

## 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</b> (Erasmus inside Europe)
<b>Home university</b>	Università degli Studi di Pavia
<b>Semester</b>	Spring term 2016
<b>Field of study</b>	Law, Master
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<b>General impression</b> Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	I really enjoyed my stay in Lucerne during the spring semester. I study Law and the University offers so interesting courses, especially if you are interested in the international law field. I really loved the city too and what it offers.
<b>Entry/ arrival in Switzerland</b> Immigration formalities, visa	I did not need any visa since I am a European Union citizen but I think that the visa requirements for non-EU citizens are pretty like all over Europe.
<b>Searching for rooms/ accommodation</b> Experiences and useful addresses	I choose the accommodation the university offers, in particular the one from Student Mentor Foundation in Steinhofstrasse. I really suggest it! The rent is pretty high but the normal standards for a rent in Lucerne are quite the same. The apartments are big and the area is a residential one, quite and with a beautiful panorama. Other people stayed in the other one in Emmenbrucke but personally I did not like it very much since it is more chaotic and messy.
<b>Public transportation</b> Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	The public transportation is well organized and in time.
<b>Prearrangements</b> Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	The modalities for the registration are well explained by the International Relation Office team and by the professor.
<b>Information on the university</b> Location, size, infrastructure	The university building is extremely organized and functional. There is a nice common area, a big cafeteria and a canteen where you can also eat your own lunch. The classrooms are big and the ones from the 1 to the 4 <sup>th</sup> floor have also a beautiful view on the lake. The library is perfect, with a lot of books you can borrow and with a lot of seats to study. It has a super view on the lake.
<b>German course at the university</b> "German Short Course" visited? Content of course, use?	At the beginning of the semester there is a German course which is very nice to start knowing the other exchange students and to start learning some German, if you do not know any. During the semester there is the possibility to follow some free language classes held by other students: I followed the German one and I really enjoyed it! It gave me the opportunity to have some "basis" from which I can start to study the language in a continuative way.
<b>Studying at the university</b> Content of lectures, credits, assessments	I followed very interesting law courses. I especially liked International Migration Law, Freedom of Speech and Expression (guest lecture) and Climate Change and Energy Law.
<b>Assistance at the university</b> Mobility Coordinator, International Relations Office, student advisors, mentors, contact with other students	The International Relation Office is always ready to help you with any difficulties you may meet. The student mentors are very nice and organize a lot of events for exchange student, giving you the possibility to remain in contact with them through facebook or also mobile phone. They can help you also with university-related problems or curiosities.

<p><b>Budgeting</b> Living costs, study material, money transfer</p>	<p>Switzerland is extremely expensive and Lucerne meets the normal standards. However, there are different supermarkets you can choose, with different prices (I normally went to Migros and Aldi). If you want to go out during the evening/the night, there are some very nice places, even if he drinks are very expensive (but a glass of wine or a beer is normally affordable). There are also some clubs with free entrance and it is nice to spend a night out there. If you want to go out for a dinner get prepared to spend a lot: if you want to treat yourself for a special occasion, a pizza would be ok ;)</p>
<p><b>Living/ leisure</b> Meeting places, sports, culture</p>	<p>As a student you can follow so many gym courses for free: I discovered and loved so much yoga and pilates classes! If you like sports there are infinite opportunities to practice some also in the mountains and around the city. I went to a dance show at the theatre and, if you have time to organize it, I would really suggest to go to some concerts at the KKL, which is the cultural center of the city. There are also some nice museums to visit and festival throughout the city during the year, especially in spring/summer.</p>
<p><b>Comparison</b> What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?</p>	<p>The University of Lucerne is much better in terms of organization, technology and cleaning.</p>
<p><b>Reasons</b> Why did you choose to complete an exchange semester at the University of Lucerne?</p>	<p>I was really interested in the International Law Courses offered and I wanted also to try the really organized Switzerland way of life ;) I am really happy I decided to come here and all my expectations were satisfied.</p>
<p><b>Duration</b> Looking back, was the duration of your stay here:</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> too short                      <input type="checkbox"/> too long                      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> just right</p>