

## Final Report on your Study Exchange at the University of Lucerne

Please write the report (max. 2 pages) in German or English and in complete sentences (no keywords).

<b>Mobility Program</b>	<b>SEMP/ERASMUS</b>
<b>Home university</b>	Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic
<b>Semester</b>	Spring Term 2015
<b>Field of study</b>	International relations, Master
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<b>General impression</b> Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	My impression is very good – Switzerland is a very nice and safe country. Studying at the university in Lucerne was very similar to my home university (not too easy, not extremely hard). Living here is very comfortable - goods and services are usually very good (of course it is more expensive, but the price is not extremely high). Switzerland also has a beautiful nature and many interesting historical places.
<b>Entry/ arrival in Switzerland</b> Immigration formalities, visa	It is obligatory to register at the communal office during the first 14 days after arrival. They (in Emmenbrücke) also registered me at the immigration office and I received the residence permit by a post after three weeks. There are no visa required for EU citizens.
<b>Searching for rooms/ accommodation</b> Experiences and useful addresses	The form by which I applied for a room, was attached to the other registration forms to the university, so it was very easy to find a room. I got a room in Emmenbrücke in flat together with another 4 students. All rent had to be paid in advance before moving in.
<b>Public transportation</b> Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	Switzerland has a very good system of rail transport (usually clean, punctual and very expensive). It's really worth buying a Halb-tax card (170 CHF – 1 year version) which reduces the prices of all train and city transport tickets by 50 %. From Emmenbrücke it takes 7 minutes to the school, I never used a bus which is much slower.
<b>Prearrangements</b> Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	Registration was fully online, there were no language tests and no academic records had to be provided to the university.
<b>Information on university</b> Location, size, infrastructure	The university is located at the coast of the lake, just a minute of walk from the main rail and bus station. Everything is in one building.
<b>German course at the university</b> „German Short Course“ visited? Content of course, usage	I didn't visit this course.
<b>Studying at the university</b> Content of lectures, credits, assessments	I took the two political courses, two economic and one political-economic. Credits at the university are in the form of ECTS.
<b>Assistance at the university</b> Student advisors, Mobility Office, mentors, contact with other students	University provided mentors, but I only saw them once because I never needed them after. Mobility office provided a useful list of to-do things after arrival and before departure (how and where to register and so on).
<b>Budgeting</b> Living costs, study material, money transfer	Since the highest cost was already solved (accommodation), the other costs were much lower – about 200-300 CHF/month. Study material was provided mostly online (system OLAT) and was free in all cases.
<b>Living/ leisure</b> Meeting places, sports, culture	Lucerne has many interesting places (bridge, lion statue, lake, near-by mountains Rigi and Pilatus, ...). Thanks to its position in the center of Switzerland it's possible to travel to all other parts of the country within the range of three hours (by train) and

	visit many other interesting places.
<b>Comparison</b> What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?	It is very much the same, I wasn't able to find a significant differences.
<b>Reasons</b> For what reasons are you aiming for a mobility period at the University of Lucerne?	I haven't heard anything very bad about Switzerland, I'm from Czech republic – for us Switzerland is not far away, but it is still considered there to be a little exotic country known only for its mountains and chocolate. I wanted to learn something more and I also wanted to improve my German.
<b>Duration</b> If you look back, was the duration of your stay for mobility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> too short <input type="checkbox"/> to long <input type="checkbox"/> precisely