

Final Report on Study Exchange at the University of Lucerne

Bitte erstellen Sie den Erfahrungsbericht (max. 2 Seiten) in Deutsch oder Englisch in ganzen Sätzen (keine Stichwörter).

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| Mobility program | ERASMUS |
| Home university | Jagiellonian University |
| Field of study | Law |
| Semester | Spring term 2014 |
| Name und E-Mail (optional) | |

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| General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences | I really enjoyed the stayed here. The classes were substantive and interesting. The atmosphere at the university was really nice. And Lucerne itself is a lovely city with the beautiful mountains and lake. |
| Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa | The immigration formalities turned out to be not so complicated as it seemed to me before my arrival. I had to visit just the immigration office. The registration was totally trouble-free. I did not need visa, just so-called "Aufenthaltsbewiligung". |
| Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses | The Mobility Office has helped me to find the accommodation so I just needed to book my room in advance. I lived in Einhof, in a really comfortable and beautiful located dormitory rented by Student Mentor Foundation Lucerne, 20 minutes on foot from the University. |
| Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings | The public transport works perfectly but is really expensive. If you want to travel a lot it is worthy to buy a Halbtax travel card which halve the travel expenses. In Lucerne I went on foot everywhere because the distances are relatively short. |
| Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records | Registration for courses is trouble-free. You have a few weeks to decide which curses you want to attend, which I think it is enough time to state which courses are interesting. |
| Information on university Location, size, infrastructure | The University of Lucerne is located in a beautiful place directly on the lake. The Uni buildings are equipped in a modern and comfortable way. |
| German course at the university „German for Beginners“ visited? Content of course, usage | I took two courses in German. Einführung in die Volkswirtschaftslehre für Juristen and Rechtsökonomie. The courses ware really interesting and content-related. I needed to learn quite a lot to be prepared for the lectures and the exam. |
| Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments | All lectures I chose (Einführung in die Volkswirtschaftslehre für Juristen, Rechtsökonomie, Introduction to Swiss Law, Law and Economics and From Marbury to ObamaCare - Contemporary Issues in American Constitutional Law) were interesting for me and I think I learned a lot. Each of this courses has the value of 5 or 6 ECTS so I think it is an appropriate sum. The professors are helpful, respond quickly to emails . I had never such an impression that the lecture is an unpleasant duty for them. |
| Assistance at the university Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students | Student advisors and especially Ms Alice Imboden from Mobility Office are very nice and helpful. In difficulties I could always count on them. I was much easier to become acquainted with another mobility students than home students because as mobility students we were accommodated in the same dormitory. The local students organized quite often some activities for us. I participated also in activities organized by SOL and Fajulu- student organizations operating at the University of Lucerne. My mentor was also really nice and helpful. Thanks to him I could participate in the local student's life. |

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| <p>Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer</p> | <p>The living costs in Switzerland was extremely high for me. Fortunately there were quite a few possibilities to make it a bit more tolerable. For example in Swiss stores like Migros, Coop or Denner there were lots of discount products with still good quality and lots of special offers. Sometimes I visited also ALDI which was much cheaper. Study materials are mainly the readers for each of the courses. The price of one was aprox. 20 CHF.</p> <p>I chose the Post Finance to open my bank account because I did not need to pay anything neither for opening nor for closing the bank account and there was just little formality.</p> |
| <p>Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture</p> | <p>Lucerne is a perfect city to spend your leisure time because of the closeness of mountains and the lake and the beautiful old town.</p> <p>There are also a lot of cultural events within the whole year.</p> <p>The range of sporting activities is huge so everybody will find something interesting for himself.</p> |
| <p>Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne compared to your home university?</p> | <p>The things which I particularly appreciate in University of Lucerne are good contact with the professors and another University stuff, smaller groups and faster slow of the information.</p> |