

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).

Mobility Program	Erasmus
Home university	Nottingham Trent
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Field of study	Law, Master
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General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	It has been 100 times better than I could have imagined, I was made to feel at home in the country not only due to the friendly atmosphere of the city but the people who I have studied with and learnt from. I felt I was always able to ask questions should I <u>feel unsure about anything and really have learnt from this experience</u>
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa	The University provide great help for all the paper work that has to be filled out upon on arrival, especially helpful was the use of the German language course at the start to help fill in paperwork I might otherwise have done incorrectly
Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses	I was recommended accommodation through Nottingham Trent which I found both to be of a high standard and very helpful in terms of moving in etc.
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	As good as stereotypes would suggest, although expensive compared to some services offered in other nations it is worth paying for as they offer such a great service. The university itself is situated brilliantly for all forms of travel
Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	The only issue I had was being placed on the advanced German language course in the first week, this issue was quickly rectified and I was able to take all the course I had chosen beforehand
Information on the university Location, size, infrastructure	I had very little information on the university in terms of its location and the like when arriving in the city but its central location was easy to find and also has been great for commuting to for lessons
German course at the university "German Short Course" visited? Content of course, use?	Helped me to learn the basic grasp of the language and particularly helped me to adjust to differences presented by the 'Swiss-German' dialect
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	I found the contents of the lectures and modules to be extremely interesting, they varied greatly from those I had previously been taught in the UK and this only further my interest in the topics I had chosen, I also believe the options available catered to all student by offering such different modules
Assistance at the university Mobility Coordinator, International Relations Office, student advisors, mentors, contact with other students	I found the university to be extremely helpful from the moment I began studying in Switzerland, they were always happy to help and also knowing that assistance was only 1 email was always nice to have
Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	Living costs are very high but by shopping around you are able to live on a decent budget, I found that there was no one budget supermarket instead it was wise to constantly compare the prices of the products I wanted but was happy to do so as part of my experience, I found all study material to be very reasonably priced compared to what is charged for similar items in the UK
Living/ leisure	In terms of sports I felt there was not very many options, although free use of the gym

Meeting places, sports, culture	3 times a week was a great bonus the lack of integration into sports was something I found to be quite minimal. I feel this was partially due to the sporting opportunities being displayed in only German. Although outside of the university I was able to participate in hiking and other such activities
Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?	The who pace of the city was one thing that I noticed between Nottingham and Lucerne, there is more of a relaxed atmosphere in Lucerne and I think this is seen in all aspects of life in the city
Reasons Why did you choose to complete an exchange semester at the University of Lucerne?	I had never been to Switzerland before and being a place I had always wanted to go to it was a perfect opportunity, Lucerne in particular being a city I had heard about a lot about due to its standing as a tourist hotspot but also due to its rich history
Duration Looking back, was the duration of your stay here:	just right