

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).

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Mobility Program	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEMP (Erasmus inside Europe) <input type="checkbox"/> PARTNERSHIP (outside Europe)
Home university	University of East Anglia (UEA)
Semester	(Fall term 16 or spring term 17 or both?) HS16 and FS17
Field of study	Main subject? Law Study level? <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Master
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General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	I have really enjoyed my stay in Lucerne and my time studying at the University of Lucerne. Lucerne, and Switzerland in general, is very beautiful and it is a great place to live and there are lots of activities to get involved with during your free time. I have really enjoyed travelling all over Switzerland and everywhere is very welcoming and helpful.
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa	Entry into Switzerland was very simple, and the University of Lucerne provided all of the information we needed for any immigration and registration tasks so that we could do them quickly at the beginning of the semester.
Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses	Finding accommodation was very simple as the University of Lucerne provided all of the information before arriving in Switzerland. I lived in the student residences on Steinhofstrasse with a lot of other exchange students and it was really enjoyable.
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	Lucerne has many public transport options, and these are very helpful for getting to university. There are many buses which make travelling in the local area very simple. The trains with SBB are stereotypically Swiss and very good and there are a range of discount cards to buy which make travelling significantly cheaper which I would recommend. The university building is located next to the train station in Lucerne and is very accessible.
Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	All the necessary prearrangements that had to be carried out were provided to us by the University of Lucerne, who made the process very simple.
Information on the university Location, size, infrastructure	The university buildings are located in the center of Lucerne, next to the train station, overlooking Lake Lucerne. It is a relatively small university, but it is very modern with very good infrastructure and technology.
German course at the University "German Short Course" visited? Content of course, use?	The German Course at the University of Lucerne was very informative and helpful. It taught us useful day-to-day phrases and improved our confidence in speaking German. I have found taking part in the German course to be very helpful during my stay in Lucerne.
Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments	The university provides a really interesting and diverse range of courses and lectures, of varying lengths and credits. The lectures were all very good and the lecturers are very helpful. Assessments can be either by coursework, by written exam, or by oral exam and are well explained so that you can prepare enough for them beforehand. The scheduling of courses also still allows you a good amount of free time to do other

	activities.
Assistance at the university Mobility Coordinator, International Relations Office, student advisors, mentors, contact with other students	All of the assistance at the university was very helpful, welcoming, and I felt like I could ask them about any issues, problems or questions that I had during my stay in Lucerne and they would reply quickly.
Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer	Switzerland is a notoriously expensive country, however I found that the SEMP grant helped with this and found budgeting very similar to other European countries. Study materials are relatively inexpensive. I would recommend setting up a bank account in Switzerland or setting up an account with an FX card company such as Caxton FX so that you can transfer money between accounts and use it like a conventional debit card.
Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture	Lucerne, and Switzerland in general, is a great place to live. There is so much to do, and I have particularly enjoyed travelling and hiking, there is something for everyone. Lucerne is a fairly popular city for tourists which means that there are a lot of excursions that you can organize, particularly around Lake Lucerne. There are so many "must see" places in Switzerland that you will never be short of something to do.
Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?	<p>The University of Lucerne is fairly different to my home university in a number of ways. I am used to a large, campus university in England, whereas the University of Lucerne is relatively small and is mainly located in a single building in the middle of the city. I didn't find this a problem though as the university was very good.</p> <p>There was not a large student body running societies and clubs which I found very different to my home university but there are so many alternative things to do so this wasn't a problem either.</p>
Reasons Why did you choose to complete an exchange semester at the University of Lucerne?	I chose to complete an exchange year at the University of Lucerne because of how nice Switzerland is. I can safely say that Lucerne and Switzerland completely exceeded my expectations and I have loved my time here.
Duration Looking back, was the duration of your stay here:	<input type="checkbox"/> too short <input type="checkbox"/> too long <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> just right