



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).

The report will be posted on the website of the University of Lucerne and may also be viewable via internet search engines. A subsequent amendment or deletion of data (e.g. name) will not be possible after the report has been submitted! Please send the report back in Word format only.

Mobility Program	SEMP (Erasmus inside Europe)
Home university	University of Pavia
Semester	Spring term 2017
Field of study	Main subject? Law Study level? Master
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General impression Please describe your stay in 4-5 sentences	My stay was really good, I enjoyed the time in Lucerne, a really beautiful city. The period at the University of Lucerne has been very productive; I've learnt interesting subjects that are not dealt with at my home University and I've known a lot of nice people from all over the world. The only "flaw" in Switzerland is the high life's cost, but I was aware of this.
Entry/ arrival in Switzerland Immigration formalities, visa	Arrived in Lucerne, I had to carry out some formalities, which took a bit of time; fortunately, the University staff was very helpful and provided me with all the necessary information.
Searching for rooms/ accommodation Experiences and useful addresses	The University of Lucerne helped me in finding an accommodation; I stayed in <i>Steinhof</i> accommodation, managed by the Student Mentor Foundation Lucerne, at Steinhofstrasse 15, in Lucerne. The accommodation is about 20 minutes by walk from the University, its location is good, and the context is nice. I shared the flat with other three students from abroad, and almost all my other university's mates lived in other flats of the accommodation, and this was great for socializing. The rooms in the flats are really modern and bright.
Public transportation Train, bus, accessibility of university buildings	Public transportation was very efficient but expensive. I haven't travelled a lot (I did 5 trips to different places in Switzerland, 2 of which with the University), but anyway if I could go back I would buy the SBB half-price card; in the end, I would have saved more than it costs. As for the route to the university from my accommodation I always went on foot or by bike; by the latter, it really only takes 5-10 minutes to reach the University.
Prearrangements Registration for courses, language tests, academic records	As for the academic arrangements, the university staff was helpful and precise in reminding me deadlines and procedures, it was easy to deal with the relating issues.
Information on the university Location, size, infrastructure	The University has a good location; it's smaller than my home university but it's well structured, and I really liked it. I appreciated the food at the canteen, it is very good and there's a wide range of choice (at a fair price). The library is well structured, I always found where to sit and the environment is ideal for studying.
German course at the University "German Short Course" visited? Content of course, use?	The preparatory German course was a good way of being introduced to the language and culture of Switzerland. It was useful to learn some first words and expressions in German and I also found it as a good occasion to know the other exchange students before the start of the courses!

<p>Studying at the university Content of lectures, credits, assessments</p>	<p>The lectures were involving and often dealing also with current events; the participation to the lectures by students is well stimulated, I really appreciated that.</p>
<p>Assistance at the university Mobility Coordinator, International Relations Office, student advisors, mentors, contact with other students</p>	<p>I am really satisfied of the assistance by the university's staff, in particular the persons responsible for the mobility office and the student advisors. I received a warm welcome at the beginning of the semester, and I was introduced to the main university activities; I didn't have mentors, though it could have been nice.</p>
<p>Budgeting Living costs, study material, money transfer</p>	<p>I spent an average of 1200 CHF per month included the accommodation rent. As to the study materials, they are mostly online and at the university shop I could find readers at a fair price.</p>
<p>Living/ leisure Meeting places, sports, culture</p>	<p>My best meeting place in Lucerne was <i>Steinhof</i>, my accommodation, because almost all my university mates lived there. In the last period of stay, I really enjoyed the area alongside the lake of Lucerne, it is amazing for enjoying the afternoons/evenings with friends. As for the sports, I could play them for free, <i>Hochschulsport Campus Luzern</i> offer a wide range of activities and initiatives. As for the culture, I would mention the visit to the Rosengart museum, it's really worth!</p>
<p>Comparison What is better/ worse at the University of Lucerne as compared to your home university?</p>	<p>I would say that, as to some aspects, the university of Lucerne provides a better organization and quality of the services.</p>
<p>Reasons Why did you choose to complete an exchange semester at the University of Lucerne?</p>	<p>I chose the University of Lucerne as it's among the few foreign universities with a broad offer of English courses that I could choose for my exchange period. Actually, with regard to the courses, Lucerne was my first choice. Besides, the courses were very interesting and during them we often dealt with current topics.</p>
<p>Duration 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>