

## 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>	<b>ERASMUS</b>
<b>Home university</b>	University of Oslo
<b>Field of study</b>	Political Science
<b>Semester</b>	Spring term 2014
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<b>General impression</b> Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	My impression of both the university and the city is very good. Great location of the university, living in Eichhof through the SMFL has been good, and of course the opportunities one has in Luzern, when it comes to travelling, hiking and enjoying the culture. Especially Fasnacht (carnival in February) was a memorable experience.
<b>Entry/ arrival in Switzerland</b> Immigration formalities, visa	Problem-free, and made easy by the information given to me from the university.
<b>Searching for rooms/ accommodation</b> Experiences and useful addresses	I got help from the university and ended up in Eichhof/Steinhof through SMFL. Everything has been good there.
<b>Public transportation</b> Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	No particular problems, and especially the train and boat opportunities from Luzern are good.
<b>Prearrangements</b> Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	Some confusion in the beginning for me, when it came to registering for courses, as it always is at a new university. But everyone at the university was very helpful, so it all turned out fine.
<b>Information on university</b> Location, size, infrastructure	Good.
<b>German course at the university</b> „German for Beginners“ visited? Content of course, usage	This course I was particularly satisfied with. I enjoyed the mix of language and “introduction to Luzern”. The teachers were great, and it was a good way to get to know the other students.
<b>Studying at the university</b> Content of lectures, credits, assessments	Most lectures and lecturers were good, but the offer for English courses in political science was limited, so this was a challenge.
<b>Assistance at the university</b> Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students	All of this was good.
<b>Budgeting</b> Living costs, study material, money transfer	Pretty similar to Norway, so no big surprises for me, but still quite expensive overall, especially if you want to travel around in your free time. Half-fare card with public transportation is recommended.
<b>Living/ leisure</b> Meeting places, sports, culture	Luckily, we were a very active group of international students, so we've had a lot of fun. Meeting Swiss students was sometimes hard, but made easier through the classes and the student organizations. KUSO had events that were really good.

**Comparison**

What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne compared to your home university?

The tradition of having “apero” is something I wish we had in Oslo. Also, the location and the service-mindedness of the staff was very good in Luzern. The course offerings and lecturers I probably like better in Oslo, in general. This is because I feel there is a little bit more variety there.