register, even for European students, it seems weird first but it's really easy to do it. I raccomandated you to inform also about the insurance.</p>
<p>Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses</p>	<p>I lived in Steinhof. It's a really nice area far only 25 min from the University, so I always walked and i didn't buy the monthly ticket for the bus that's very expensive. The Price of the rent is normal (550 CHF). There are a lot of building with inside all flat composed by 4 or 5 rooms each. I advice this accommodation rather than Emmenbrucke or live in a flat because usually all the Erasmus students are here and you can spend all the time together!</p>
<p>Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings</p>	<p>Lucerne is a very small city so in my opinion you don't need to buy the monthly ticket for the bus. The public transportations are very expensive, especially the train. Therefore there is the opportunity to buy the half- tax ticket.</p>
<p>Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records</p>	<p>when I arrived in Lucerne i had my learning agreement with all the courses I could attended, so I couldn't choose. You have to pay attention to the number of credits that your home university requires. By the way at the beginning of the semester the responsible of international relations explain everything about it and she is very open to all question and can help you if you have some difficulties.</p>
<p>Information on university Location, size, infrastructure</p>	<p>the University of Lucerne is very modern, quite small, offers lots of services, the classroom are really nice (some of them also with the view on the lake), there is the library and a big choice of books and you can find them in a lot of languages. There is also a canteen and a cafeteria.</p>
<p>German course at the university „German for Beginners“ visited? Content of course, usage</p>	<p>The only thing that I'm a bit disappointed is that during these months I didn't learn German. At the beginning of the semester the University offers a free week of German lessons to the new students, but then the only one course was very basic and boring.</p>
<p>Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments</p>	<p>the lectures are very interesting. Usually for the courses in English, the class is composed only by 10-15 students so is a good opportunity to partecipe. All the professor are very nice and if you don't understand, they can help you. obvi-</p>

	<p>ously some courses have 6 credits, other 4 or there are also some guess courses that have only 2.</p>
<p>Assistance at the university Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students</p>	<p>The Mobility Office pays close attention to you and they will answer you quickly if you have any request. Then the university organized some events, thus we meet everyone and have a good time.</p> <p>Swiss students are nice and they will help you if you turn to them. You will have a mentor, try to meet him/her to get some tips.</p>
<p>Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer</p>	<p>as everyone knows Switzerland is expensive, but if you pay attention is fine. As I already said public transportations are expensive, but instead the study material is cheaper comparing with Italy. There aren't very properly books, bur readers written by the professors.</p>
<p>Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture</p>	<p>Lucerne is a good place to live, you have the mountains close and can go skiing or sledging during winter, you can go hiking, walk along the lake and even swimming in the lake, have a coffee in the old town, go for a classical music concert in the KKL .You have many sports offered by the University.</p>
<p>Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne compared to your home university?</p>	