

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	Charles University in Prague
Field of study	Law
Semester	Spring term 2014
Name und E-Mail (optional)	

<p>General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences</p>	<p>I really enjoyed my stay in Lucerne and would recommend the University of Lucerne to other students. The University offers very interesting courses (both in English and German), most of the professors are competent and nice and the incoming students were from all parts of the world which was a nice experience. Although the city is very small there are lot of possibilities how to enjoy the free time (skiing/snowboarding, hiking, cycling, swimming in the lake in the summer and also some nice bars and pubs). The only negative thing is the sometimes not very friendly attitude of the Swiss people towards foreigners but this does not concern the students, professors or other staff at the University.</p>
<p>Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa</p>	<p>I only had to register at the local communal office which took no more than 10min. It cost ca. 30CHF</p>
<p>Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses</p>	<p>The University offered me accommodation in the Eichhof Student accommodation. Very nice flats (it has been built only a few years ago) in a residential part of Lucerne; walking distance to the University and the city center. Some students has been offered accommodation in Emmenbrücke which I would not recommend- the flats are not very nice and are more expensive than in Eichhof, you have to take a train to get to Lucerne (5min, but you need a train ticket which means extra costs)</p>
<p>Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings</p>	<p>Public transportation is generally very expensive, but you don't need to use it if you live in Eichhof. You can buy a "half-fare" card for ca. 150CHF so that all tickets (public transportation + trains+ boats) cost than only half of the price but it pays off only if staying the whole year or travelling a lot.</p>
<p>Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records</p>	<p>No language tests are required. Registration for courses is very easy (via internet). You can take English courses as well as German courses</p>
<p>Information on university Location, size, infrastructure</p>	<p>The building is very nice, modern (build in 2011), located right next to the main train station and only 5min walking distance to the "beach"- nice park by the lake</p>
<p>German course at the university „German for Beginners“ visited? Content of course, usage</p>	<p>The German course takes place one week before the actual start of the semester. Don't expect to actually learn German there but it is a very good chance to meet other foreign students. In the afternoon there are excursions in the city.</p>
<p>Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments</p>	<p>Lectures were generally very interesting but not too difficult, the professors were very nice. However it was necessary to buy readers for most of the lectures which cost between 20 and 40 CHF. For English courses you can get 6 credits, for most of the German courses only 5</p>

<p>Assistance at the university Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students</p>	<p>All of them were always nice and helpful</p>
<p>Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer</p>	<p>The Living costs were lower than I expected. The scholarship completely covered my accommodation costs. Costs of food are comparable to other European countries (only meat is very expensive). However, going out (restaurants, bars) is very expensive. Costs for mandatory study materials are around 100-130CHF/one semester</p>
<p>Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture</p>	<p>Lucerne is situated perfectly if you like skiing (30 min to the nearest big skiing resort), hiking, cycling or travelling (inside of Switzerland or around Europe- Lucerne is in the middle of Switzerland but also in the middle of Europe + only 30/40 min by the train to the Zurich int. airport)</p>
<p>Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne compared to your home university?</p>	<p>The professors in Lucerne are more open to different opinions.</p>